

Question

I am writing on behalf of EURid, the current registry manager of the .eu Top Level Domain, to request clarification of the intent of article 4.G of the Call for Expressions of Interest for the Selection of the .eu Registry.

Our understanding is that the public policy rules (EC 874/2004) implement the policies set out in Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and that adherence with the public policy rules would be a condition of any contract between the Commission and the Registry provider.

Therefore, please would you confirm that:

The request in sub-paragraph G is for details of implementation mechanisms, and that the options requested would not include changes to the underlying policy principles as set out in the Regulations?

The Commission, in asking for options does not require options for each and every aspect of the public policy rules, but rather leaves it to applicants to highlight any areas in which they consider that changes in implementation may be beneficial from the standpoint of financial, logistical or resource implications, or public policy outcome?

Further, we would appreciate any general clarification or guidance on the intent of article 4.G.

Answer

Thank you for your questions.

As per your first request, hereby we confirm that Public Policy rules stated in the Regulation EC 874/2004 are not subject to any changes due to the implementation of the contract. As you rightly point out, sub-paragraph G relates to the ability of the applicant to simply specify different options for implementation mechanisms of the content stated in Article 5(1) of Regulation EC 733/2002.

As per your second question, the Commission requires the identification of options for each and every case referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation EC 733/2002 (if no options for implementation mechanism are identified, the case must be justified), and leaves the applicant leeway to highlight, again per case referred to in Article 5(1), the areas whereby changes in implementation are beneficial from a financial, logistical, resource or public policy standpoint.