SEEDIG Virtual Planning Meeting IV 7 May 2015

Summary

I. SEEDIG Programme

An overview of the current state of the SEEDIG programme was given:

- Most of the approached key participants and moderators have confirmed their participation in the various sessions. Their names will be soon included in the sessions' wiki pages. There are few key participants and moderators still to be confirmed, and the executive committee is working on this.
- Once all key participants and the moderator of a session are confirmed, an email will be sent to all of them, to put them in touch and brief them on their expected contributions, and on the content and format of the session.
- As a general rule, key participants will be asked to keep their introductory statements shorts (10 minutes for the keynote - the introductory part of each session, and 5 minutes for other key participants). This is in order to allow for the largest part of the sessions to be dedicated to open and inclusive discussions among all participants.
- Rapporteurs have been identified for all four sessions, thanks to those who have volunteered to take up these roles. Their names will be included in the sessions' wiki pages.

II. SEEDIG input into EuroDIG

As discussed before, all SEEDIG sessions will have reports which will be included in some "SEEDIG messages" to be conveyed to EuroDIG and the IGF.

In addition, SEEDIG input is also expected to go into EuroDIG workshop 1 - Should I click for Internet governance? Where?. SEEDIG participants will therefore be encouraged to also participate in this workshop and contribute to the discussions with ideas, themes and perspectives resulting from the SEEDIG debates.

SEEDIG input might also be expected to go into the EuroDIG WS 9 - Policy menus for connecting the next billion, but the scope of this session is still under discussion.

III. Participation

An update was given on the current list of registered participants: there seem to be around 80 registered EuroDIG participants who have expressed interest in attending SEEDIG as well. Some of them are from outside the SEE region. With the registration still open, there is hope that there will be a total of 60-80 participants present in Sofia for SEEDIG.

Participants were informed about a contribution from the IGF Support Association for funding SEEDIG and EuroDIG atendees. A call for expressions of interest for financial support for attending SEEDIG and EuroDIG was launched after the meeting.