

19 August 2026

ICANN Preliminary Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .helsinki Top-Level Domain

On 28 May 2026, City of Helsinki notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .helsinki Registry Agreement entered into on 05 February 2015. 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 City of Helsinki to assess whether to transition operation of the .helsinki top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an ongoing evaluation, ICANN org has made a preliminary determination that operation of the .helsinki TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN org's review and determination regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified for intergovernmental organizations or governmental entities or other special circumstances) and are based on various factors. ICANN org's preliminary determination to not transition the TLD to a successor Registry Operator is based on the following rationale:

1. .helsinki has an effective Code of Conduct Exemption.
2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

Before releasing its final determination, ICANN org will consider input provided by interested parties via email at ra-termination-comments@icann.org. The deadline to submit input is 18 September 2026 – 23:59 UTC.

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