

The administration system of ccTLD SK

The history and the conditions

- 1993 – the beginning of the SK domain operation, the domain administrator is EUnet
- 1999 – the merger of EUnet and GNS – EuroWeb is founded
- 1999 – database application
- 2002 – fee-based service
- November 3rd, 2003 – the deactivation of the domains that did not migrate
- 2004 – the foundation of the Association for the administration of the national domain SK
- April 2005 – EuroWeb becomes a member of the DanubiaTel Group
- February 2006 – the change of business name to SK-NIC, a.s.
- **June 2006 – co-operation agreement with the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunication**

The agreement principles

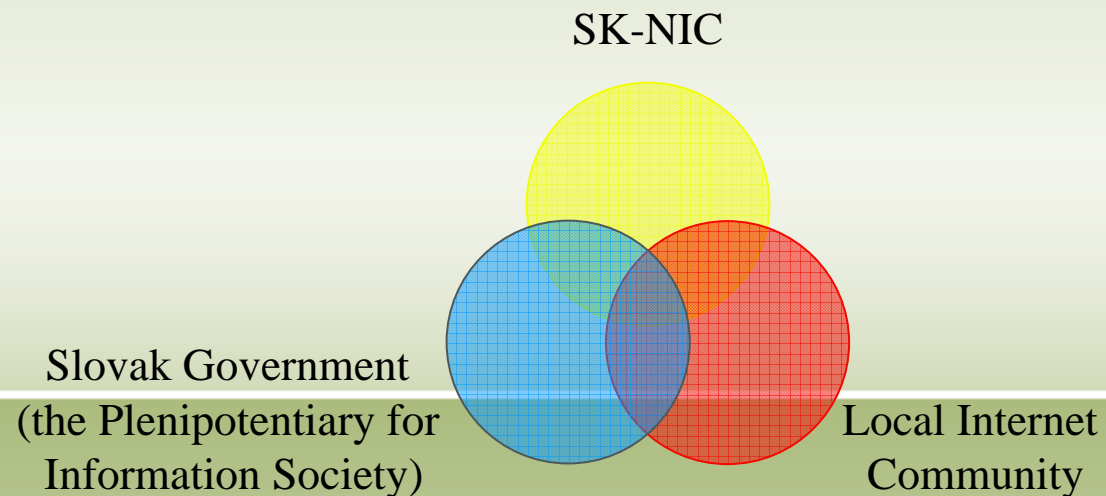
- The goal of the agreement: the administration of the ccTLD SK in compliance with the interests of the Slovak government and the internet community
- All rights related to the SK domain databases acquired by the Ministry. It also acquires the power to issue rules.
- The Ministry entrusts SK-NIC with the administration of the SK domain
- The foundation of the commission, consisting of six members, that will discuss the rules and monitor their adherence
- SK-NIC commits itself to use 5% of the fees to finance projects on behalf of the internet community.
The use of these resources is approved by the Ministry
- SK-NIC will issue an operation report every 6 months

Gains by agreement

- The Ministry acquires:
 - The administrative contact for the domain SK
 - The means to determine the rules for domain assigning
- SK-NIC commits itself:
 - To update the databases and zone files of the SK domain on a regular basis.
 - To perform its tasks according to the principles of fair financial management.
 - Every six months, to issue an operation report about important events in the corresponding period.
- The partnership of the Ministry and the local internet community for the purpose of determining rules of domain registration.
- At least 5% of the raised fees will be used on information society development projects, in the interests of the local internet community.
- SK-NIC promises to complexly revise the present system of domain registration – to correct the inadequacies of the system

