



SEEDIG 2017 – Online planning meeting for organising teams III 10 April 2017

Summary Report

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The main aim of the meeting was to see the progress of each team and to discuss the next steps in the planning process for the SEEDIG 2017 meeting (24–25 May, Ohrid).

1. Organising teams: progress

The meeting started with each participant introducing himself/herself and his/her responsible session. All organising teams were reminded that the first deadline for sessions' initial titles, teasers, key words, and resources was on 15 March, and given the floor to talk about their progress.

• (S1) Internet governance (IG): The team shared they do not have any concerns regarding meeting the deadline. It was stated that the title and the teaser have been finalised. The team has been covered all the mandatory parts for the first deadline. Main focus of the S1 will be explaining what IG is and the role of stakeholders is within the multi-stakeholder model. The session will also look at the connections between IG and the telecom industry in general.

• (S2) Access: None of the organising team members participated in the meeting.

• (S3) Human rights: The team shared they are making good progress, and do not have any concerns regarding meeting the deadlines.

• (S4) Internet of Things (IoT): The team agreed on dividing the session into three different parts, emphasising three different aspects regarding IoT. The first part's focus will be on opportunities and positive aspects of the IoT revolution, second part will look at community concerns regarding security and privacy, and the third part will try to explore good practices in the use IoT. The team stated they would be focusing on identifying possible key participants/resource persons for the session.

• (S5) Internationalized domain names (IDNs): Although none of the team members participated in the meeting, it was explained that the session would start with a general overview of the IDN situation in the region. The team is yet to decide on the rest of the session's content, and will focus on this in the weeks to come.



• (S6) Cybersecurity: The team stated that they might need an extension; however, they have almost finalised discussions on the session title and general overview of the content.

• Open data: None of the organising team members participated in the meeting.

2. Final remarks

All organising teams were reminded that the second deadline for sessions' final title, description, and format is 15 April. The deadline for the confirmation of session moderators and key participants/resource persons who will be present at the meeting is the end of April. When teams finalise work on several elements of their sessions, they should inform the executive committee, so that the relevant session pages on the SEEDIG website could be updated.

With regard to the session format, it was explained that innovative formats are welcome. However, if teams choose to go ahead with the panel format, they should keep in mind the *Session principles*. Sessions should ensure diversity of views, in terms of multistakeholder, national, regional and gender representation. Efforts should be made to include youth views into the discussions. A mix of both experts and new voices should also be included in the sessions. Key participants should only introduce the topics, while most of the session should have an interactive format, where all participants engage in discussions.

Participants were also reminded that SEEDIG is supported by a number of regional and international entities: Council of Europe, DiploFoundation, European Commission, European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA), Internet Society, and RIPE Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC). Organising teams are welcome to consider including these entities in their work, both in planning the sessions or in recommending key participants.

The meeting has been closed with reminding participans about the calls for applications for the <u>Fellowship Programme</u> and the <u>SEEDIG Youth School</u>, which are still open. There was also a reminder about the <u>Internet governance developments in South Eastern Europe</u> initiative (launched by SEEDIG in collaboration with the DiploFoundation and the Geneva Internet Platform). Participants were invited to consider contributing to both the <u>monthly summaries</u> of IG developments in the SEE region, and the <u>SEE hub meetings</u> where these developments are discussed.