

SEEDIG fourth annual meeting

# Digital transformation and digital society in SEE

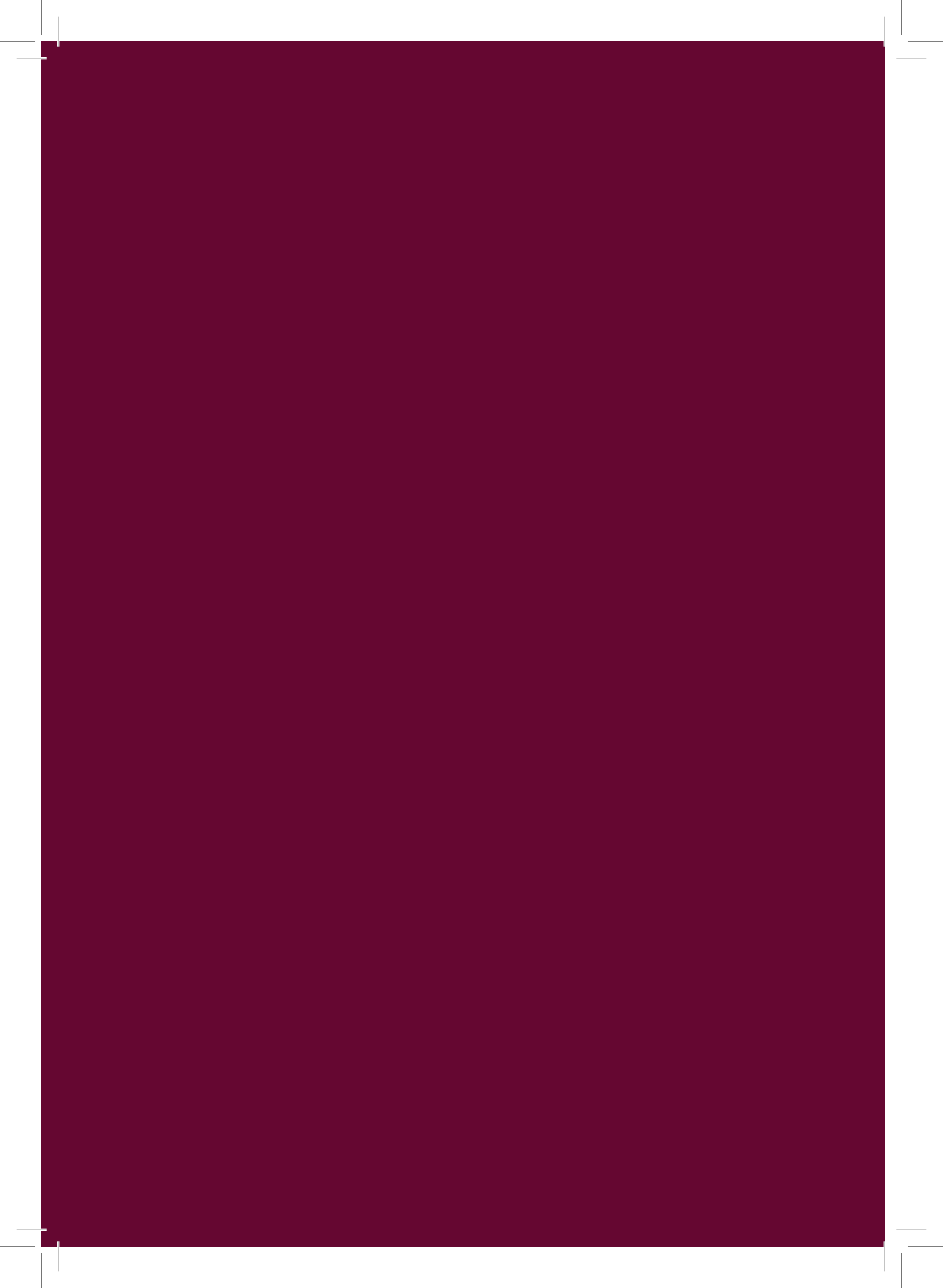
South Eastern European Dialogue  
on Internet Governance

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## Sustainable digitalisation will come about faster when we act together

When I accepted the honorary patronage to this year's SEEDIG meeting, I saw this as a great opportunity to advance Slovenia's efforts to strengthen regional cooperation in South Eastern Europe.

