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Quarterly report

Q3
2022



Q3 2022 in a nutshell

In terms of fighting crime in the .be-zone we can see that some important indicators are moving in a positive direction, revokes, infections and detection of fake webshops are down compared to last quarter and to Q3 of last year. When we compare the first 3 quarters of last year with the first 3 of this year we see the same downward trend.



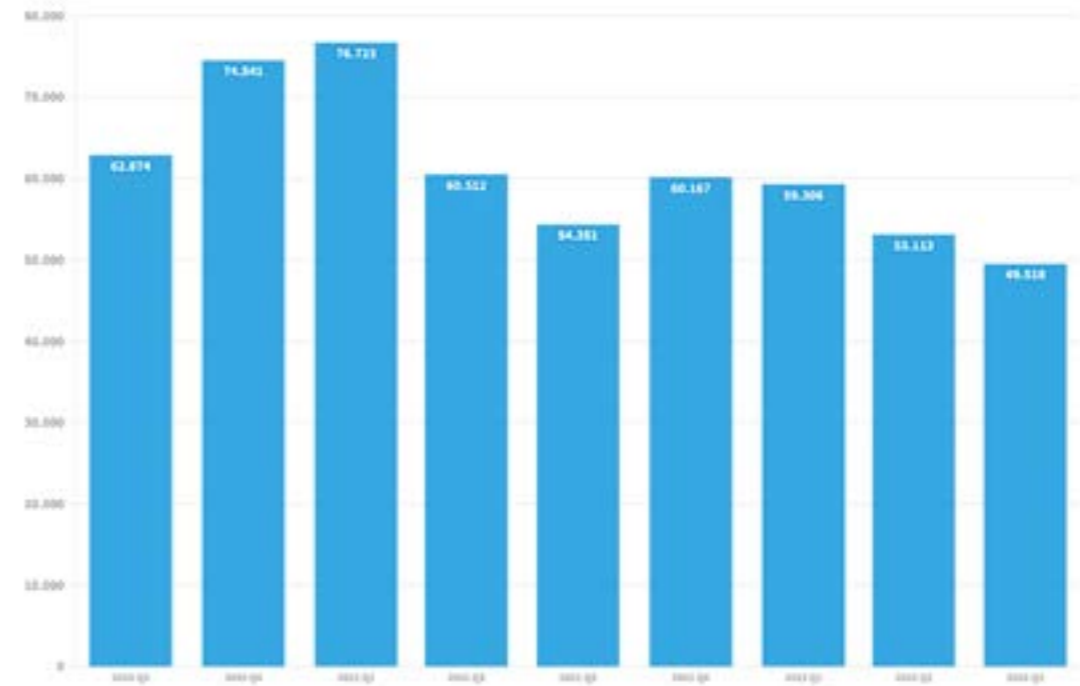
All these comparisons seem to indicate that we are doing the right things in terms of pro-actively screening and identifying the whois data of new registrations.

The general growth of our active domain name base is stabilizing but that is according to expectations. We anticipate since a few years already that despite our renewals rates being at very high levels compared to our industry peers, the new registrations keep going down. We could say that the domain market in Belgium is mature.

