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Applicant Organisation: Wikimedia Austria

Region: Europe

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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

- c. **Which geographical area(s) are the applicants membership drawn from?**

Europe (Austria)

- d. **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 organisation?**

YES: NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_%C3%96sterreich/Statuten/final/en

- e. **Does the applicant really have individual members?**

YES: NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here: their website

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

ACTIVE: DELEGATE:

f. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: NO:

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members:

They have organizational members, which constitute less than 10 % of all members, and they don't have voting rights, as per the statute.

IF YES: Provide information about the control they exert over the organisation, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organised for the benefit of individual internet users.

g. 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::

h. 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: their web site

i. 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?

Grants through Wikimedia Foundation, donations, and membership fees.

j. 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: NO:

If YES, please provide the URLs where you found the information (preferably specific to the question, not simply the homepage URL):

<http://www.wikimedia.at/statuten>

<http://www.wikimedia.at/projekte>

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

YES: NO:

If 'YES', how and where are the references?

<http://www.wikimedia.at/vorstand>

l. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Outline funding sources:

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question?

Wikimedia is a well-known organization, and I've checked them with contacts from Austria and Bulgaria.

m. 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):

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

YES: NO:

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

Not sure.

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

YES: NO:

If YES, role(s):

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

YES: NO:

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

From their statute, see paragraph 2.

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

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

YES: NO:

Does the listed URL work?

YES: NO:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: NO:

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: NO:

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

YES: NO:

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: NO:

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: "wikimedia austria" – 2220, "Wikimedia Österreich" – 29600.

Additional information if any:

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

YES: NO:

If 'YES' please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

I have checked with a friend from the Wikimedia community in Bulgaria, and she knows them. I also checked with another friend from an Austrian based organization, who also knew some of the founders.

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

Outline focus issues:

- 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: NO:

Additional information if any:

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

ACTIVE: INACTIVE:

If Active, please provide details of activities or reference URLs for the same: Not sure they have been active in IG issues, but the general spread of knowledge that Wikimedia is proponent of, makes their Austrian chapter a valid candidate.