

SEEDIG 2016

What is SEEDIG?

The South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG) is a sub-regional Internet Governance Forum initiative dedicated to open, inclusive and informal dialogue on Internet governance issues among all interested stakeholders in South Eastern Europe (SEE) and the neighbouring area.

SEEDIG brings together representatives of governments, intergovernmental organizations, private sector, technical community, academia, and civil society, with the aim to facilitate multistakeholder discussions, exchanges, and collaboration on Internet-related issues that are of particular concern within the region.

SEEDIG objectives

- Raise awareness and promote a better understanding of Internet governance issues among stakeholders from South Eastern Europe and the neighbouring area.
- Build and strengthen the capacity of these stakeholders to actively participate in national, regional, and international Internet governance processes.
- Facilitate multistakeholder discussions, exchanges and collaboration on Internet-related issues that are of particular concern for stakeholders in the region.
- Contribute to creating linkages between the Internet governance realities in the region and the pan-European and global Internet governance processes.

The first SEEDIG meeting took place on 3 June 2015, in Sofia, Bulgaria, under the overarching theme 'Multistakeholder Internet governance: from global debates to South Eastern European realities'.

Looking ahead - SEEDIG 2016 messages

SEEDIG does not make decisions, but it can influence those who do. The open discussions held at the annual meeting will be reflected in key messages, outlining main takeaways, possible goals, and proposals for future actions. These messages will be then distributed at national, regional, and global level, including through submission to EuroDIG and the IGF. SEEDIG discussions and messages can, in turn, help inform and influence decision-making processes within governmental entities, national parliaments, companies, and regional organizations.

How to get involved

- Join the SEEDIG community, by subscribing to our dedicated mailing list.
- Participate in our virtual meeting (announced via the website and the mailing list).
- Help us make SEEDIG grow and shape future SEEDIG activities — ideas are welcome!

Looking back - Who organised SEEDIG 2016 and how?

SEEDIG annual meetings are organised in a bottom-up, open, inclusive, and transparent manner, by the SEEDIG community (a multistakeholder group of individuals from SEE and the neighbouring area), with support from beyond the region. Overall coordination of the process is done by a multistakeholder and regionally diverse executive committee.

Preparatory process for SEEDIG 2016

- Oct.-Dec. 2015 Joint SEEDIG — EuroDIG call for issues
- 14-15 Jan. 2016 Planning meetings (discussions on the proposed issues)
- 18 Jan. 2016 Draft programme outline published
- 18-31 Jan. 2016 Public comment on the draft programme
- Feb. 2016 Final programme outline published
- Feb. 2016 Forming organizing teams for sessions (submitters and anyone else interested)
- Feb.-Apr. 2016 Organizing teams build the sessions

Thank you to ...

Local host and institutional partner
Danko Jevtović, Dragana Pešić-Lević, Jovana Cvetković, Sava Savić, Marija Laganin, Dušan Stojanović

Organizing teams

Special thanks to focal points: Ana Kakalashvili, Bogdan Manolea, Valentina Pellizzer, Vladimir Radunović, Vojislav Rodić, Tatiana Tropina, besides all members of their teams.

Session moderators, key participants, rapporteurs and remote moderators, as well as presenters at the short talks and speakers' corner.

Special thanks to all our sponsors and supporting organizations.



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Programme

- 08.00 - 09.00 | Registration of participants
 - 09.00 - 09.30 | Welcoming remarks
 - 09.30 - 11.00 | (S1) Who governs the Internet in SEE?
 - 11.00 - 11.30 | Speakers' corner & Coffee break
 - 11.30 - 13.00 | (S2) Bridging digital divide(s) with a #SEEdchange in digital literacy
 - 13.00 - 14.00 | Lunch break / Meeting between SEEDIG, EuroDIG, and national IGF initiatives
 - 14.00 - 14.30 | Short talks
 - 14.30 - 16.00 | (S3) Discussing cyber(SEE)curity: global issues in regional context
 - 16.00 - 16.30 | Speakers' corner & Coffee break
 - 16.30 - 18.00 | (S4) Come and solve the human rights puzzle with us
 - 18.00 - 18.30 | Conclusions and wrap-up
 - 20.00 - 24.00 | Social event - Dinner&Party
Transportation: Departure: 19:40, Hotel Metropol Palace
Return: 00:20, parking Business Centre Ušće
- 23 April
- 11.00 - 14.30 | Social event - River cruising
Transportation: Departure: 10:30, Hotel Metropol Palace
Return: 14:10, Belgrade port

Useful information

Meeting venue

Hotel Metropol Palace, Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 69, Belgrade

Webstreaming and remote participation

Remote participation is an integral part of SEEDIG.

All sessions will be webstreamed and remote participation will be available via Webex.

You can also join the discussions via Twitter: #seedig2016

Details are available at <http://www.seedig.net/remote-participation/>

WIFI: SSID: seedig2016 | Password: seedig2016

Social events

1. Dinner, 22 April

Time: 20.00 — 24.00

Location: Restaurant Top of the Hub, 25th floor, Business Center Ušće, Bulevar 6, Belgrade

2. River cruising

Time: 11.00 — 14.00

Location: Belgrade port

Details at: <http://www.seedig.net/social-events/>

Currency

Serbian dinar

Useful links

About Belgrade — www.tob.rs | About Serbia — www.srbia.travel

Good Internet governance starts at home

National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs) are not part of the IGF mandate, but they are nevertheless a major outcome of the IGF. Soon after the first IGF meeting in Athens, they began to spring up spontaneously here and there. By now, there are NRIs on all continents. What they have in common with the global IGF is their bottom-up, open and inclusive character. Much of Internet governance happens at the national and regional levels. Good Internet governance starts at home and the NRIs can help influence national and regional Internet governance processes. The global IGF provides the template for a truly inclusive and participatory democratic process. The NRIs use this template to engage in a constructive dialogue on how to shape the governance framework that allows the Internet to thrive and contribute to the social and economic development of their respective countries and regions.