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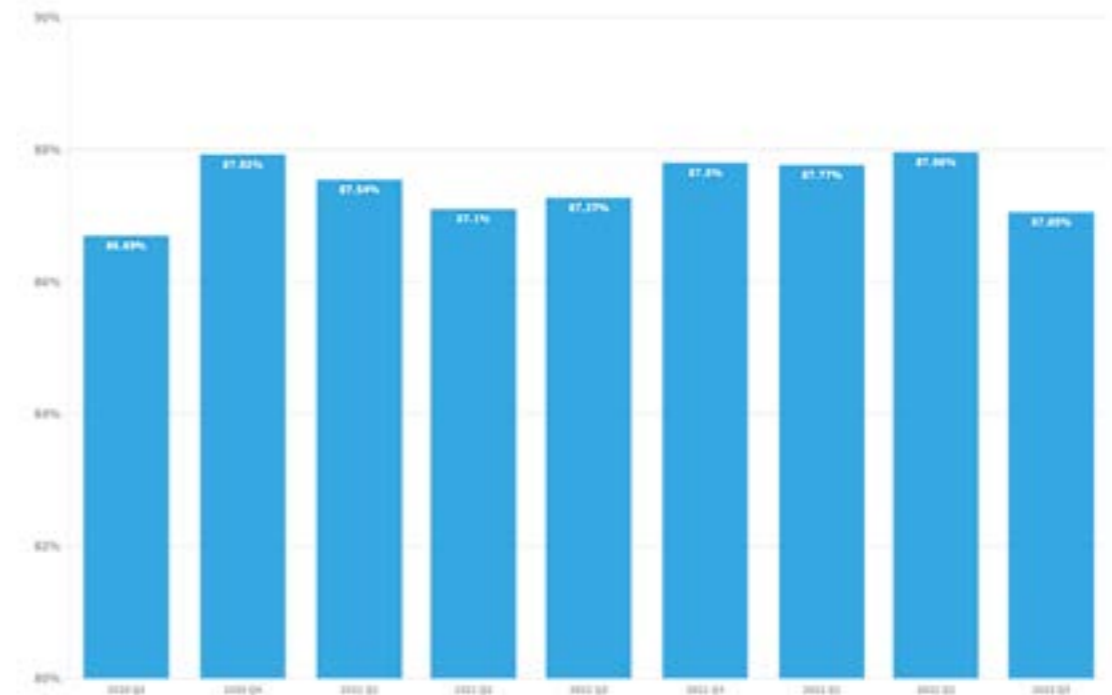
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New registrations, Q3 2020 to Q3 2022



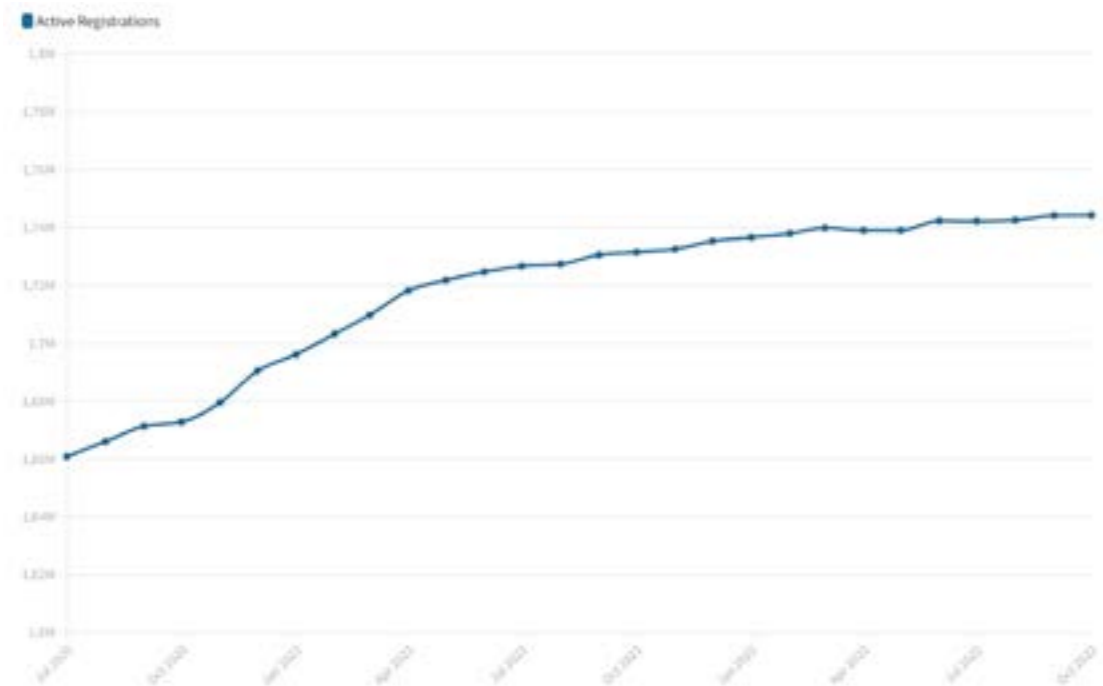
During Q3 of 2022, we registered 49.518 new domain names. Q3 is always a bit 'slower' than the other quarters. We're sure Q4 will surpass Q3. But generally speaking registrations are on pre-Covid level.

Renewal rate, Q3 2020 to Q3 2022



Our renewal rate was on a very high level of approximately 87% in Q3 of 2022. Over the years the renewal rate remains more or less stable.

