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Explanatory Meeting

.eu Top Level Domain

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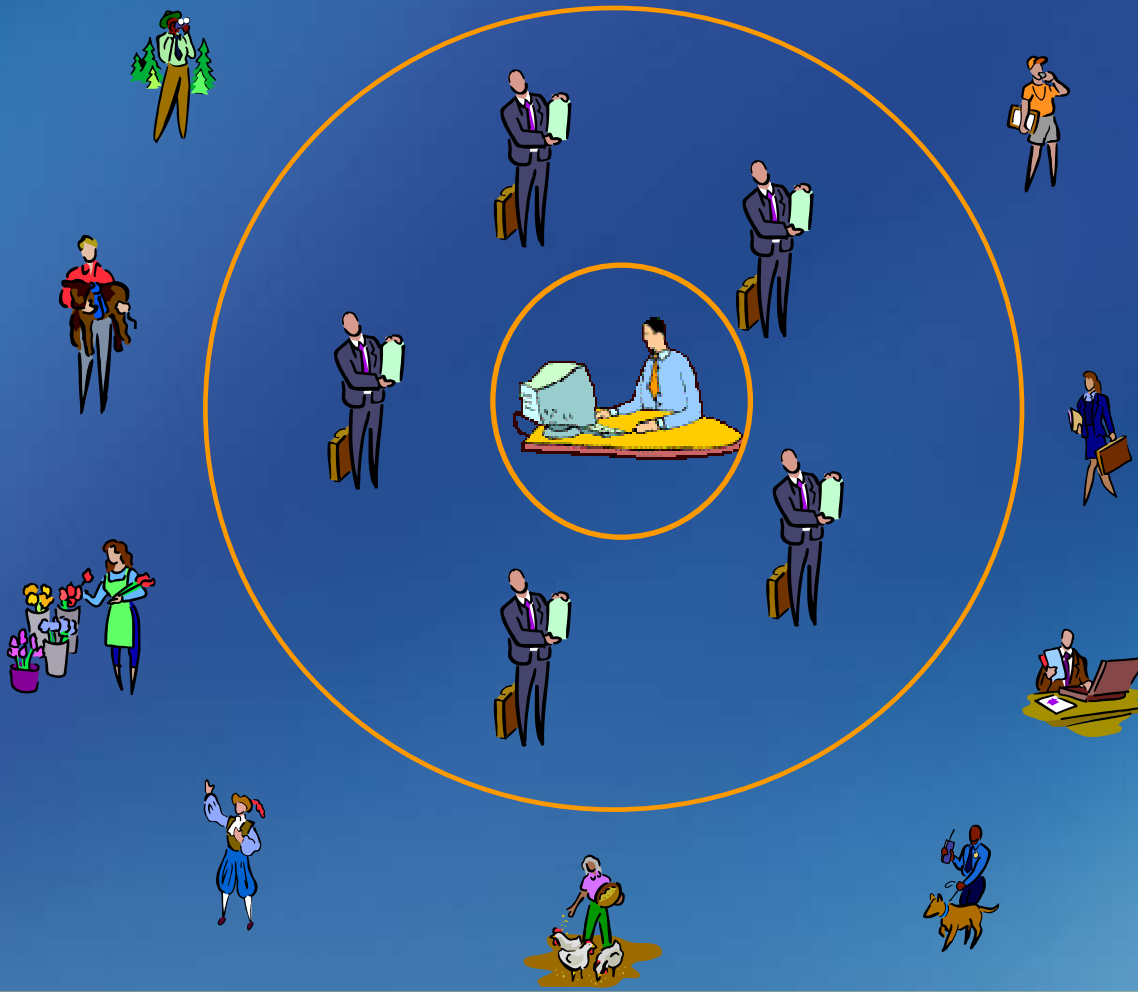


Main events in the creation of the .eu Top Level Domain:

- Lisbon Summit 2000
- Parliament and Council Regulation 733/2002 (framework regulation)
- Commission decision 2003/375 on the designation of the .eu top level domain (Selection of the Registry: EURid 2003)
- Commission Regulation 874/2004 (Public Policy Rules)
- Preparations by the Registry (including development of registration policy) 2005
- Opening of the Registry (phased registration) 7 December 2005
- Opening of the Registry for general registration of domain names 7 April 2006 at 11:00 am.



How does the system work?



