



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Julien M Dedier / 9Z4FZ
International Radio Emergency Support Coalition (IRESC)
IRESC Representative to the United Nations
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Re: EBU Application ID: 1-1083-39123

Dear Mr. Dedier,

Thank you for your letter from 24 September 2014 regarding the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)'s community application for the string .RADIO. We have posted your letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/correspondence/dedier-to-chehade-et-al-24sep14-en.pdf>).

Your letter stated: "our organization opposition voice was completely dismissed [by the Community Priority Evaluation (CPE) Panel]." Please note that one of the CPE criteria is Community Endorsement, measured by community support and opposition. As part of its evaluation process,¹ the CPE Panel – the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) – reviews all letters of support and opposition as well as all relevant application comments at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/comments>. The EIU considers comments submitted up to 14 days following an applicant's invitation to CPE, which is made public on the CPE micro site (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/cpe>).

In terms of the criterion Community Endorsement, the Applicant Guidebook (Section 4.2) defines that "support and opposition will be scored in relation to the communities explicitly addressed in the application, with due regard for the communities implicitly addressed by the string." Regarding opposition specifically, the Applicant Guidebook goes on further to state:

When scoring 'Opposition,' previous objections to the application as well as public comments during the same application round will be taken into account and assessed in this context. There will be no presumption that such objections or comments would prevent a score of 2 or lead to any particular score for 'Opposition.'

¹ See <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/cpe/panel-process-07aug14-en.pdf>.



The EIU, in adherence to its own processes as well as the guidance above from the Applicant Guidebook, made its determination regarding relevant opposition to the EBU's community application for .RADIO and scored the application accordingly.

Regarding your request for "ICANN to review EBU application and reject it out right as it's not in the best interest of World development and is a conflict of interest yes to regulation but via the involvement of ITU through countries regulators Telecommunication Authority," ICANN relies on the expertise of independent panels that performed evaluations and has in this case accepted the EIU's determination regarding EBU's community application. Thus, EBU's application for .RADIO will proceed to the next phase of the New gTLD Program. We encourage you to review ICANN's Bylaws, which outlines accountability mechanisms that may be utilized, <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/bylaws-2012-02-25-en#IV>.

We appreciate your concerns and your continued participation in the New gTLD Program. We hope this information is helpful, and that we have answered your questions. Should you have any additional questions, feel free to contact the New gTLD Program Customer Service Center at newgtld@icann.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine A. Willett".

Christine A. Willett
Vice President, GDD Operation