Active registrations, Q3 2020 to Q3 2022

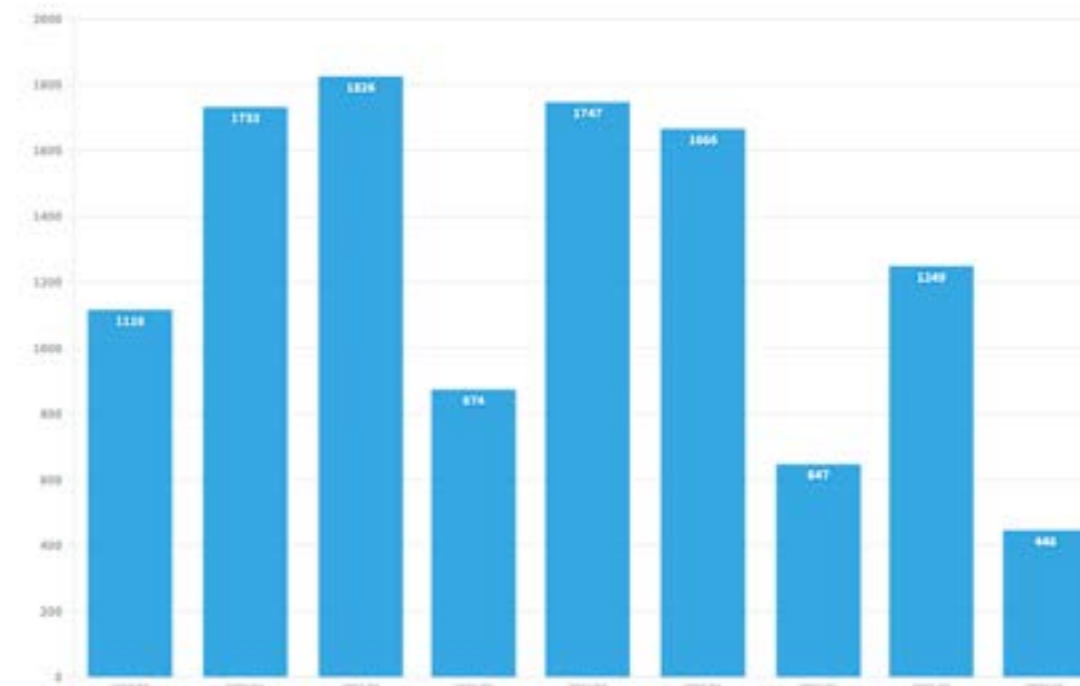


Growth in active registrations has definitely slowed down and has been on a more or less stable level since the beginning of this year.

We have been anticipating this for a few years. And despite our renewals rates being at very high levels compared to our industry peers, the new and active registrations keep going down. That is to be expected in a mature market, such as the Belgian domain name market is.