Registry: EURid

Registrars: More than
1000 all over the world

Registrants: Undertakings and individuals
with residence within
the EU



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Prerequisite



Residence
within the
European
Union





Who can register under .eu? (Art. 4.2.b Reg 733/2002):

- Undertakings having its registered office, central administration or principal place of business within the Community
- Organisation established within the Community without prejudice to the application of national law
- Natural person resident within the Community



Croatian and Turkish citizens and companies can register a domain name under the .eu if they have a residence, as defined above, within the European Union.



One of the priorities for the EU within the .eu TLD - the fight against cybersquatting:

- Phased registration (Sunrise Period) for holders of prior rights (4 Months)
- On-line Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to solve disputes once the names have been registered
- Names reserved/blocked under specific circumstances (Member States of the EU – EU Institutions). The reservation of names was closed in September 2005. No names can be reserved now.



Names reserved by Croatia

croatia, kroatia, kroatien, kroatien,
croazia, kroatien, croacia, croatie,
horvátország, horvatorszag, kroatië,
kroatie, chorwacja, κροατία, chorvatsko,
charvátsko, horvaatia, kroaatia, croácia,
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kroazja, chorvátsko, chrovatsko,
hrvaška, hrvaska

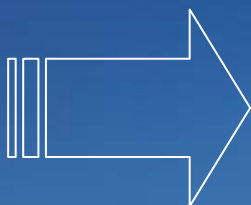
Names reserved by Turkey

turkiye

türkiye

turkiyecumhuriyeti

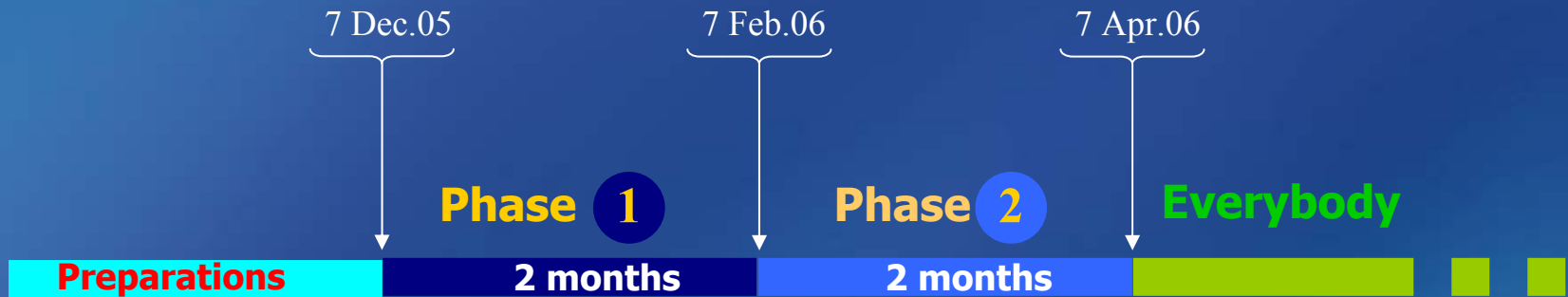
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The above names will be reserved until the time when these countries enter the European Union and can register and use them. These names cannot be registered or used by anyone now.



Sunrise



Phase 1:

- Trade marks
- Geographical indications
- Public bodies

Phase 2:

- Phase 1 +
- Other rights (copyright, business identifiers, Etc...)



SUNRISE STATISTICS

Total number of applications during Sunrise	346,218
Total number of <u>accepted</u> applications	71,580
Total number of <u>rejected</u> applications	20,055
Total number of <u>expired</u> applications	88,964
Domain names applied for	245,908
Total number of <u>active domain names</u>	1,860,000



OTHER FIGURES

Total number of applications
during the first hour – Sunrise 1

80,000

First domain name applied for:

tickets.eu

Total number of applications
during the first hour – Sunrise 2

70,000

Total number of applications
during the first 4 hours – Land
Rush

700,000

First domain name applied during
land rush

dekoration.eu

Number of applications for sex.eu

281



Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR):

If you feel that “*your*” domain name has been registered by someone else and you do not want to go to court, you can recur to the ADR.

- Only available against holders of domain names:
 - registered in the absence of rights or with no legitimate interest in the name,
 - or names registered or used in bad faith.
- On-line procedure, quicker and cheaper than ordinary jurisdiction. Managed by Czech Arbitration Court (www.adr.eu)



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Further Information:

European Commission:

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/policy/doteu/index_en.htm

EURid Registry:

<http://www.eurid.eu>

Czech Arbitration Court (ADR):

<http://www.adr.eu>