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Quarterly report

Q2
2022

Q2 2022 in a nutshell

Q2 2022 is in line with the long-term ten year outlook that we had put ahead a few years ago. The corona lockdown periods in 2020 and 2021 brought a huge leap in the digitisation of our economy but since 2022 we are back to the low growth trend we saw before corona.

Very positive, however, is that the renewal rate remains very high, even for domain name registrations made during the corona period, i.e. we see that the digitalisation efforts are sustainable and that these entrepreneurs remain active.

In terms of active registrations, we see that growth has fallen very sharply but remains slightly positive.

Philip Du Bois,
General Manager at
DNS Belgium

As for fake webshops detection and the falling number of infected domains, I'm happy to observe a positive trend. But I must immediatly add that we also need to keep an eye on it because it could well be that our detection mechanisms are being 'by-passed' by online crime rather than that the number of infected domain names or fake webshops is actually decreasing. Definite conclusions like that can only be drawn in the longer term and not on the basis of 1 or 2 quarters.
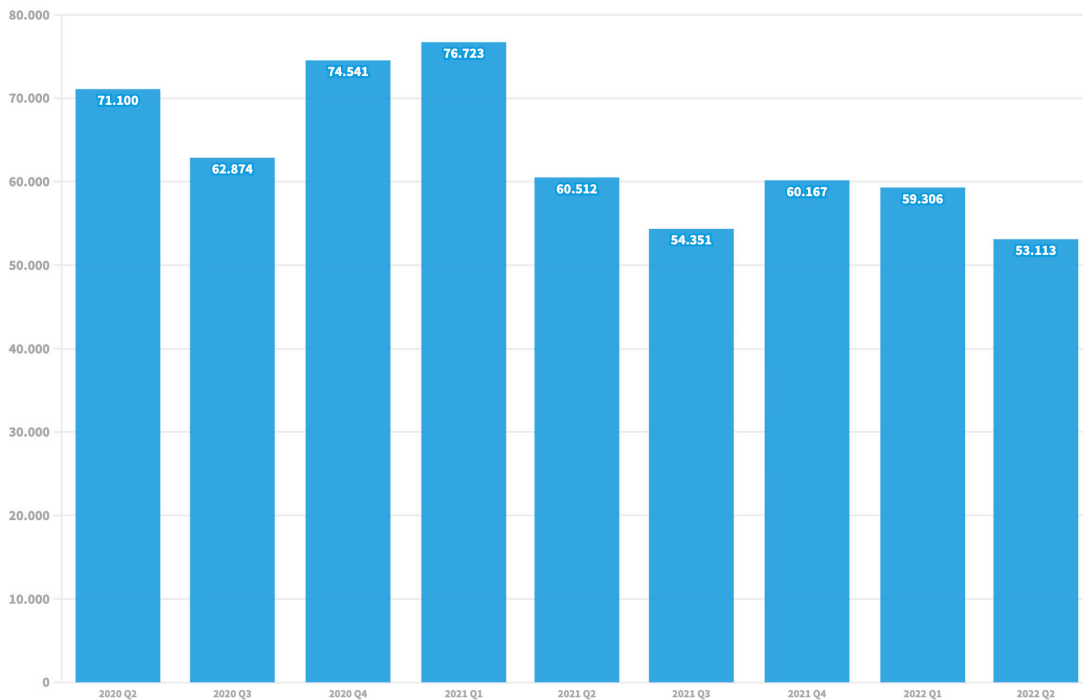
So we are positive but remain cautious!

