

# Press release

## Fee reduction extended for .eu dispute proceedings

**Brussels and Prague, 18 December 2012** –The fee for a basic .eu Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedure will continue to be cut by 50% until the end of 2013, announced the .eu registry EURid and the Czech Arbitration Court (CAC), the institution appointed to rule on .eu domain name proceedings.

Since the introduction of the reduced fee in June 2012, the average number of ADR.eu cases filed per month has risen from 3.1 (January to August) to 5.6 (September to November).

“While this is a minor increase, it does seem to indicate that there was some sort of financial barrier that prevented some parties from claiming their rights in ADR proceedings,” commented Czech Arbitration Court Board Member, Petr Hostas.

“Lowering this barrier was a good step that enabled those parties to access the ADR.eu and I sincerely hope that this trend will continue going forward.”

EURid’s General Manager, Marc Van Wesemael, added, “At EURid, we want anyone with a legitimate prior rights claim to be able to challenge a .eu registration. Making the ADR.eu process more affordable, and therefore accessible, is one way of doing this.”

### Why ADR

People can challenge a .eu registration if they believe they have a right to the domain name and the current holder has registered the name for speculative or abusive purposes. Although they can do this through a European court, EURid offers the fast and convenient ADR.eu procedure through the independent CAC. No travel is required as all cases are conducted online and by email, and in 21 official EU languages. Cases take an average of four months to resolve.

EURid appointed the CAC in 2005 as its ADR.eu provider. In order to make ADR.eu decisions, the CAC selects one or more panellists from its list of 136 accredited international experts.

### In numbers

For the first three quarters of 2012, 35 .eu dispute resolution cases were filed. The Czech Arbitration Court published 25 ADR decisions, of which all were in favour of the complainant.

More information about the new ADR.eu price structure is available at [eu.adr.eu](http://eu.adr.eu).

### About ADR.eu at the Czech Arbitration Court

ADR.eu is an arbitration centre for .eu disputes. ADR.eu is a service of the Czech Arbitration Court (CAC) based in Prague, the Czech Republic. ADR.eu is the only ADR provider for .eu domain name disputes. ADR.eu helps brand and trademark owners, domain name registrants and registration companies all over the world to resolve conflicts in a fast, efficient and cost-effective fashion.



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The CAC is a non-profit organisation attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic. Established in 1949, CAC manages domestic and international commercial disputes related inter alia to IP and technology matters. In 2011, CAC administered over 3 000 arbitration proceedings. Proceedings are managed in 21 of the official EU languages. More information at <http://eu.adr.eu> and <http://www.soud.cz>.

#### **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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