



About

Founded in 2006, DotGal (i.e., PuntoGal) is the registry for the Galician domain, which launched in 2014 and represents Galicia, an autonomous region in northwestern Spain. Aside from domain management, the company focuses on representing Galicia in global Internet governance bodies and supporting initiatives in the fields of technology, the Internet, language, and culture. Dotgal is a cultural and linguistic domain, born to meet the needs of the Galician community in Galicia or anywhere in the world.

gTLD use case

.gal

Category

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gTLD

What motivated you to apply for a new gTLD?

Galician culture and content were scattered and dispersed in several TLDs without anything to connect them and, being a lively and healthy language and culture, is constantly growing. The .gal domain provides a tool to guarantee a clearly identified space on the internet.

How are you using the gTLD?

PuntoGal is a fully operational domain, integrated into the management structures of the international network, with a growing number of registrations and an average renewal rate of more than 90% and a corporate program to support initiatives in the field of language, culture, and technology in Galicia, which range from sports to podcasts. But, among all, it is an independent entity with a clear and defined roadmap. There are three areas in which it carries out its daily work: domain management, corporate action and representation.

What were some of the considerations you made before applying?

We received the support of thousands of people who signed up for the Galician candidacy, political parties, and institutions, of the more than 90 pioneers who took the initial leap by betting on the domain, and of each and every one of the companies, organizations, grassroots associations, professional associations, the media, individuals and institutions which foster the growth of this TLD a little more every day.



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newgtldprogram.icann.org

How has your organization benefited from operating a gTLD?

There are many benefits: the capacity to promote a culture and a language that is vital for millions of people, and the opportunity to extend value within this community, the IT companies and public administrations in Galicia, and being able to focus in areas like closing the gender gap, cybersecurity as a daily practice, education, preservation of culture, etc.

How has having a gTLD changed or impacted your business?

It has enabled us to help other collectives and initiatives working to encourage Galician culture, language, and economic development. We are also taking an active role in encouraging good practices regarding cybersecurity and the adoption of inclusive policies.

“.gal provides tools to shelter content creators while helping to grow the IT industry in Galicia. At the same time, the domain connects the culture and industry of Galicia with ICANN and stakeholders participating in Internet governance, giving this small autonomous community in Spain a voice in global decision-making bodies.”

– Dotgal Registry Services, Registry Operator