Until late June this year, Slovenia is holding the chairmanship of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP), a process involving 13 participants committed to fostering regional development through various forms of collaboration. Under the moto 'SEE4Future – South Eastern Europe for Future', we have initiated a series of activities built around several priority areas, including digitalisation.

At the April Parliamentary Assembly SEECP Summit, it was recognised that while SEE "has all the resources needed for a successful digital transformation of society", a need is present to foster cooperation among countries, given the cross-border nature of digital transformation processes. This was also one of the main messages of the March SEECP Standing Committee meeting we hosted in Bled, and it is precisely this message that I want to emphasise here.

The Internet and other digital technologies shape our present and will certainly also be shaping our future. They come with a host of opportunities and challenges that you will be exploring during the SEEDIG meeting as you discuss digital literacy, human rights, cybersecurity, the digital economy, and other related issues. I encourage you to look at them from a regional and cross-sectoral perspective.

Take advantage of the fact that this meeting is multistakeholder in nature and think of digital development as a puzzle whose pieces are put into place by different actors. Moreover, keep in mind that our region is as diverse as it is similar and try to find ways in which we could use both the similarities and the differences between us to shape our region's path towards sustainable digital development.

I hope your discussions lead to constructive and fruitful cooperation.

Veliko uspeha in srečno!

Dr Milan Brglez

*President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia*

# Welcome to SEEDIG 2018 in Ljubljana

## Regional cooperation for sustainable digital development

The South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG) is a fine example of a multistakeholder model at work. It is an ongoing process focused on fostering collaboration on Internet governance and on empowering communities throughout South-Eastern Europe and the neighbouring areas.

The true value of SEEDIG comes from collaboration and sharing of experiences within our multistakeholder community. The SEEDIG work is driven in a bottom-up fashion by our community. The core team, composed of a multistakeholder executive committee, editors and interns, is each year complemented by teams that prepare a programme of an annual meeting. National Internet governance initiatives are also actively involved.

Collaboration extends to a network of supporting organisations and regional partners that has been continuously developed and nurtured. This year, we have strengthened SEEDIG's ties with the European business community and with lawmakers. The honorary patron of SEEDIG 2018 is the President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia. SEEDIG has contributed to the work of the parliamentary dimension of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) under the chairmanship of the Republic of Slovenia.

At SEEDIG 2018 in Ljubljana, we will be exchanging views and collaborating on topics ranging from digital transformation, digital skills and the data economy to platform neutrality, cybersecurity, digital rights, and the highlight of this year's Internet governance agenda: the implementation of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Our community is proving that the region has a potential to find its own way to sustainable digital development. I encourage you to engage in discussions and shape SEEDIG's messages that will be spread throughout the region and beyond after our Ljubljana meeting.

I wish you fruitful discussions and a pleasant stay in Ljubljana.

Dr Dušan Caf  
*Host of SEEDIG 2018*  
*Member of SEEDIG Executive Committee*

## SEEDIG is setting itself as a model for the region and beyond

ICANN's mission is to help ensure a stable, secure, and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet, you need to type an address – a name or a number – into your computer or other device. That address must be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN helps coordinate and support these unique identifiers across the world.

ICANN was formed in 1998 as a not for profit public benefit corporation with a community of participants from all over the world. The ICANN community is a volunteer based group of diverse stakeholders from across the world. They work together to give advice and develop policy within ICANN's mission. To achieve its mission, ICANN relies on an open global community of stakeholders, driving the policies for the management of the Internet core functions.

Today ICANN continues to grow its community involved in the management of the Internet core functions, and in supporting the multistakeholder model that defines ICANN's work.

ICANN proudly supports SEEDIG since its creation and appreciates the value of coalescing the South East Europe Internet community around the cutting-edge themes of Internet governance, policy, economy and society. Among the numerous national and regional Internet Governance activities that ICANN supports globally, SEEDIG stands out as a good practice model of community driven, transparent, inclusive, and output oriented multistakeholder dialogue leading the public discussion in the region, but its impacts resonate well beyond.

ICANN recognises the remarkable work of the community, the SEEDIG Executive Committee and the local host in preparing once again a leading programme and groundbreaking event.

Looking forward to seeing you in Ljubljana!

Andrea Beccalli  
*Stakeholder Engagement Director – Europe*  
*Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)*



## South Eastern Europe is a key region for Internet governance dialogue in Europe

Founded by the early pioneers of the Internet in 1992, the Internet Society is a global cause driven organisation working for the Internet to be open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy. With our members, chapters, and offices around the world, we engage in a wide spectrum of Internet issues, including policy, governance, technology, and development to address the challenges facing the Internet today and to shape its tomorrow.

