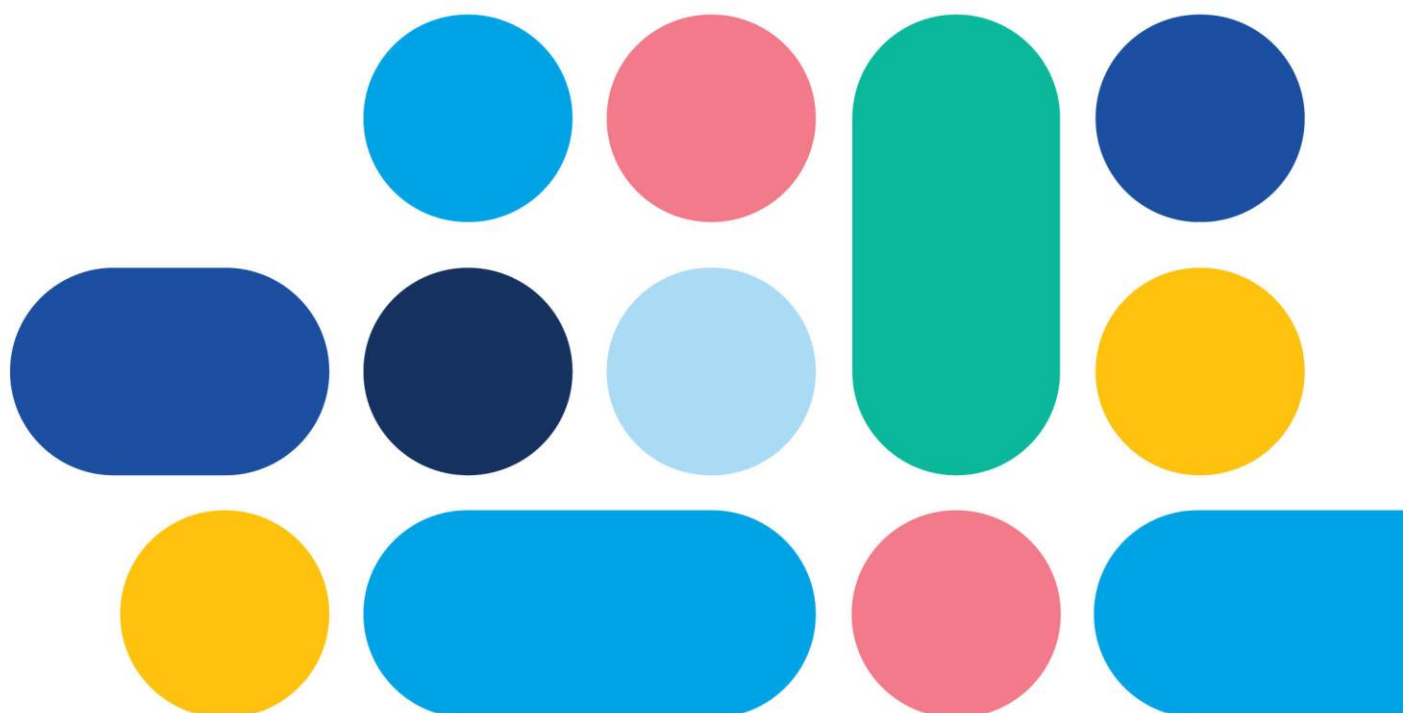


# Applicant's Guide

## ACTIVATION PROCEDURE FOR RESERVED NAMES

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# Introduction

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/517 of the European Parliament and of the Council, a number of .eu domain names have been reserved by EU institutions, EU Member States, or EURid.

The complete list of names reserved by the EU Member States and EEA countries, is available in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1862. The list of domain names reserved by the EU institutions and EURid is not publicly available.

The reason certain domain names were reserved is that they usually carry either regional, cultural, or institutional/professional connotations, and as such they are very important for the given country, its institutions or region. They are potentially useful for many regional organisations, international projects and businesses. For this reason, a reserved domain name cannot immediately be registered on a first come, first served basis, as the purpose of reserving it was to make sure that it is to be used in accordance with the interest of the given country or EU institution.

Reserved names, may however be registered on behalf of an eligible organisation or individual, by following the so-called activation procedure.

## The activation procedure takes 3 steps:

### Step 1

The potential domain name holder (the applicant), submits an activation request form to EURid:

- You can find the application request form [here](#)
- Well-reasoned request to release a reserved name is to be sent in PDF format to [reservednamesactivation@eurid.eu](mailto:reservednamesactivation@eurid.eu)
- We encourage you to protect your personal data by sending the request via Cryptshare platform\*\*

### Step 2

Once the application form is correctly submitted to EURid by the applicant, EURid contacts the appropriate NRA (National Registration Authority) office to ask for activation approval. The NRA decision is usually given within 14 working days.

### Step 3

In case, the NRA met the activation request positively, EURid will invite the applicant to request an accredited .eu registrar to initiate an activation transfer in EURid's system.

- The list of accredited .eu registrars can be found here:
- <https://eurid.eu/en/get-your-eu/find-a-registrar/> Please make sure that the contact data with which you provide your registrar match the contact data provided in your application form to EURid.

**Registration terms:** as a result of the activation procedure, the domain name will be registered for a period of one year on the applicant's behalf, subject to term extensions or deletion requests.

**Please note:** a name registered through the activation procedure cannot be used for different purposes than originally declared in the application and the transfer of a domain name registered through the activation procedure to another holder, is subject to approval by the NRA Furthermore if the current holder no longer wants the name, or does not abide to the registration terms, the name can be deleted and will automatically revert to a reserved name status.

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**\*\*How to use Cryptshare (in English only):**

1. Open the link <https://cs.eurid.eu>
2. Click on 'Provide', enter your name, phone number, and e-mail address and verify your e-mail address
3. Use [reservednamesactivation@eurid.eu](mailto:reservednamesactivation@eurid.eu) as recipient's email address
4. Attach the completed and signed request form together with documentary evidence.
5. Click on 'Start Transfer'