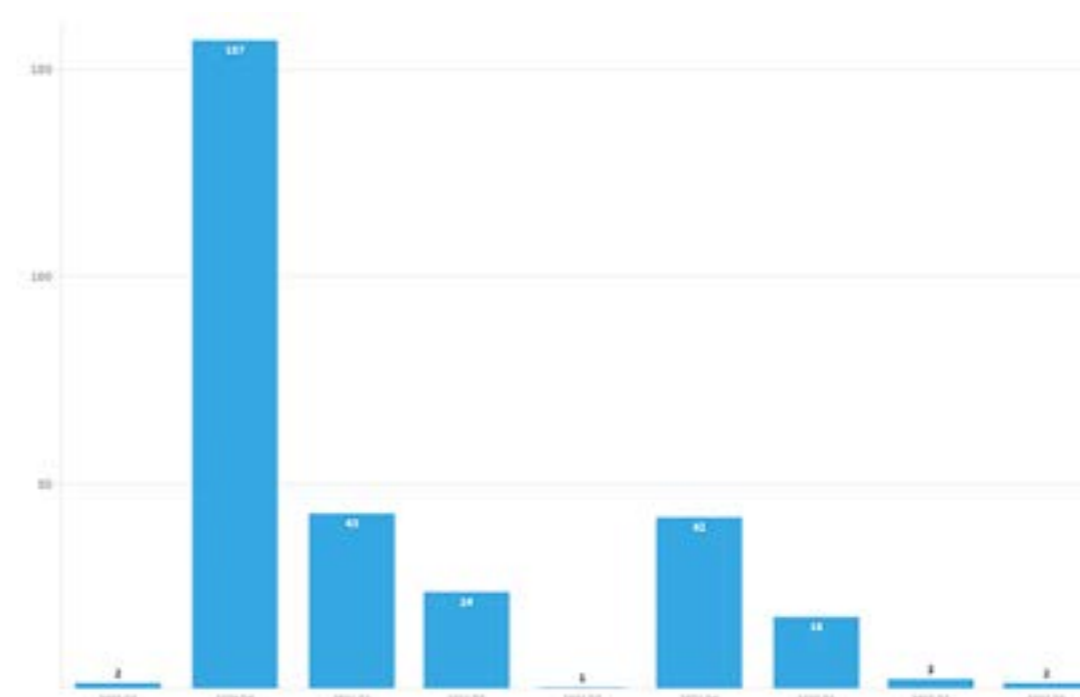


Revokes during Q3 2022



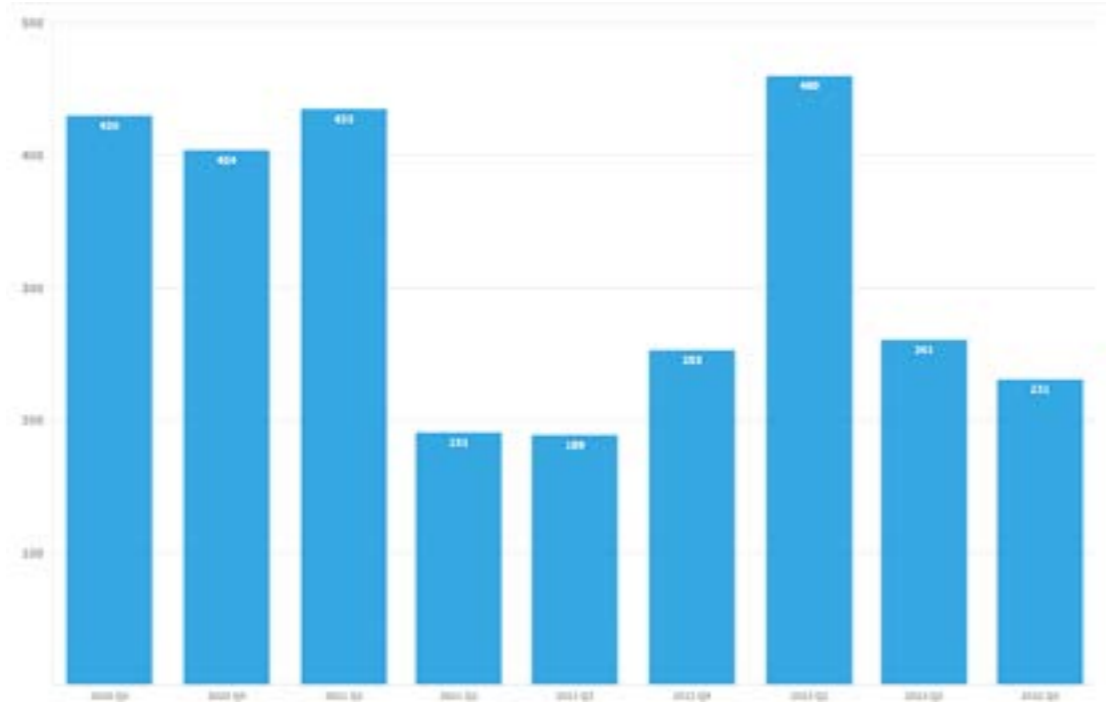
During Q3 of 2022, we revoked 446 domain names. That all time low seems to indicate that we are doing the right things in terms of pro-actively screening and identifying the whois data of new registrations.

Fake webshop removal



We have removed merely 2 fake webshops in Q3 of 2022. That figure is always subject to mixed interpretation. Maybe our detection methods were 'by-passed' by cybercriminals. But combined with the low number of revokes and infections in this quarter, it may lead us to believe that less fake webshops were registered.

Infected domains detection



In Q3 of 2022 we detected 231 infected domain names. A decrease may mean that we're missing infections, because we are outsmarted by cybercriminals. But since the number of revokes and the removals of fake webshops are down too, we're rather inclined to believe that we're doing a good job keeping the Belgian internet safe.



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.brussels

.vlaanderen

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