

Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation



Applications should be submitted electronically to staff@alac.icann.org. Please address any questions about the applications process to this address.

The form can be downloaded from [URL Here]

Organisation Contact information

1. Organisation's Name: *Asociatia pentru Tehnologie si Internet - APTI*
2. Organisation's email address: info@apti.ro
3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes): *+40213131962*
4. Organisation's address (location and postal address, if different):
B-dul. I.C. Bratianu, nr. 44, sc. A, et. 5, ap. 46, sector 3, 030177 Bucuresti, Romania
5. Organisation's website (URL) (if available): www.apti.ro

Primary and Secondary Contact for Organisation:

If accredited, the primary contact will be assumed to be that person who will cast any votes required, with the secondary person being the alternate – though your Organisation may at any time change its voting and alternate representatives.

6. Primary contact:
 - a. Name: *ADELA DANCIU*
 - b. Email address: adela.danciu@apti.ro
 - c. Telephone: *+40723661151*
7. Secondary Contact:
 - a. Name: *BOGDAN MANOLEA*
 - b. Email address: bogdan.manolea@apti.ro
 - c. Telephone: *+40721205603*

Description

1. Structure and Governance:

- a. Is your Organisation constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your Organisation is based control your Organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

- b. Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organisation would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and attach or reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found:

The membership is open to any person, irrespective of nationality or citizenship, who agrees with the association's statutes and who pays the annual contribution. Any member may cast a vote in the General Assembly of the association and may be elected in the management bodies. All members have access to information regarding the association and to APTI meetings and projects.

Members' rights and duties are provided in Chapter IV of the association statute available at <http://www.apti.ro/en/statut.html>

- c. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

APTI is registered in the Association's Registry kept by the Court of law of the 3rd district in Bucharest under no.10/2004.

- d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

The managing body of the association is the General Assembly of all members. The General Assembly meets at least once a year and its deliberations are valid in the presence of at least half of the total number of members, while the valid decision may be taken with the majority of the present members.

The executive body is the Board of Directors made up of one President and 6 members elected by the General Assembly for a 1-year period. The President of the association is elected for a 2-year period, on the basis of a programme and a budget. Once elected, he (she) becomes the President of the Board of Directors. The President of the Board of Directors ensures the permanent and current management of the entire activity of the Association and supervises the fulfilment of the decisions of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors. The

Executive Director ensures the performance of the current activities of the Association and carries out the tasks assigned to him (her) through the Organisation and Operation Regulations and other documents of the Association.

- e. Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional instruments?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

IF YES: Please provide a copy along with your application (in English if available)

The Statute of the association is available online (in English) at <http://apti.ro/en/statut.html>

- f. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organisation's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):

No specific eligibility is required – the persons just need to prove in their own words that they are interested in Internet issues. No specific application form is required. The statute provides only for cases when an application can be rejected: if the person carried out any activity which can harm the interests or the image of impartiality and good faith of APTI or bringing a defamation to APTI or an APTI member.

- g. In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business?

Romanian

2. About Your Members

- a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization.

- b. Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?

Indicate Yes or No: *No*

IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

- c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: *No*

IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.

- d. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.):

We have mixed types of members. The majority is people involved in Internet-related business, but we also have journalists, online rights activists or lawyers.

- e. Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

All the administrative matters and activities of the association (projects, initiatives, statements, etc.) are discussed within an internal mailing list where all the members are subscribed.

Also, the General Assembly opened to all members establishes the strategy and general objectives of the association.

- f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?

On January 2008, there were 23 persons registered as APTI members.

3. Provide support for the statement that your Organisation is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

Indicate Yes or No: *Most activities developed under APTI are voluntary. The association's budget is constituted usually from the annual membership fee and sponsorships.*

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"):

Membership fees. (200 RON/year – approx 55 euros)

5. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate):

The association receives funding under the form of sponsorship from SMEs which conduct Internet-related business, under the form of redirecting a percent of the SME's annual per profit tax (fiscal facility allowed by the Romanian Tax Law). The SMEs are not involved as such in the activities of the association, but owners of such SMEs are members of the association as Individuals. There is no governmental funding.

We also received some funds last year as partners within the COMMUNIA Project funded by the EU (<http://communia-project.eu/>)

6. Does your Organisation commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

6. Does your Organisation post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organisation's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes, on the association's website - www.apti.ro*

7. Provide information on your Organisation's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

COSMIN GHINEA - President: cosmin.ghinea@apti.ro

BOGDAN MANOLEA - Executive Director: bogdan.manolea@apti.ro

Objectives

1. Please describe your Organisation's mission and purpose (please attach any mission or policy statement for your Organisation, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

APTI promotes the fair and lawful use of information society services and aims at protecting the Internet users against illegal activities and abuses that may occur on the Internet.

APTI objectives are provided in the association's Statute available at <http://apti.ro/en/statut.html>

2. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership:

IDNs, Domain Tasting, Registrant - Registrar Relations Policy, IGF

3. If your Organisation is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organisation (RALO) for the region in which your Organisation is based?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

4. If your Organisation is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?

Indicate Yes or No: *Yes*

The texts of the MoUs can be found at:

https://st.icann.org/alac/index.cgi?reference_texts

Signature

Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized by your Organisation to sign this application and commit your Organisation to comply with ALS criteria.

Signature: 

Name: Danciu Adela

Date: February 18, 2008

Title: Member of the Board of Directors