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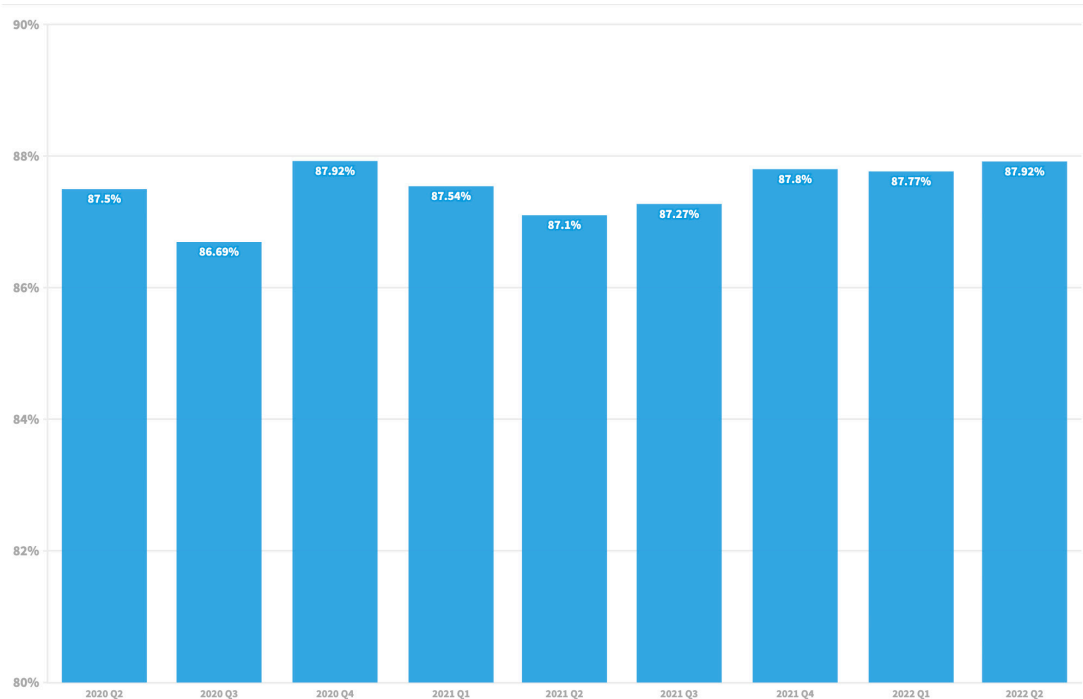General Manager at DNS Belgium
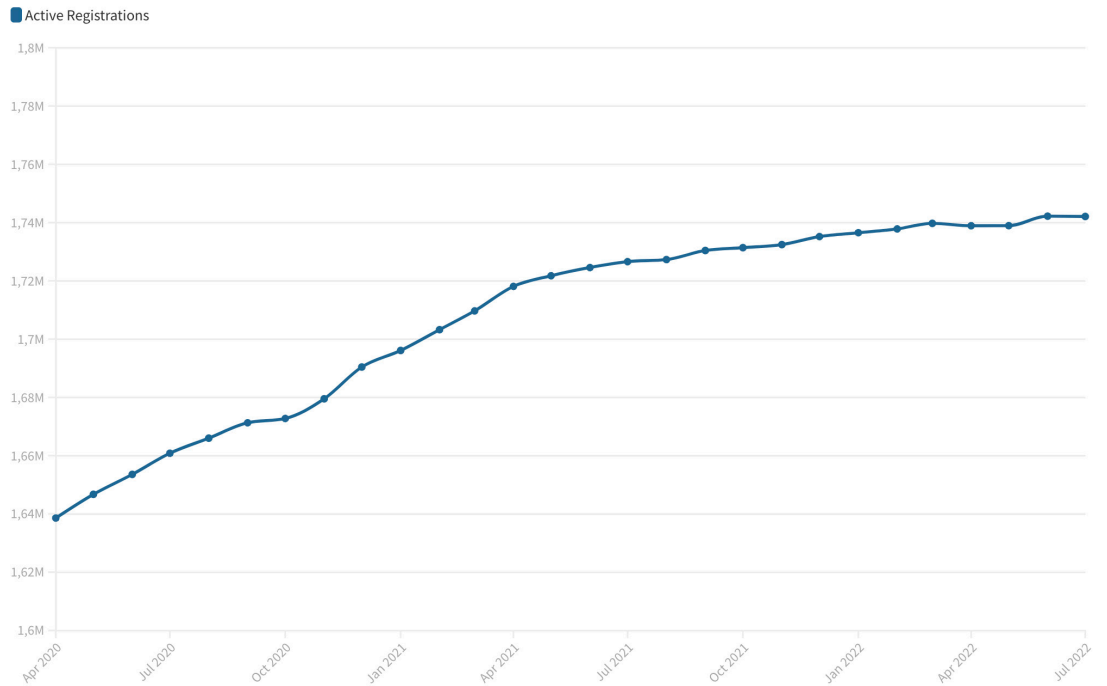
New registrations, Q2 2020 to Q2 2022

During Q2 of 2022, we registered 53.113 new domain names. In line with the long-term forecast we see a increased growth on pre-Covid level.
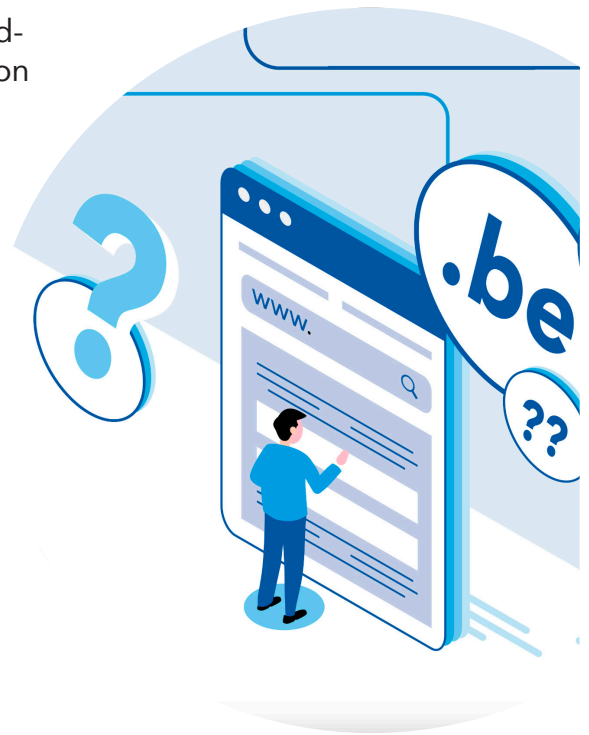
Renewal rate, Q2 2020 to Q2 2022

