

Press release

.eu dispute resolution fees further discounted in 2014

Brussels and Prague, 21 January 2014 – The fee for a basic .eu Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedure will be cut by a further 50%, according to the .eu registry EURid and the Czech Arbitration Court (CAC), the institution appointed to rule on Alternative Dispute Resolution proceedings for the .eu top-level domain.

The announcement heralds the third year in a row that the cost of .eu ADR proceedings has been reduced.

“The continued reduction of ADR fees will further help rights holders to overcome the financial barrier that prevented them from claiming their rights through .eu ADR proceedings,” commented Czech Arbitration Court Board Member, Petr Hostaš.

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 .eu ADR 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 prior right to the domain name and the current holder has registered the name for speculative or abusive purposes. EURid offers the fast and convenient .eu ADR procedure through the independent CAC specifically for this purpose. No travel is required as all cases are conducted online and by email, and in 24 official EU languages. Cases take an average of four months to resolve.

EURid appointed the CAC in 2005 as its ADR provider. In order to make .eu ADR decisions, the CAC selects one or more panellists from its list of 112 accredited international experts.

In numbers

Since the ADR procedure first became available in 2006, 686 cases have been filed – of which 51 in 2013. The ADR panel accepted 35 complaints last year, 10 are still pending.

More information about the terms and conditions of the new .eu ADR price structure is available at eu.adr.eu.

About .eu and EURid

The .eu domain ranks among the largest top-level domains in the world, connecting 500 million people in 31 countries to one Internet identity. More than 3.5 million .eu names have been registered since the domain opened for registration in 2005. Many companies and brands use a .eu website as a practical solution to convey a clear European identity and their business ambitions, including Fairtrade International, Foot Locker, Louis Vuitton, the MAN Group, Microsoft Corporation, Orangina and Toyota.

EURid is the not-for-profit organisation that operates the .eu top-level domain, following a tender process and appointment by the European Commission. EURid works with over 750 accredited registrars and provides support in the 24 official EU languages. EURid is registered by the EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS), which is an expression of EURid’s environmental

commitment. EURid has its headquarters in Brussels (Belgium), and regional offices in Pisa (Italy), Prague (the Czech Republic) and Stockholm (Sweden). More information at: <http://www.eurid.eu>.

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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.

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 2013, CAC administered almost 2500 arbitration proceedings. More information at <http://eu.adr.eu> and <http://www.soud.cz>.