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**Applicant Organization:** ISOC Russia Chapter

Region: EURALO

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**1) COMMITMENTS**

**a. Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN?**

YES:  NO:

**b. Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?**

YES:  NO:

**2) GOVERNANCE**

**a. Which geographical area(s) is the applicants' membership drawn from?**

**EURALO**

**b. Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organization?**

YES:  NO:

- . Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response: As per application form: *"Individual Membership in ISOC Russia Chapter is granted only to residents of the Russian Federation, so they have rights to participate in Chapter's activities, to elect and be elected to the managers, executive and supervisory bodies of the organization. Please see the by-laws (Russian): <http://isocru.org/files/ustav.pdf>*

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On the website:

Member of ISOC Russia has the right to:

- Participate in all public activities of the Partnership;
- Participate in the work aimed at achieving the goals of the Partnership;
- To elect and be elected to the governing, executive and supervisory bodies of the Partnership.

**c. Does the applicant really have individual members?**

YES: x NO:

- . Provide any references used to answer the question here: As per application form: “ISOC Russia members are of diverse professional backgrounds and interest groups including, but not limited to Internet users, Internet industry professionals, technical specialists, policy makers, lawyers etc “
- . “There are approx. 50 individual members in total.”

If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: x DELEGATE:

**d. Does the applicant have organizations as members?**

YES:  NO: x

But as per the application form, organizations are eligible to apply for membership, as long as they are residents in Russia, none have for the moment.

On the website:

“Membership organizations

Among the member organizations have ISOC corporations, non-profit, trade and professional organizations, foundations, educational institutions, government agencies and other national and international organizations that share our vision of an open and accessible Internet.”

**e. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?**

YES:  NO:

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members. In particular, describe whether or not the nature of these members is congruent with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard:

**f. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?**

YES:  NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response: as per email exchange with the applicant: "Yes, we do. For instance, our next event - a roundtable on "User's data localization"; we have a number of ISOC-related speakers, but we are also involving external experts, and everyone is welcome to attend."

**g. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).**

YES:  NO:

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

As per email exchange with applicant: "No, we don't have any membership fees for now. We are just exploring introduction of fees (probably for organizational members only), but it may happen some time in the future. All leadership and Board members volunteer for chapter's activities; some activities are funded on project-based principles - e.g. "IETF Journal" translation into Russian is co-founded by the European Bureau of ISOC and the Foundation for Internet Development"

**h. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent**

**group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?**

YES: x NO:

**i. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?**

YES:  NO: x

However, as per email exchange with the applicant when this discrepancy was pointed out: “Sorry, the leadership mentioned on the website is the correct one, it's my fault.

Sergey Sharikov, Chair  
Dmitry Burkov, Vice-Chair  
Fedor Smirnov, Secretary, Board Member  
Sergey Plugotarenko, Board Member  
Alexander Sergienko, Board Member  
Alexei Soldatov, Board Member  
Mikhail Yakushev, Board Member”

**j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?**

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question? **See reply to question 3g.**

**k. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?**

YES:  NO:

If YES, please provide some further information on what sources you can identify:

If ‘YES’, please clarify if possible whether the sources are likely to influence the governance of the organization (for example, a grant from a charity or foundation may well be free of ‘strings’ of this kind, where corporate donations in some cases might not be):

**I. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?**

YES: x NO:

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer:

On website: **Sozonov Alexei Alexandrovich** , Director Rusnames.ru, <http://isocru.org/page/4>

As per email exchange with applicant: "Yes, many of ISOC Russia's leaders are involved into other organizations.

Sergey Sharikov, Fedor Smirnov are working for the Russian ICANN accredited registrar [Webnames.ru](http://Webnames.ru) (Regtime Ltd.).

Dmitry Burkov is Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Assistance for Internet Technologies and Infrastructure Development (<http://en.faitid.org/members/burkov>).

Sergey Plugotarenko is CEO at the Russian Association of Electronic Communications (<http://raec.ru/about/director/>).

Alexander Sergienko is CEO at AIST ISP (<http://tlt.aist.net.ru>).

Alexei Soldatov is an advisor to the rector of Moscow state university (<http://www.msu.ru/info/struct/soldatov.html>).

Mikhail Yakushev is Vice President at ICANN responsible for stakeholder engagement in Russia, CIS and Eastern Europe

If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: x NO:

If YES, role(s): As per email exchange with the applicant: "Many of board members and leadership were speakers at the Russian Internet Governance Forum. Fedor Smirnov has been an ISOC Ambassador to the IGF 2014 in Istanbul. We have some projects on IG, including ISOC Russia's roundtable on RIGF: <http://runet-id.com/event/isoc15>"

**m. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?**

YES: x NO:

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

On the website: “Russian branch of ISOC (ISOC Russia Chapter) was established in the territory of the Russian Federation in the form of Non-Profit Partnership "Internet Community" to promote the development and widespread use of the Internet in Russia, contributing to the mission of the international public organization [ISOC](#) “

**“The objectives of the Partnership are:**

- assistance to the members of the Partnership in the implementation of activities aimed at achieving the educational, scientific, managerial and other intangible goals related to the development of the Internet;
- serve the interests of the Russian segment of the global Internet community, contributing to the mission of the international public organization Internet Society;
- promote the development of open standards, protocols, administration and technical infrastructure of the Internet;
- support for educational programs;
- facilitating the emergence of leaders in the areas that are important for the development of the Internet;
- forums to discuss issues affecting the development of the Internet;
- popularization of the Internet as a positive tool used for the benefit of all people;
- provision of management and coordination of strategic partnership initiatives related to the development of the Internet and the dissemination of information on all aspects of the Partnership;
- protection of the rights and legitimate interests of the Partnership;
- information support of the Partnership in the areas of their professional activities.”

**3) INTERNET PRESENCE**

**a. Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?**

YES: x NO:

Does the listed URL work?

YES: x NO:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: x NO:

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They also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/isocru/>

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES:  NO:  x as per email exchange with the applicant: “No, our website doesn't have a forum. We established a discussion list (e-mail) and a Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/isocru/>).”

If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

YES:  NO:  n/a

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES:  NO:  n/a

**4) ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE**

**a. How active and well known is the applicant organization?**

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes: for “ISOC RUSSIA CHAPTER” 16 700 results

Additional information if any:

**b. Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?**

YES:  NO:  x

**c. What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?**

IANA Transition

Multistakeholder decision-making process

New gTLDs Program

Stability and Resiliency

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Internationalized Domain Names Email Address  
Internationalization DNS Security

Universal Acceptance

- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

YES: x NO:

Additional information if any: As per email exchange with the applicant: “As ISOC Russia we took part in the IGF 2014 (Fedor Smirnov). The coming roundtable on the 7th of April on RIGF will be our first IG activity “

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

ACTIVE: x INACTIVE: