# Call for participation – Latin Generation Panel

## Aim

The main aim of the Panel is to treat all Latin-based languages in a similar manner in terms of Label Generation Rule[[1]](#footnote-1) (LGR) formation.

The Panel is in the process of being formed. It will focus on the identification of the permissible set of code-point repertoires, variants, if any, and the associated Whole Label Evaluation (WLE) rules. Similar treatment of all the related languages will promote the secure deployment and ease of use of Latin script labels for the community.

This document is a call to interested community members to volunteer for the Panel. The detailed and generic call for volunteers as issued by ICANN can also be referred to for further information:

[www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-11iu113-en.htm](http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-11iu113-en.htm)

## Scope of work

### 1. Latin script-based LGR for the Root Zone

The Latin script-based LGR will contain the subset of valid repertoire of Unicode code points mentioned in Maximal Starting Repertoire for Latin script-based TLDs and the associated WLE rules, as well as the rules for identifying and possibly delegating any IDN variant TLD. The work is to be carried out as specified in the *Procedure to develop and maintain the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone in respect of IDNA labels*, laid out by ICANN.

### 2. Universal Acceptability of Latin script-based IDNs and variants

Even though Latin-based IDNs are now deployed, there are still many issues in displaying and accessing them. The *Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs[[2]](#footnote-2)* by the ICANN community brings up issues and recommendations for the adoption and use of IDNs. Similarly, the report on *Examining the user experience implications of active variant TLDs[[3]](#footnote-3)* also identifies issues and recommendations in the context of IDN variants. One of the briefs of the Panel will be to be cognizant of these recommendations.

## Composition of the group

To achieve the goals set out above, a wide spectrum of specialists and community participation are called for. A diverse set of individuals may contribute to this effort:

* Linguists and academia
* Registry and registrars
* Community: Representatives of the community who can promote and get widespread feedback on all proposals emanating from the group
* Unicode and IDNA experts: Specialists aware of Unicode and the repertoires of Latin script-based languages

Along with the above set of members, each Panel requires a chair who will co-ordinate the activity. The chair will be duly appointed by ICANN after the constitution of the Panel.

## How to collaborate

Interested candidates need to submit a covering email to idntlds@icann.org along with the following attachments:

1. Expression of interest
2. Short profile pertinent to IDNs/lCANN/linguistics

Additionally, to facilitate early dialogue, you may also get in touch with those who have already volunteered:

[https://community.icann.org/display/croscomlgrprocedure/Latin+GP](https://community.icann.org/display/croscomlgrprocedure/Latin%2BGP)

1. See *Procedure to develop and maintain the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone in respect of IDNA labels* for the definition of LGR (A.3.) and WLE (B.3.3.). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://archive.icann.org/meetings/buenosaires2013/en/schedule/mon-jig/presentation-jig-final-idn-tld-acceptance-15nov13-en.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. [www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/active-ux-21mar13-en.pdf](http://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/active-ux-21mar13-en.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)