External Relations Update

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- Managing engagement with all RIPE NCC stakeholders
  - Membership
  - Technical community
  - Governments
  - Law enforcement
  - Civil society
- Around 12,000 members
- Spread over 76 countries
- Diverse language, business cultures, geographies
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• With these three offices, we are complete!
  - A diverse team able to serve stakeholders across our service region

• Each office can address specific regional issues, concerns, meet with members from those regions
  - Our service region is very diverse - different stages of development, language, politics, geography
  - RIPE NCC can serve as a neutral platform to bring community together

• Three offices coordinate to help the RIPE NCC effectively engage on issues affecting the entire membership and community
Highlights: Dubai

• Capacity building
  - IPv6 Roadshows
  - Train-the-Trainer cooperative initiative launched with UAE, announced cooperation with Saudi Arabia and Lebanon
  - Strong support for Yemeni community; training events for engineers (in Jordan), engagement with public sector

• Greater engagement with local technical meetings and public sector groups in the region
  - Regional event in Tehran (Nov 2014)
  - Contributing to regional and national IPv6 initiatives, particularly in UAE (national working group), Saudi Arabia (national task force, IPv6 Forum)
  - The aim is to encourage greater participation in RIPE

• Arabic language engagement, including translations of PDP reports
• Enhanced membership engagement
  - Small scale face-to-face meetings with membership, currently 1-2 per month across the region
    • Minsk (BY), Samara, Krasnodar, Rostov-on-Don
  - Valuable feedback and raising awareness of IPv6 adoption, IPv4 exhaustion situation and services such as RIPE Atlas
  - Work with larger events such as ENOG
    - One-day RIPE NCC Regional Meetings: Tbilisi, Georgia next week!
• Coordinating participation in regional technical meetings
  - Russian Internet Week, Russian IGF, Hostobzor
• Building our Russian language engagement
  - ENOG Localisation Task Force
  - Translations of monthly PDP reports
Highlights: Amsterdam

• Member engagement
  - Member lunches in Spain (March), France (coming up)
  - Continuing to contribute to NOG support across the region

• Building on public sector engagement
  - Good relationship with European Commission
    - Briefing Commission and Member States on IANA stewardship
  - Contributing to CEPT Com-ITU (European ITU coordination)
  - Continuing engagement with security and LEA stakeholders
    - RIPE NCC LEA Meeting, GCCS 2015 conference, cooperative capacity building efforts with Europol, Interpol

• Joined EuroDIG as an “institutional partner” for coming three years
2015 Areas of Focus: Membership

• Is RIPE NCC meeting the needs of all members?
  - Concerns raised in RIPE NCC Surveys, direct feedback to staff

• New strategies to engage more RIPE NCC members
  - Member lunches, small-scale/lower cost engagements
  - Regional meetings (one-day national events)
  - Supporting and participating in regional and national NOGs

• Different regions require different approaches!
2015 Areas of Focus: Capacity Building

• Capacity building, training, education a vital part of the RIPE NCC mission
  • Public/private partnerships key to expanding our reach

• Current examples include
  • IPv6 Roadshow events
  • Train-the-Trainer (TTT) programs
  • “Internet fundamentals” sessions in Internet Governance events

• Factual support and to governments, regulators, LEAs, international organisations (OECD)
2015 Areas of Focus: Internet Governance

• A(nother) significant year for Internet governance processes
  - IANA stewardship transition a factor in all discussions
  - WSIS+10 building towards a High Level Event in December
    - “Multistakeholder” processes recognised in WSIS now under threat
    - Likely to include a decision on the future of the IGF
• Effective communication / coordination the key
  - I* colleagues
  - Governments, including ITU regional groups - CEPT, RCC, Arab Group
• RIPE NCC role to provide independent, technical expertise
  - We are not public policy lobbyists
  - Trusted source of information
2015 Areas of Focus: Relationships

- Technical community
  - I* community (RIRs, ccTLD operators, IETF, ICANN, ISOC...)
- GSM Association
- European Commission, League of Arab States, GCC...
- National regulators
- Europol, Interpol and national LEAs