Our renewal rate remains stable on a very high level of approximately 88% in Q2 of 2022. It proves that the digitalisation in corona years was sustainable.
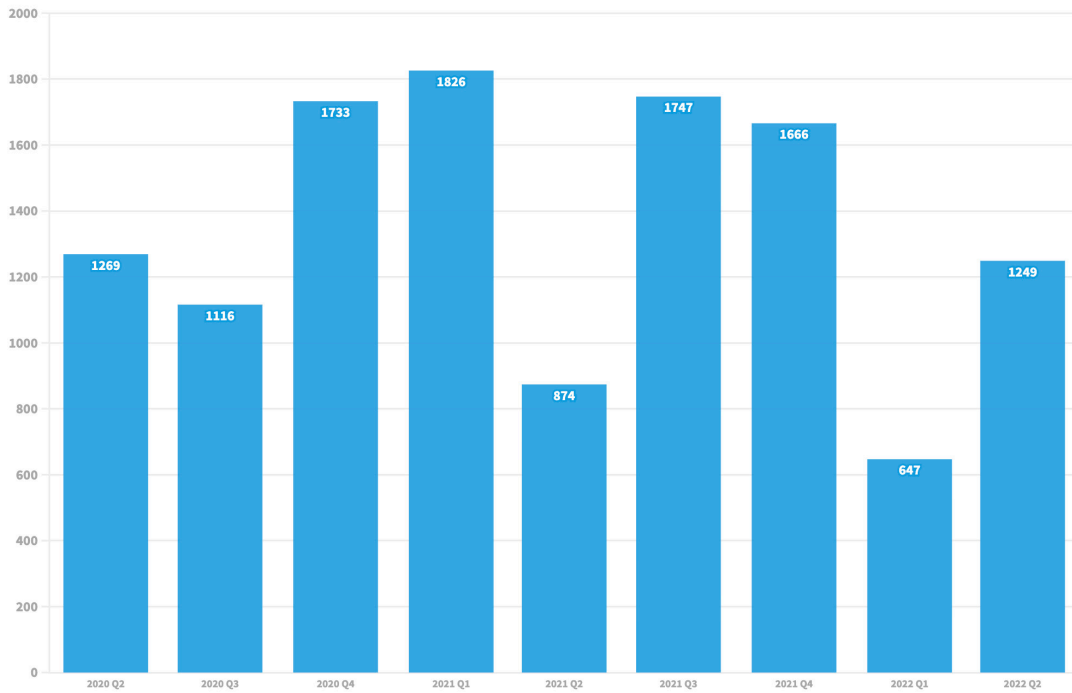
Active registrations, Q2 2020 to Q2 2022

