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Since the general launch of the European Internet top level domain .eu in April this year, more than 2 million Internet address ending with .eu have been registered. The domain promoting a European Identity has proven to be the most popular with the Germans who have registered 631 012 names followed by the Brits (373 798 names) and the Dutch (237 259 names)

The new Internet top level domain .eu has, in a very short time, become the third largest domain in Europe and the seventh largest internationally. This happened recently when .eu passed the Dutch ".nl" in popularity. Now only Germany's ".de" and the British ".uk" have more registrations within Europe while globally .eu is still catching up to .info, .org, .net and .com.

"When we opened .eu for the public in April this year we were convinced it would prove popular, but no one anticipated these high numbers. We are pleased to see that people from all European countries have shown an interest in conveying a European identity on the Internet," says Marc Van Wesemael, Managing Director for EURid which is the not-for-profit organisation appointed by the European Commission to operate .eu.

On EURid's web page for .eu statistics you can see a complete list of how many .eu domain names are registered per country of the domain name holder. See <http://status.eurid.eu>

About EURid – The European Registry of Internet Domain Names

EURid is a not-for-profit organisation appointed by the European Commission to register and manage .eu domain names. EURid was founded in April, 2003, with headquarters in Brussels. Regional offices will be established in Stockholm, Pisa and Prague. The founding members, DNS.BE, NIC-SE, IIT CNR, operate the country top-level domains for Belgium (.be), Sweden (.se) and Italy (.it). The registries Arnes, for the Slovenian domain (.si) and CZ NIC, for the Czech domain (.cz) are associated members.

See more on the web site www.eurid.eu

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