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The RIPE NCC and NOGs in Our Service Region

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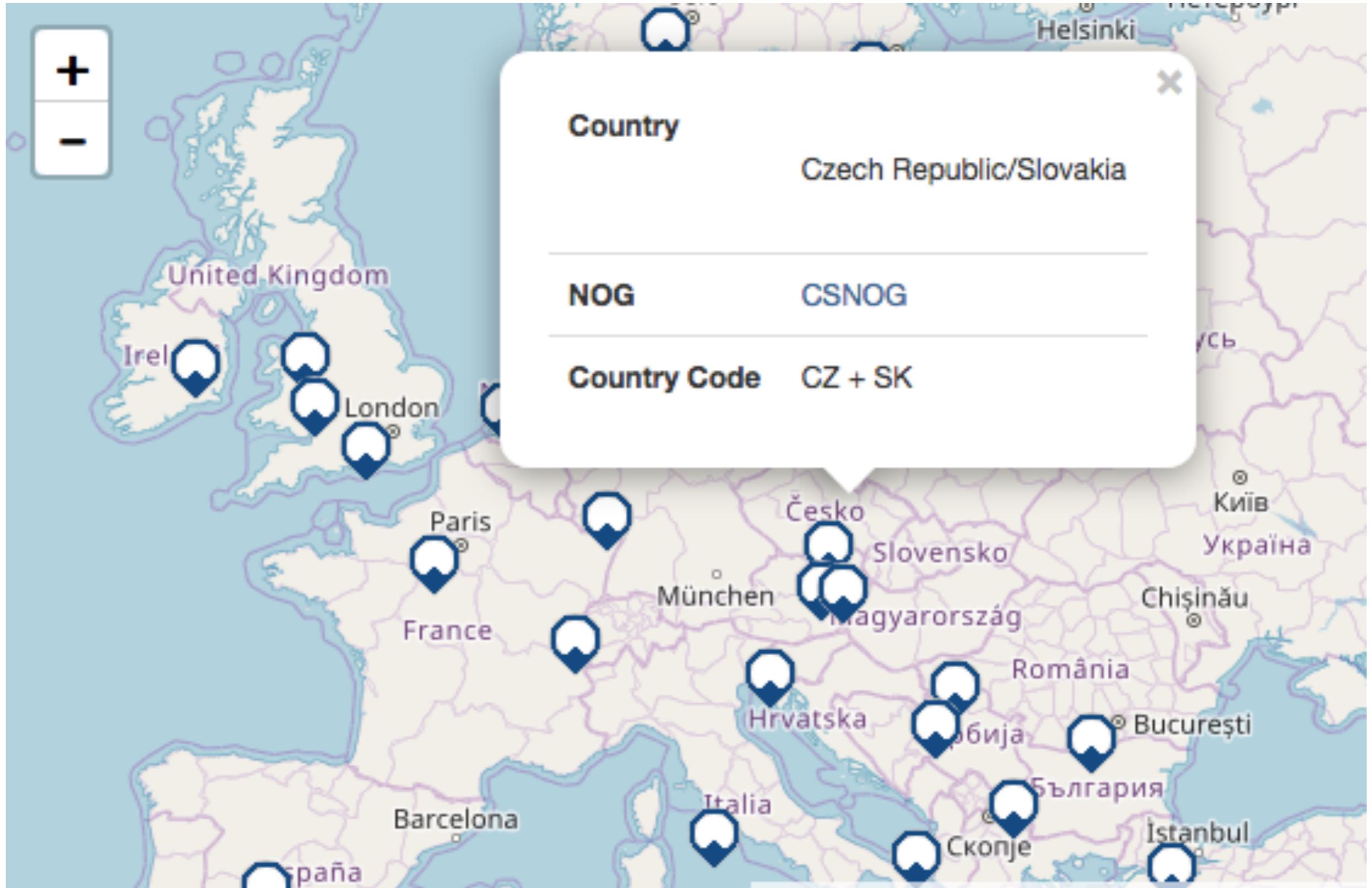
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About the RIPE NCC



- Secretariat for the RIPE community
- Distribute IP addresses and AS Numbers
- Maintain the RIPE Database
- RIPEstat, RIPE Atlas, other tools and services
- Funded by members, fully autonomous
- Open, transparent, neutral and impartial
- ***Supports communities in our service region***

25 Active NOGs in Our Service Region



How Does the RIPE NCC Help NOGs



- The RIPE NCC is proud to lend its support to NOGs and help develop local communities
 - Provide **speakers** (RIPE NCC staff and other industry experts)
 - **Sponsorship** (to pay for venue, catering, social events, etc.)
 - **Expertise** - we've been running the biggest NOG (RIPE) for 30 years
 - **Promotion** through RIPE Labs
 - **Meeting tools** (including the networking app)

Why Do We Do This?



- Promote knowledge-sharing among network operators within countries/regions
- Provide more ways for people to do business with each other
- Opportunity for the RIPE NCC to engage more effectively across the service region
- Capacity building and providing space for governments/regulators to engage with technical community
- NOGs play a crucial role in Internet development

Some new ways we're helping



- A section on RIPE Labs for NOGs to access tools and share updates, experiences and ideas - labs.ripe.net/nogs
- A mailing list for NOG organisers to share knowledge
- Recently held a meeting for NOG organisers and held NOG plenary session at RIPE 76
- Surveyed NOGs across our service region

NOG Survey Results



- Many similarities across the service region:
 - New NOGs follow experience of other NOGs when setting up
 - Difficulties with getting volunteers, speakers, sponsorship and connecting with the community
 - Coffee breaks and social events hugely important for connecting people and building communities
 - Most NOGs take advantage of sponsorship and speakers from the RIPE NCC + RIPE community

NOG Survey Results



- Many differences across the service region:
 - NOGs can be evening events, full-day or two-day events
 - Attendances range from ~30 to ~500
 - Some NOGs charge attendees while others rely on sponsorship and donations
 - Huge variety of communication channels to connect with community
 - Some are set up as legal entities, others are set up informally

Survey - Advice to New NOGs



“Look at what other NOGS are doing but ensure you set yours up in the way most appropriate to your culture and community”

“Involve motivated people willing to contribute”

“Start small and keep growing. Be neutral and avoid sponsored talks.”

“Reach out to communities and ask them about their struggles, then try to address them.”

“Find sponsors, make friends... the community will do the rest.”

Examples of other NOGs



- **iNOG** started in Ireland in 2015
- Has held 15 meetings since then
 - Started with five people, now attracts 100s
- iNOG is innovating with social media, providing videos, focusing on entertaining talks
- Advises keeping the barriers to NOG involvement as low as possible
 - Will hold next meeting in June and has connected a RIPE NCC Hackathon



Examples of other NOGs



- RONOOG started in Romania in 2014
 - Has a large organising committee (8 people)
 - Attracts up to 200 people
- Stated goal: establishing a place where people share knowledge and experiences
 - Focus on growing the community, this helps to attract better speakers / content
- Held 2017 meeting alongside RIPE NCC training and member lunch



Where Does CSNOG Fit In?



- **The first dual-country NOG in our service region!**
 - Already has website, communication channels 
 - Experienced organisation team 
- Success of NOG will depend on local community
- Help CSNOG by volunteering to help, actively participate and present
- The RIPE NCC is proud to support CSNOG - remember to use us for support!





Questions



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