■ Active Registrations

The quick growth we saw in the Covid-period, where we went from 1,6 million active registrations to 1,7 million in about a years' time, has come to an end. Here too, we see a growth that has slowed down to pre-Covid level, and to a stability that is to be expected on a mature market.
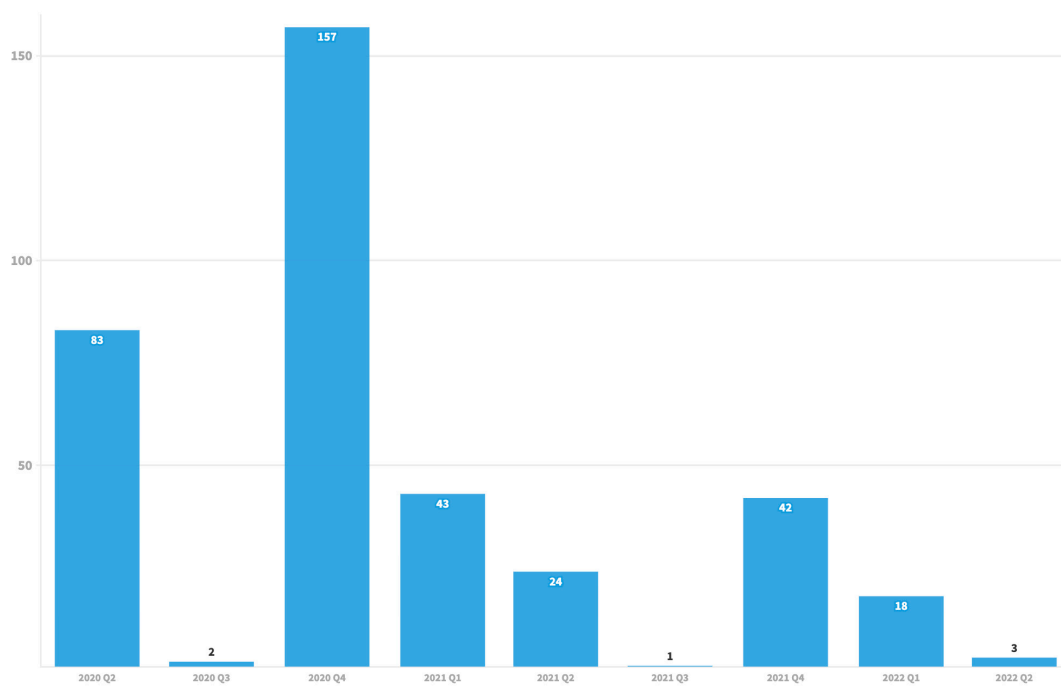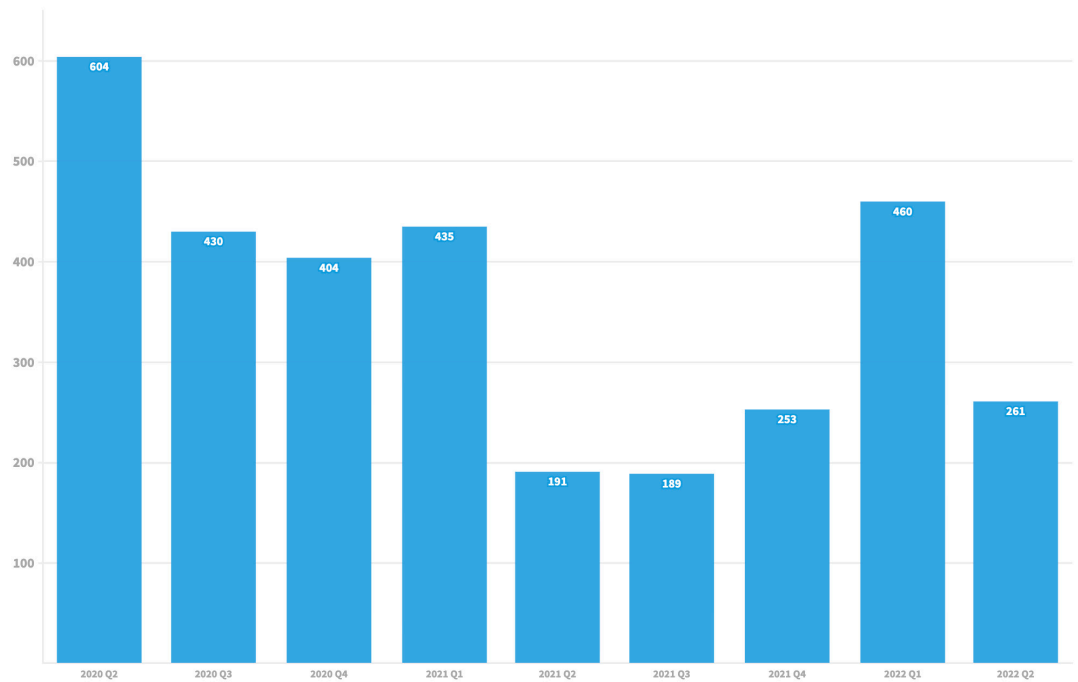
Revokes during Q2 2022

During Q1 of 2022, we revoked 647 domain names for different reasons of abuse. In the second quarter of this year that has gone up to 1249 domain names. We keep doing our utmost to keep the Belgian internet safe.

Fake webshop removal

We have removed merely 3 fake webshops in Q2 of 2022. That figure is always subject to mixed interpretation. Maybe there were less fake webshops registered, maybe our detection methods were 'by-passed' by cybercriminals.

Infected domains detection

Quarter	Value
2020 Q2	604
2020 Q3	430
2020 Q4	404
2021 Q1	435
2021 Q2	191
2021 Q3	189
2021 Q4	253
2022 Q1	460
2022 Q2	261

In Q2 of 2022 we detected 261 infected domain names. An increase may be a good thing. But when it comes to detection of infected domain names, the same goes as for fake webshop detection: an increase may as well mean that we are missing infections, because we are outsmarted by cybercriminals.

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.brussels
.vlaanderen

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