I probably do not have enough detailed information on the action plan that ICANN had to accomplish by now.
   - I have asked my colleagues for some input
   - so maybe I can add more

As a general commentary:
1. If I compare the US capability to research domains, and change hosts, it seems very easy compared to what I see in Europe:
   - Even though we are in the EU, I cannot register a Hungarian domain in Poland or vice versa,
   - It is possible to research and register a *.eu domain name in the US, but not individual country domains,
   - Switching between ISP's is a tedious bureaucratic process (esp. with NASK) - they also bill you for renewal even if you cancel the domain before expiration (they will not change DNS address unless they are officially informed at least one month before expiration).

2. My concern is what happens if all domain and DNS naming becomes a control tool to retain clients, or if several institutions setup different conventions, or worse?

3. I do <u>not</u> have data on the costs of ICANN providing the service, if they are covered in the fees we each pay for registration, hosting etc. then I'm not sure "privatizing" has much cost benefit.

4. The Internet is a very powerful innovation - let's not fix what's not broken.

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