

Domain Name Law and Practice

<p>17 March 2005</p>	<p>Chapter I B: The Domain Name System and the Procedures and Policies for the Registration of Domain Names</p>	<p>Part III: The new European Top-Level Domain “.eu”</p>
	<p>Type of update: Timetable</p>	
	<p>“.eu” Timetable</p> <p>On 12 October 2004 EURid and the European Commission signed a Service Concession contract setting out the details for the operation of the “.eu” registry and officially recognising EURid as the “.eu” registry. On its website at www.eurid.org EURid states that it is now negotiating with ICANN the addition of “.eu” to the Internet root zone and is awaiting some authorities from the Commission in respect of various tasks and services it must provide.</p> <p>The tentative timetable can only be finalised once the ICANN negotiations are complete, which was originally due to take place at the end of 2004. However, on its website EURid now estimates that completion of the negotiations will take place ‘early 2005’. This means that the sunrise period (phased registration) during which public bodies and holder of prior rights to a name can apply for the corresponding “.eu” domain name, will probably not begin before summer 2005.</p> <p>EURid also emphasises that it has received a number of complaints from people who have received unsolicited (spam) emails in which the sender claims to have pre-registered their “.eu” domain name on their behalf. EURid points out that such pre-registrations have no official status and appear only in the database of the provider supposedly offering them. So far EURid has not yet accredited any “.eu” registrars and pre-registrations are not yet possible.</p>	