

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 discuss the past and future work of the organising teams responsible for shaping the sessions included in programme of the SEEDIG 2017 meeting (24–25 May, Ohrid).

1. Sessions overview

The meeting started with the announcement of two SEEDIG interns – Merve Küçükbatır and Paul Turcu – who will assist with various activities related to the organisation of SEEDIG 2017 meeting.

Organising teams were reminded that they are expected to keep their session templates (in GoogleDocs) updated, as they represent the source of information for the executive committee to publish relevant session information on the sessions' webpages on the SEEDIG website. It was noted that, in some cases, it is not clear from the session templates whether teams have finalised their work on those session elements that were supposed to be finalised by 15 March (sessions initial titles, teasers, key words, and resources). A call was made for them to clarify these issues as soon as possible.

Teams were also reminded that the second deadline for their work is 15 April, by which date they need to agree on their sessions final title, description, and format. It was also stated that, if teams plan to have key participants/resource persons in their sessions, they should start discussing about these roles as soon as possible. Even if the deadline for confirming such key participants/resource persons is at the end of the April, it would be good to start contacting people as soon as possible. The executive committee stands ready to assist teams where needed, including in terms of reaching out to possible key participants/resource persons/moderators/etc. Moreover, the executive committee mentioned that, in exceptional cases, extensions of deadlines are possible. But teams are asked to make such requests as soon as possible.

2. Organising teams: progress

- **(S1) Internet governance (IG):** The team shared that they do not have any concerns regarding meeting the deadlines. It has been stated that the discussions on the format of the session still continues.
- (S2) Access: None of the organising team members participated in the meeting.



- **(S3)** Human rights: The team is about to finalise work on most of the session elements; however, a little more time might be needed, since the session template now contains feedback and suggestions from various team members, but this input needs to be further consolidated
- (S4) Internet of Things (IoT): The organising team has progressed on many session elements, including title, format, and general. In terms of key participants, they have started asking for the contribution of several actors, and in return received questions on any possible travel support. (It has been notified that there will not be, unfortunately any travel support for key participants, since SEEDIG has already provided travel support for Youth School and Fellowship Programme. However, it has been discussed that the remote participation to meeting is an option.)
- **(S5) Internationalized domain names (IDNs):** The team mentioned that they still have issues to discuss, including with regard to the content of the session, but that there is no need for extension of deadline.
- **(S6) Cybersecurity:** The team stated that they might need an extension; however, they have a quite well-structured and interactive session format right now.
- Open data slot: None of the organising team members participated in the meeting.

3. Final remarks

On the issue of travel support for possible key participants/resource persons for SEEDIG session, it was noted that SEEDIG does not have such a possibility. On this note, participants were reminded that the initiative is supported through voluntary financial contributions, and, as such, any efforts and support in reaching out to and identifying possible new sponsors are more that welcome.

Teams that need support in identifying or contacting possible moderators/key participants/ resource persons for their sessions are welcome to contact the executive committee. Moreover, SEEDIG's supporting organisations could also be of help in this regard.

When teams finalise their work on any of the session elements, they should update their session templates and inform the executive committee. Finalised details will then be published on the SEEDIG website.

At least one more online planning meeting for all organising teams will be held before the SEEDIG 2017 meeting (24–25 May, Ohrid).