



Press release

.eu reveals strong start to 2012

Q1 2012 progress report available

Brussels, 30 May 2012 – .eu domain name registrations grew by 6.1% year over year, according to the Q1 2012 progress report from the .eu top-level domain registry, EURid. This represents the best annual growth in .eu registrations since Q3 2010. The first quarter also saw 9% more new .eu registrations than at the same time one year ago.

"I am encouraged by .eu's good start to the year and our continued upward growth in domain name registrations," said EURid's General Manager, Marc Van Wesemael. "It is a clear signal that Europeans have a definite appetite for .eu."

Lithuania recorded the highest annual growth, with a 31% increase of .eu registrations compared with Q1 2011, followed by Austria (22%) and Slovakia (18%). During the same period, registrations in a further seven European Union countries - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Malta, Poland and Slovenia - grew by 10% or more.

.eu completed the first quarter of 2012 with 3.59 million registered domain names. During this quarter, .eu registrations increased in 23 of the 27 EU nations. Malta, Slovenia and Finland all saw quarterly growth of over 4%.

The full report for Q1 2012 is available for download at: <http://link.eurid.eu/reports>.

About .eu and EURid

The .eu domain ranks among the ten largest top-level domains in the world, connecting 500 million people in 27 EU countries to one Internet identity. More than three million .eu names have been registered since the domain opened for registration in 2005. Many companies use a .eu website as a practical solution to convey a clear European identity, including Bridgestone, Century 21, Hyundai, the MAN Group, Microsoft Corporation and the UniCredit Group.

EURid is the not-for-profit organisation appointed by the European Commission to operate the .eu top-level domain. EURid works with over 850 accredited registrars and provides support in the 23 official EU languages. With headquarters in Brussels (Belgium), EURid also has regional offices in Pisa (Italy), Prague (the Czech Republic) and Stockholm (Sweden). More information at <http://www.eurid.eu>.

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