The tripartite partnership

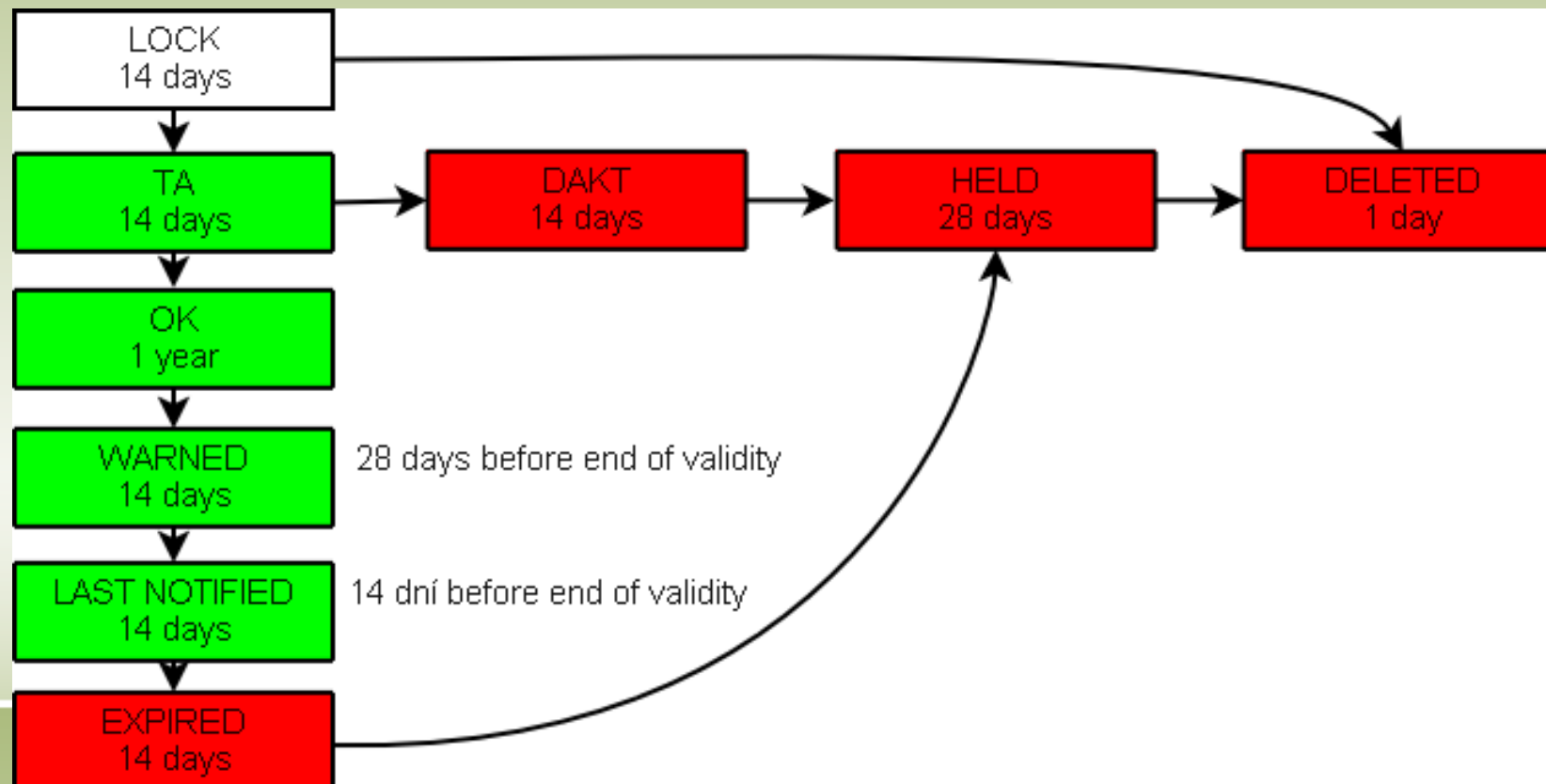
- „The Commission“ – council of the partners defined as:
 - The local internet community
 - The Government representative
 - The Administrator of the national domain



The fundamental principles of the present system

- Users categories:
 - Domain Holders – users of domain services, accountable for the content
 - Registrars – users with access to the database that provide for the services of registration for the holders and the payments
- The essential document: „The rules of providing namespace in the internet domain SK“
- A complex model of legal relationships
- Web interface
- The fee payable a year in advance

The domain status



The responsibilities and disputes

- **SK-NIC is responsible for:**
 - The technical operation of the system
 - Observance of the Rules
- **The User respectively the Holder is responsible for:**
 - The reality, completeness and updating of data
 - The function of the domain after non-payment (HELD status)
 - The domain selection and respecting the third persons rights
- **The Registrar is responsible for:**
 - The veracity, completeness and updating of data
 - Paying the fee for access to the domain record and the fee for change of the registrar
 - Observance of the Rules
- **The agreements are managed due to the Commercial Code**
- **The disputes are resulted by ordinary Slovak courts**

The problems of the present system

- The resolution of disputes (long-lasting resolutions)
- Too complex system of legal relationships
- The identifier – birth number (a personal data)
- Administration-intensive
- The electronic signature is not used
- The domain is registered only exactly for one year time

- **The Solution:** signing a co-operation agreement with the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunication as the central organ of the state administration responsible for establishing information society

The Tasks

- The Rules revision – SK-NIC
 - A public call for suggestions to the rules
 - The Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Government for Information Society
 - Ministries, Central organs of the State Administration
 - Providers of internet services
 - Registrars, web-hosting providers
 - Journalists
 - Professionals unions, civil associations
 - SK-NIC
 - The summary of the suggestions
- The foundation of „The Commission“
- The approval of the new rules by the Commission and the Ministry
- Complex system revision