

Expression of Interest

EURALO At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) position

Pari Esfandiari

Dear EURALO Community,

Thank you for considering my candidacy for the EURALO At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) position. Since my initial appointment by the NomCom (2020–2022) and subsequent election by RALO (2023–2025), I have consistently advanced At-Large priorities and served the interests of Internet end users—particularly across Europe—through policy development, outreach, and capacity building. My contributions include:

- **Policy Engagement:**

To help ensure that ICANN policies reflect the rights and needs of end users, I have actively contributed to ALAC policy comments as both a **reviewer and penholder**.

Highlights include: *input on the Proposed Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)(current), as well as the Independent Review Process Implementation Oversight Team (IRP-IOT) Supplementary Procedures, the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) FY26 Operating Plan and Budget, the ICANN FY26–30 Operating & Financial Plan, and the IANA 2030 Strategic Plan, among others.*

Beyond ICANN, my broader policy engagements include submitting a statement on behalf of EURALO to the Global Digital Compact, participating in NetMundial, and contributing to the WSIS+20 consultations.

- **Awareness and Capacity Building:**

To raise awareness on key issues and foster informed dialogue among end users, policymakers, and stakeholders, I have actively organized and participated in high-level roundtables across ALAC, EURALO, and other Internet governance bodies.

*Upcoming and Recent panels include: IGF2025 (June 2025): Bridging Internet & AI Governance: From Theory to Practice, EURODig (May 2025) From Talk to Action: Safeguarding Core Internet Values in Today's Digital, ICANN82 – ALAC plenary (March 2025): Core Internet Values: Evolution and Challenges for ICANN, IGF 2024 (Dec 2024): Empowering End Users Voices in Internet Governance, ICANN81 (Nov 2024): Shifting Paradigms: Multistakeholderism, Geopolitics, and Emerging Internet Infrastructures, IGFUK (Nov 2024): 20 years on from WSIS – where should we go next?, GTPF/USC/PCI (Oct 2024): AI Innovation and Governance - Geopolitics & Regional Dynamics- Dialogue in East Asia. Oxford Global society (Sep 2024): Europe-China AI Forum | Can Europe and China Cooperate on AI?, **People Centered Internet** (July 2024) - Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Internet. ICANN80 (June 2024): Navigating the Multistakeholder Approach: The ICANN Community's Role in Global Internet Governance.*

I have also **published extensively** on Internet governance–related issues ([see highlights](#)) and have **taught or spoken** at several **Schools of Internet Governance**, including the Virtual School of Internet Governance (**VSIG**), the North American School on Internet Governance (**NASIG**), and the Ghana School on Internet Governance (**GhanaSIG**).

- **Strengthening Multistakeholderism:** I've worked to **deepen collaboration within ICANN, expand cross-RALO engagement, and build bridges between ICANN and the broader European digital policy community**. My collaborative efforts extend to organizations including the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), IGF Dynamic Coalition on Core Internet Values (DC-CIV), IGF UK, Internet Society United Kingdom Chapter (ISOC UK), European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC), Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the People-Centered Internet Community (PCI), founded by Vint Cerf.

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In my professional role, I serve as President of the Global TechnoPolitics Forum, a research organization focused on the intersection of Internet technology and geopolitics. I am also a member of the Advisory Board of APCO Worldwide and previously served as a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council's GeoTech Center. With over 20 years of experience in global tech entrepreneurship and policy leadership, and a Ph.D. in Sustainable Development, I bring a deeply interdisciplinary perspective to Internet governance—providing the strategic insight, cross-sectoral expertise, and global policy awareness essential for effectively representing internet end-users interests.

If elected, I will continue to:

- Contribute to **policy development** at ICANN and other key global and European institutions, with a strong focus on representing European end-user perspectives.
- Launch EURALO/ALAC Stakeholder **Roundtables to surface regional concerns, link ICANN to broader digital policy debates, and foster sustained engagement with EU institutions and regional Internet governance bodies.**
- Deepen **collaboration within ICANN and strengthen cross-RALO** engagement to **amplify end-user interests.**
- Advocate for **multistakeholder governance and a human-centric, open, and interoperable Internet**, especially in the face of emerging challenges such as AI, fragmentation, and centralization.

I am fully committed to **dedicating the time, energy, and expertise** this role demands and look forward to continuing to serve the EURALO and At-Large communities at this critical juncture. I would be happy to answer any questions—please feel free to reach out to me at: pariesfandiari@gmail.com

With warmest regards,

Pari Esfandiari

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