

Proposed resignation of Iceland

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1 Non-EARN countries in Europe, the Middle EAST and Africa.

Since the mail below created some discussion let us take first a discussion on principals and then decide the course of action in the case of Iceland. Iceland is a small country, so that 2000 Ecu would scale to between 300 and 400KECU in e.g. the UK or France.

The principal questions are how do we treat traffic to and from non-EARN countries connected to other networks, and also the eventual use of EARN links as a transit network to other non-EARN countries.

The practical questions are how the gateways in the countries work, and whether EARN can influence how they work to e.g. stop or bill connections to certain countries.

2 Copy of correspondence on Icelandic membership

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To: EARNEEXEC@IRLEARN

As you will see below, Iceland wants to withdraw from EARN, which is understandable since they never had a permanent connection. Please comment on my proposed answer.

Regards/Frode

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Frode, Could you forward this to the relevant people

Regards, Helgi

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To EARN Board of directors

Regarding Iceland's membership of EARN

Reykjavik 31rd May 1989

Iceland wishes to withdraw its EARN membership. We hope that email users in Iceland and EARN users can communicate through gateways transferring mail between EARN and the network used by the Icelandic scientific and educational community, currently EUnet. UNI-C in Danmark (NEUVM1) has graciously offered to gateway mail from EARN destined for the .IS domain into EUnet, so Iceland would still be reachable from the EARN community.

The reasons for this decision are the following:

High cost of communication between Iceland and other countries implies that email was the only EARN service available here.

There is no national EARN network in Iceland, EARN was only used for international communication.

The yearly fee to EARN (2200 ecu) diverts funds from our European communication line, where available funds should be concentrated.

The dial up connection we have been running to Sweden takes some resources that should be used in a more efficient way.

Currently we are using EUnet over dialup lines with reasonable satisfaction. This connection seems to handle our international email needs.

I assure you that this decision is a purely economical one, we simply can not afford to divert our resources to supporting different connections and different protocols. We will review the situation when/if it becomes possible to share a single line for EARN and EUnet traffic to Europe.

Sincerely

Helgi Thorsson, Director
Computing Services
University of Iceland

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DRAFT

Dear Helgi Thorsson.

Thank you for your e-mail of May 31st.

You stated that Iceland wants to withdraw from EARN, and according to our charter that decision will be effective after 6 months, i.e. by November 30th, 1989, so that 11/12 of the central contribution is still due.

For your information, the EARN board has decided new keys for 1990, so Iceland's contribution for increased central EARN activities in 1990 would in fact be somewhat lower than in 1989.

EARN's plan is to continue to provide e-mail gateways to EUNET and other networks, but the free use of EARN lines is limited to EARN unless other agreements have been made, and other traffic may in principle be billed to the originator.

I hope to work with you to find the best solution for Iceland, and please let me know if you need further information.

Kind regards,

Frode Greisen