

A modest proposal on a regional meeting strategy

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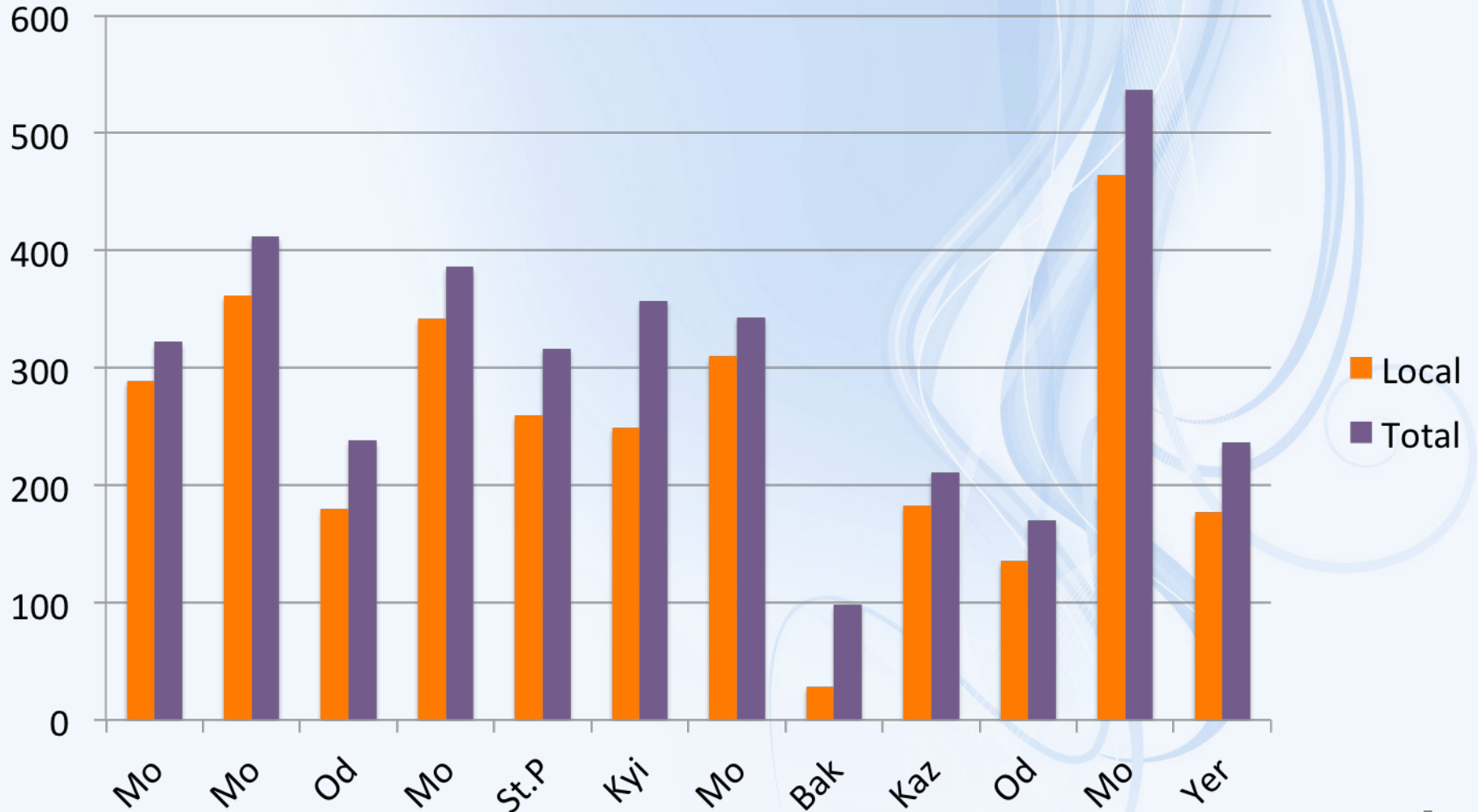
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History of ENOG:

- originally RIPE NCC Moscow Regional Meeting
- proposal to convert to ENOG in 2010 by Dmitry Burkov, Paul Rendek, Andrei Robachevsky and others
- ENOG 1 held in Moscow on 6-8. June 2011

- ENOG 1 and 2 in Moscow
- ENOG 3 in Odessa
- ENOG 4 in Moscow
- ENOG 5 in St. Petersburg
- ENOG 6 in Kyiv
- ENOG 7 in Moscow
- ENOG 8 in Baku
- ENOG 9 in Kazan
- ENOG 10 in Odessa
- ENOG 11 in Moscow
- ENOG 12 in Yerevan

- ENOG 1 and 2 in Moscow (289/322; 361/412)
- ENOG 3 in Odessa (180/238)
- ENOG 4 in Moscow (342/386)
- ENOG 5 in St. Petersburg (259/316)
- ENOG 6 in Kyiv (249/357)
- ENOG 7 in Moscow (310/343)
- ENOG 8 in Baku (28/98) *most non-local participants
- ENOG 9 in Kazan (182/211)
- ENOG 10 in Odessa (135/170)
- ENOG 11 in Moscow (464/537) *biggest attendance
- ENOG 12 in Yerevan (177/236)



ENOG meetings summary:

Total 3626 attendees, 2976 (82%) were local*

*RIPE NCC staff excluded

ENOG Region overview:

- 12 countries
- 2065 LIRs as of today
- Population of 226 million people
- Smallest country: Armenia (3 million)
- Largest country: Russia (142 million)

For comparison:

- LIRs in RIPE NCC: 15472
- LIRs in MENOOG countries: 1111*
- LIRs in SEE: 734*

On the 4th of April 2017 RIPE NCC announced the decision to eliminate one of two annual meetings to the ENOG PC mailing list.

There was some disturbance.

Some PC members argued that this is bad idea. PC chair shared the news on ENOG discuss mailing list on April 10th. And now I am sharing this with all of you.

What is the alternative proposed by the RIPE NCC?

1. More “country-focused” regional meetings
2. Other events like member lunches
3. Training courses

Why country focused meetings is not a good substitute?

1. They are too short (1 day) – ENOGs are 2-3 days
2. They are not bottom-up (no PC from volunteers)
3. They are focused only on one country
4. They are more like RIPE NCC events, not a community-driven events

We have already been there – remember Moscow meetings before the ENOGs

Of course, it's not about the money.

Anonymous source said this year's budget for two ENOG meetings is around 100 thousand euros.

This is about 7 euro per every LIR.

Three beers in Eastern Europe.

How we can make more affordable to RIPE NCC?

1. Choose cheaper locations (not Moscow's centre)
2. Dinner tickets
3. Require valid ASN for registration (?)
4. Increase local sponsors contributions
5. Create organizational committee like in MENOG
6. Found a non-profit organization

We are preparing for the next meetings:

- St. Petersburg, Russia
- 23-24. May 2017
- Lightning talks are welcome!

- Minsk, Belarus
- 10-11. October 2017

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