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**Applicant Organisation:** france@large
Region: France
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## 1)    COMMITMENTS

**a.  Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN?**

YES: ☒  NO: ☐

**b.  Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?**

YES: ☒  NO: ☐

## 2)    GOVERNANCE

**c.  Which geographical area(s) are the applicants membership drawn from?**

**france**

**d.  Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organisation?**

YES: ☐    NO: ☒

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

*Only the secretariat members have voting rights as far as management of the organization is concerned. All members should be French citizens/residents See bylaws: http://alfrance.info/index.php?title=Status*

**e.  Does the applicant really have individual members?**

YES: ☐   NO: ☒

*There is no member listing. According to the application the current number of members is 17 and the goal is to have 1000 members by the end of 2008. However, this is a forward-looking statement. At the moment, the evidence suggests that there are no members since there are no postings, no membership lists and no signs of activity on the website. There is no indication whatsoever as to how the goal of 1000 is going to be achieved.*

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

*discussion list at: http://www.franceatlarge.org/*

If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: ☐     DELEGATE: ☐ *not possible to get this info from website*

## f.   Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: ☐   NO: ☒

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members:

IF YES: Provide information about the control they exert over the organisation, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organised for the benefit of individual internet users.

## g.   Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: ☐   NO: ☒

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members. In particular, describe whether or not the nature of these members is congruent with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard:

**h. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?**

YES: ☐    NO: ☒

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

*All members should be French citizens/residents. See bylaws:*
*http://alfrance.info/index.php?title=Status*

**i. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).**

YES: ☒    NO: ☐

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

*Organization based on voluntary work (as stated in application form)*

**j. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about the their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?**

YES: ☒    NO: ☐

If YES, please provide the URLs where you found the information (preferably specific to the question, not simply the homepage URL):

http://alfrance.info/index.php?title=Status

**k. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?**

YES: ☒    NO: ☐

If 'YES', how and where are the references?

http://alfrance.info/index.php?title=Status

**l. How does the applicant appear to be funded?**

Outline funding sources:

*There are no indications about funding on the website. However, the applicant claims to depend entirely on voluntary funding.*

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question?

*Webpage*

**m. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?**

YES: ☐    NO: ☒

*The organization declares being based on voluntary work from members*

If YES, please provide some further information on what sources you can identify:

If 'YES', please clarify if possible whether the sources are likely to influence the governance of the organization (for example, a grant from a charity or foundation may well be free of 'strings' of this kind, where corporate donations in some cases might not be):

**n. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?**

YES: ☒    NO: ☐

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer:

*The Founder has been involved in a number of French-speaking community initiatives.*

If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: ☒    NO: ☐

If YES, role(s): *They were candidates to the ICANN board*

**o. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?**

YES: ☒    NO: ☐

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

*The goal of this association is to inform Internet users, contribute to defend their rights and stimulate participation to public debate in France. The bylaws can be found at http://alfrance.info/index.php?title=Status*

## 3) INTERNET PRESENCE

**a. Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?**

YES: ☒  NO: ☐

Does the listed URL work?

YES: ☒  NO: ☐

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: ☒  NO: ☐

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: ☒  NO: ☐

If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

YES: ☐  NO: ☒ *discussion list is not activated*

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: ☐  NO: ☒ *They are not active*

## 4)  ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE

### a.  How active and well known is the applicant organization?

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes: *12.000*

Additional information if any:

### b.  Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?

YES: ☐  NO: ☒

If 'YES" please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

### c.  What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?

Outline focus issues:

- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

  YES: ☐     NO: ☒ *Not according to the information accessible on the web*

  Additional information if any:

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

  ACTIVE: ☐  INACTIVE: ☒

  *Not currently active, according to their application there are some planned activities in 2008:*

  *Organization takes part in an initiative called "French Internet governance Forum" ([http://fr-fgi.fr/](http://fr-fgi.fr/)), which will start its work in 2008.*

  *organization is also active in the intertest environment, see: [http://intertest.org/index.php?title=Main_Page](http://intertest.org/index.php?title=Main_Page)*

*However, these pages have been created just recently and they do not seem to be updated on a regular basis. They do not have mailing lists or other signs of active membership. Furthermore, according to the WHOIS record, the France@Large and the intertest website have been registered by the same entity using the Networks solution privacy service (the same registrant that also seems to have set up all the partner organizations of the intertest environment). Another issue is the fact that the French Internet Governance Forum website does not show any information at all and only points to back to France@Large.*