

## .EUS 1 and 2 character domain names registration

The possibility of registering 1 and 2 character domain names for .EUS opens. The conditions and characteristics of the process are detailed below:

### Terms

- 1 and 2 character domain names with .EUS denomination.
- These domains have no brand protection value, that is, they cannot register and use as *Defensive* (DNS must respond and have content).
- The PuntuEUS Foundation may at any time remove a domain name for improper use.
- In the case of the domains registered in open period (brand, public administration, member of the community...), the conflict of said domain can be considered taking into account the criteria established in the application *period*.

### Price

- The price will be higher than the current EUS domain names, both for registrations and renewals.

### Process:

- A specific Applications phase called "1and2characters" will open, similar to what was done during the launch period. There will be two periods:
  - o **Applications period (5 weeks):** the registrars will upload to our applications system the domains they want to register, for which they will have a period of 5 weeks. At the end of these five weeks, the PuntuEUS Foundation team will review and approve or cancel applications based on the established criteria (one additional week).
  - o **Open period.** During this period, any user will be able to register a domain name with 1 or 2 characters accepting their specific conditions.



## Award criteria

The domain assignment in the *Applications* period will be based on the following criteria:

1. First category: **Applicants with a specific vocation to promote the Basque language and/or culture:** Specific for individuals or legal entities that have a specific vocation in the promotion of the Basque language or culture, including public administrations with competences in the areas in which the Basque language is native language, to register: (i) their own names (including clear variations or abbreviations of them); (ii) their online services; (iii) the same domain names they have registered in other TLDs and used effectively.
2. Second category: **Registration of Local Trademarks:** For commercial brands with effect in the areas in which the Basque language is a native language (that is, Spanish or French trademarks, trade marks of the European community, and international marks of the WIPO with effect in Spain or France) and (ii) geographical indications recognized by international laws, of the European Union, Spain, France or Basque Country, giving priority to local brands.

## Exceptions

Currently the following 1 or 2 character domain names are registered or blocked:

- AU
- EC
- EH
- EP
- EU
- NI
- UN

In any case, the PuntuEUS Foundation reserves the right to modify the general conditions at any time.

## Dates

- *Applications period:* September 14 (at 13:00 UTC) – October 15, 2020 (at 13:00 UTC)
- *Revision:* October 16 – October 25, 2020
- *Open period:* As of October 26, 2020 at 13:00 UTC