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Eligibility Policy for the TLD .cologne

I. Purpose of this document

The purpose of this policy is to describe the eligibility requirements for registering a domain name in the TLD .cologne.

II. Mission and purpose of the TLD

The mission of the proposed gTLD is to benefit Cologne's companies, communities and residents as well as the city itself.

With regard to the city and its residents, the introduction of .cologne provides a new means for companies, communities and residents to express their local sense of belonging. As Cologne is known for its strong local patriotism, it is very likely that the new geoTLD will be embraced by the city's interest groups, who will then have a means to express their identification with Cologne in the web space.

When introducing a city TLD for local residents, companies and communities, the respective TLD must be safeguarded against any fraudulent behavior. Therefore, NetCologne intends to make sure that only organizations, communities and private people with an eligible purpose can register their domain under a .cologne Top Level Domain, so that the city's reputation sustains.

III. Eligibility requirements

To support the mission and purpose of the TLD .cologne, registering and renewing domain names in the TLD is open to any interested parties.

As of this date, any fully legally competent (future) domain holder may submit domain requests. Domain requests must be submitted to registrars accredited for the TLD. All registrations of domain names shall be performed in accordance with this General Registration policy.

There will be no prerequisite for an applicant to provide or demonstrate eligibility when applying for a domain name in the TLD.

Domain names in the TLD are subject to NetCologne's policies for the TLD .cologne.



IV. Definition and review

This document has been prepared and published in order to represent NetCologne's policy with regard to the administrative and technical management of the TLD .cologne.

NetCologne may discontinue or amend any part or the whole of this policy from time to time at its absolute discretion.