Rules for the election of the representatives of Registrars within the Steering Committee of the Registro .it

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Introduction

The Registro .it is administered by the Institute of Informatics and Telematics of the CNR (IIT) on the basis of appropriate delegation issued in 1987 by the IANA/ICANN (http://www.iana.org), formalized in a separate written agreement.

The Registrar is an organization accredited by the Registro .it and as such can manage in person and through its organization, services of registration and maintenance of domain names in the ccTLD .it in synchronous mode to the conditions set out in this agreement and in accordance with Regulations of the ccTLD .it.

The system of assigning domain names on the Internet is configured on the basis of international technical protocols needed to maintain balance and functionality of the system.

The Registro .it relies on the Steering Committee (hereafter CIR), previously referred to as Rules Committee, since 2004, in an advisory capacity, for the preparation of the rules concerning the operation of the Registry. 4 (four) representatives of the Registrars, indicated by the most representative organizations, are part of CIR. There are, on the date of publication of this Regulation, about 1,300 contracts held by Registrars.

It is necessary to ensure the widest participation and opportunity to represent all Registrars, in accordance with the procedures adopted by major international organizations such as RIPE-NCC, CENTR, ICANN, and in some ccTLD registries.

For all of the above, the Registro .it issues the following regulations for the election of 4 (four) representatives of the Registrars as regards the CIR of Registro .it.

Art. 1 Election eligibility

All Registrar organizations, which, at the date of the election procedure of Representatives, hold a contract signed directly between the .it Registry and the Registrar and have passed the technical accreditation procedure, can take part in elections.

Art. 2 Mechanism for election Registrar representatives

In order to allow the election of the representatives of the Registrars within the CIR, the Registro .it provides a technological platform for automated voting. The procedures and conditions are set out below.

The Registro .it activates the mechanism of election by officially opening the period dedicated to the receipt of applications, with expressed communication addressed to all Registrars and on the RAIN-NG portal (https://rain-ng.nic.it).

CANDIDACY PHASE

The period of "**candidacy**" has a term of 15 (fifteen) days.

Preliminarily, the Registrar must authenticate on the RAIN-NG portal and access the section "CIR Representatives Election" in order to create two users: a user with the role of "candidate" and a user with the role of "voter".

Both the "candidate" and "voter" must belong to the Registrar organization.

The voter can be created by the Registrar at any time during the voting period (during candidacy, endorsement and final voting phase).

The candidate, after having received by the Registrar the credentials to access the RAIN-NG portal, must authenticate on the portal, confirm his/her data and indicate his/her election program. He/she must also attach a CV that describes the skills and experiences in the field; grant consent to the publication of personal data and information that will be announced to the Registrars participating in the voting procedure, through publication on the RAIN-NG portal; declare to belong to the Registrar organization. The CV must not contain sensitive or judicial data.

ENDORSEMENT PHASE

After the nomination period, the Registry publishes on the public portal RAIN-NG the list of candidates who are standing for election and subsequently opens a period of "**endorsement**", which has a duration of 10 (ten) days.

The period of endorsement includes the following steps:

- the voter, having received by the Registrar the credentials to access the RAIN-NG, must authenticate on the portal and, if not done previously, must confirm his/her data and declare to belong to the Registrar organization;

- the voter accesses the "CIR Representatives Election" section and displays the candidates that are standing for election and the information made available;

- each voter can express from 0 (zero) to a maximum of 5 (five) *endorsements* to support candidates who intend to bring to the final election stage. The *endorsements* will be published anonymously.

The system does not allow a voter to give more endorsements to the same candidate. The voter cannot give endorsement to a candidate belonging to his/her Registrar organization.

When the period of endorsement is finished, the registry publishes in the "CIR Representatives Election/Endorsement results" section of the RAIN-NG portal, the list of candidates ordered, in a decreasing number of endorsements received, duly anonymized.

The first 20 candidates who have received a number of endorsements greater than 0 (zero), will be considered eligible. In the event that, in the 20th position there are several candidates having the same number of votes, they will all access the final voting phase.

The candidates, who progress to the final vote, and their curricula, will be published on the RAIN-NG portal, in the "CIR Representatives Election /Vote a candidate" section.

Art. 3   Voting procedures

The final vote takes place online, via the electronic platform made available to the Registrars by the Registro .it.

The procedure of final vote takes place, following the completion of the procedure of endorsement, on a day set by the Registro .it. It lasts 3 (three) days: it starts at 9:00 am (local

time) of the first day and ends at 19 (local time) of the third day.

Voting is carried out by the user with the role of "voter" on behalf of his/her Registrar.

Each voter may cast only one vote.

The voter can cast his/her vote also in favour of the candidate belonging to his/her Registrar organization.

Art. 4 Process of vote counting

When the period of the final vote is finished, the electronic voting system automatically performs the count and publishes in the "CIR Representatives Election/Vote results" the list of candidates, ranked according to decreasing number of votes received.

Art. 5 Registrar representatives elected and appointed in the CIR

The first 4 (four) representatives of Registrars who obtained the highest number of votes are elected.

They are nominated in the CIR by decision of the Director of the Institute for Informatics and Telematics of the CNR.

The vote is valid regardless of the number of voters and Registrar candidates. If there is a tie vote between two or more elected candidates the youngest prevails.

In the case of any resignation by one of the elected candidates, the first non-elected candidate on the list will replace the person who has stood down, continuing if necessary until completion of the list.