The NRIs can also provide feedback and inform the global IGF on issues that are of concern at the grassroots level. By improving communication and the flow of information between all levels, we can empower the NRIs to provide input into the shaping of the agenda of the global IGF in a true bottom-up process. Strengthening these linkages is part of the core IGFS mission.

By supporting NRIs, the IGFS hopes to contribute to the better integration of the NRIs into the global IGF and to allow many more participants to be part of the annual IGF meeting.

Markus Kummer

Secretary

Internet Governance Forum Support Association

SEEDIG can influence Internet policies in the region

The Internet Society believes that the success of the Internet is rooted in the way it was built and able to grow: as an open platform for innovation and sharing of ideas. It is this openness that has defined the Internet from the outset and enabled it to become such a tool for positive change. The free flow of ideas and the exchange of information across borders spurs economic growth and contributes to social and economic development. This is due to its open, transparent and inclusive architecture, governed through a unique multistakeholder model that favours cooperation over self-interest.

The Internet works not because of the government mandate or intergovernmental agreement – rather it works because its governance is open, inclusive, collaborative, and transparent. It should not be regulated in a top-down manner and its governance should be based on processes that are inclusive and driven by consensus. Part of the Internet Society's core mission is to strengthen the Internet governance ecosystem by enabling stakeholders to be fully part of discussions that may affect them. To ensure a secure and trustworthy Internet, it is crucial that the future of the Internet continues to be shaped through an open, inclusive and truly multistakeholder process. For those reasons, the European Bureau of the Internet Society is happy to support such an important initiative as SEEDIG that encourages opinions, suggests best practice, shapes discussions, and influences Internet policies in the region.

Frédéric Donck

Director, European Regional Bureau

Internet Society

Supporting SEEDIG means supporting Internet users in SEE

ISTanCo is a Serbian company specialised in hosting and domain name business. Although ISTanCo is not a big entity, with a large number of employees, for us Internet governance is a crucial part of our mission. We are constantly involved in local IG processes, and we are proud to be able to participate and contribute to these. It is therefore of great value for us to have the opportunity to support SEEDIG, as a regional IG initiative which we think could bring benefit to all Internet users in SEE.

Stanisa Josić

CEO

ISTanCo

SEEDIG is you!

In the run-up to this meeting, some of the most frequently asked questions were: 'What is SEEDIG?', 'Who is behind it?', 'What is Internet governance?', and 'Why is Internet governance something to discuss in this region?'.

I do not plan to answer all these questions here. Instead, I would like to underline that the frequency of these questions, and the diversity of their sources are two key indicators of where we are now. And they are a very good proof that the overarching theme for SEEDIG 2016 - 'Can we SEE Internet governance?' - is well rooted in the realities of our region, that the idea to have this kind of gathering is timely and appropriate, and that raising awareness and interest in Internet governance is an adequate topic for all countries in South Eastern Europe and the neighbouring area. Moving forward with SEEDIG seems to have been the right choice.

Answers to all the aforementioned questions are coming today, 22 April 2016, in Belgrade. And, as a preview, here is a very simple, and yet comprehensive response to the first question: SEEDIG is for all of you from SEE, and about you; in fact, it's you. Make the best out of it!

Dušan Stojičević

Member of executive committee

SEEDIG

SEEDIG's strength is the bottom-up participation

ICANN is the not for profit global coordinator of the Internet system of unique identifiers; its technical mission ensures that we all have one single global Internet. Equally important is how ICANN ensures that its mission is fulfilled through the participation of all interested users; literally everybody can participate in ICANN and shape its global policies, through its multistakeholder model.

ICANN is committed to promoting participation through the multistakeholder model and building capacities to have a truly global community engaged in the management of this critical shared global resource.

Our goals for the South East regions are to promote understanding of Internet governance (IG), IG issues and ICANN, raise awareness and interest to participate in regional and international IG debates, and explain the importance and method of developing multistakeholder IG models at national level.

SEEDIG fulfils all our goals, its strength is the outreach and bottom-up participation, and how from an informal meeting among stakeholders at IGF and ICANN meetings, it evolved in a full-fledged event in just two years!

SEEDIG gathers participants across the region sharing common challenges and different approaches, but more importantly sharing the enthusiasm of participating in the multistakeholder governance model. We are looking forward to continue supporting SEEDIG and the development of multistakeholder models. We are looking forward to seeing you in Belgrade for a successful 2016 SEEDIG!

Jean-Jacques Sahel

Vice-President, Europe (Global Stakeholder Engagement)

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

RIPE NCC is proud to support SEEDIG

The RIPE NCC is an independent, not-for-profit membership organization that supports the infrastructure of the Internet through technical coordination in our service region. We serve as the Regional Internet Registry (RIR), providing global Internet resources (IPv4 and IPv6 addresses and AS Numbers) to members in our service region.

The RIPE NCC is proud to support SEEDIG and to contribute to the important regional discussion of Internet governance issues in South Eastern Europe.

Chris Buckridge

External Relations Manager

RIPE Network Coordination Centre

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Second annual meeting

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