

# European broadcasters to bid for .radio domain name

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"The EBU wants to ensure that the world's radio community has fair, reasonable access to a domain name that could bring unique impetus to the entire sector," EBU director general Ingrid Deltenre said.

"The EBU would administer the .radio [top level domain](#) name in a neutral, reliable and not-for-profit way. It would be regrettable if it fell into hands that do not represent the entire radio community," she added.

There are currently 21 top level [domain names](#) with the most commonly used including .com, .org and .net.

In addition, there are national domain names such as .fr for France and .de for [Germany](#).

The world authority that maintains and regulates [web addresses](#) is the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers, which has invited applications for new domain names to be submitted by April 12, 2012.

The Geneva-based EBU groups 75 state and private broadcasters from 56 European countries.

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