

24 January 2022

ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .budapest

On 13 October 2021, Minds + Machines Group Limited notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .budapest Registry Agreement entered into on 21 November 2013. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org consulted with Minds + Machines Group Limited to assess whether to transition operation of the .budapest top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 20 December 2021, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .budapest TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

ICANN org's review and determination regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and are based on various factors, including ICANN org's assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. The Registry Operator attested that all domain name registrations have at all times been registered to and maintained by the Registry Operator or its affiliates for their exclusive use and Registry Operator has not at any time sold, distributed, or transferred control or use of any registrations in the .budapest TLD to any third party that is not an affiliate.

On 19 January 2022, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org will proceed to terminate the .budapest Registry Agreement by 11 April 2022.

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