WRAPPING UP SEEDIG 2017

SEEDIG

SEEDIG 2017 | Ohrid

Under the overarching theme 'Digital development: Turning challenges into opportunities', SEEDIG's third annual meeting brought together over 160 participants for discussions on topics such as access, Internet of Things, fake news, open data, Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs), and cybersecurity.

Read about the meeting:

• **Ohrid Messages**

• **SEEDIG 2017 Report**

Capacity development

In 2017, we launched three capacity development programmes, all aimed to support our efforts to strengthen the capacity of regional stakeholders to participate in national, regional, and global Internet governance and digital policy processes.

We will work to make these programmes possible in 2018 as well.

• **SEEDIG Youth School**

• **Fellowship Programme**

• **Internship Programme**

**SEEDIG 3rd annual meeting
24–25 May 2017 | Ohrid**

A glimpse at SEEDIG 2017

2017 was a busy year for the South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG). In addition to our third annual meeting, we launched capacity development programmes, published monthly *SEEsummaries*, run elections for the executive committee, and participated in the global IGF, EuroDIG, and many national IGF initiative across the region. Here we look at some of these past activities.

SEEDIG @ IGF, EuroDIG and national IGFs

The executive committee, SEEDIG fellows and Youth School participants, *SEEsummary* editors, and other community members were in Geneva, for the 12th IGF, and contributed to various activities. Read the *GIP Digital Watch* reports from sessions we took part in:

• Multilingual Internet: IDNs under the magnifying glass
• European national perspectives on securing critical information infrastructure
• NRIs perspectives: Rights in the digital world

We also met community members and supporting organisations, in an informal meeting, and discussed plans for SEEDIG 2018 and beyond. A strategic plan for the next few years of SEEDIG will be made available for public comment in early 2018.

SEEsummary & SEEhub

We continued to publish monthly *SEEsummaries* of Internet-related developments and events across the region. An editorial team was created to work on the summaries. and we are proud to have them on board. We also held monthly *SEEhub* meetings to discuss these updates.

- **SEEsummary**

- **SEEhub**

IDNs survey

This year our **regional survey was focused on IDNs** and how they are perceived by end users. The results fed into the Ohrid meeting.

Strengthening the executive committee

To give more sustainability and legitimacy to the executive committee – the team coordinating the SEEDIG process – we produced a Terms of Reference, and conducted an elections process. All with the participation of the SEEDIG community. Read more:

- **Terms of Reference**

- **Elections**

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Throughout the year, SEEDIG also participated in the EuroDIG process (through the joint call for issue, a flash session at EuroDIG 2017, etc.) and national IGF initiatives in the region (with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Slovenia, being some examples).

Preparing for SEEDIG 2018

SEEDIG 4th annual meeting
May 2018 | Ljubljana

Call for issues: Submit a topic by 31 Dec.

Until 31 December, you can contribute to shaping the programme for the fourth SEEDIG annual meeting. The joint SEEDIG-EuroDIG call for issues is still on, and we invite you to **tell us what topics you would like to discuss in Ljubljana next May**.

Details at: http://seedig.net/call-for-issues/

Milestones

- Call for issues | October – December 2017

- Draft programme | January 2018

- Online planning meeting(s) | Mid January 2018

- Registration opens | February 2018

- Final programme outline | Mid February 2018

- Organising sessions | February – May 2018

To our community, alumni, editors, and supporting organisations:

Thank you