Our Regional Bureaus lead the Internet Society's mission at regional and local level. The European Bureau aims to strengthen and broaden relationships with key stakeholders at European and national levels, while working with European decision makers to promote a realistic model of the Internet based on the values of openness and transparency.

We support initiatives like SEEDIG that link regional Internet governance issues with global Internet governance processes through multistakeholder discussions, exchanges, and collaboration. South Eastern Europe is a particularly important region in Europe due to its diverse, vibrant, and multicultural character, which certainly brings a valuable contribution to the conversation on Internet governance on a global level.

We want to make sure that your voice, expertise, and imagination continue to develop the Internet, as a global technical infrastructure, a resource to enrich people's lives, and a force for good in society. Together, we can make this happen.

We look forward to meeting you all at SEEDIG!

Frédéric Donck  
*Director, European Regional Bureau*  
*Internet Society*



## RIPE NCC is proud to support SEEDIG

The RIPE Network Coordination Centre is the oldest and largest of the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) in the world. It administers Internet number resources to more than 18,000 members in Europe, the Middle East, and parts of Central Asia. These Internet resources are mainly in the form of IPv4 and IPv6 address space and Autonomous System Numbers (ASNs).

Our work is governed by policies developed by the RIPE community via open, transparent, and bottom-up processes. The RIPE NCC provides neutral platforms for community interaction to develop Internet number policies and to share experience and ideas. We also participate in Internet governance discussions, ensuring that the perspective and experience of the RIPE community is included in those discussions.

We are very excited to be involved in and support regional Internet governance initiatives such as SEEDIG, and contribute to the dialogue on current Internet governance issues.

Once a year we organise a regional meeting in South East Europe. The next one will take place in Timișoara, on 18–19 June 2018. You are very welcome to join us!

Gergana Petrova  
*External Relations Officer*  
*RIPE Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC)*

## SEEDIG is here to explore Internet policies issues relevant to the region

The IGF Support Association (IGFSA) has recognised the value SEEDIG brings to the South East European region and is pleased to have been one of its supporters since its inception in 2015. This is in line with IGFSA's main objectives, namely to support and strengthen the IGF at all levels, the global as well at the national and regional levels.

SEEDIG, as a multistakeholder platform, is here to discuss and explore Internet related policy issues that are relevant to all stakeholders in the region. While the global debate is important, there is a growing recognition that the discussions at the regional and national levels can have a more direct impact, as many decisions that affect the use of the Internet are taken closer to home.

This is why the multistakeholder dialogue at the regional and national level is important: non-governmental actors can talk to government representatives, tell them what is important to them, share with them worries and concerns about the future of the Internet in their countries.

While governments remain the ultimate decision makers, the multistakeholder dialogue as practiced in the National and Regional IGFs has contributed to participatory democratic policy developing processes pertaining to the use and development of the Internet. By taking part in discussions with their respective governments, stakeholders help shape the decisions that have a direct impact.

In this sense, IGFSA wishes SEEDIG 2018 a successful meeting in the hope that it will make a real contribution to improving the Internet in the South East European region.

Markus Kummer  
*Chairman*

*Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA) Executive Committee*



# What is SEEDIG?

**The South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG) is a regional Internet Governance Forum initiative dedicated to facilitating discussions and collaboration on Internet governance issues among stakeholders in South Eastern Europe and the neighbouring area (SEE).**

SEEDIG brings together representatives of academia, civil society, governments, intergovernmental organisations, the private sector, and the technical community, with the aim to foster open and inclusive dialogue on Internet-related challenges of relevance for the region.

## ✦ Our beliefs

- The Internet has an important role to play in the sustainable economic and social development of SEE.
- Addressing Internet governance challenges, in a multistakeholder fashion, should be one of the region's top priorities.
- Collaboration across stakeholder groups and countries is key for tackling regionally specific Internet governance challenges.
- Strengthening the voice of SEE in European and international Internet governance processes is a must if we want our interests to be among the ones shaping the evolution of the Internet.

## ❖ Our strategic priorities

- **Foster** collaboration among stakeholders in SEE in addressing Internet governance issues
- **Empower** the SEE community through capacity development programmes
- **Encourage** greater participation of stakeholders in SEEDIG
- **Build** effective partnerships at regional, European, and international levels
- **Develop** a body of knowledge about regional Internet governance practices and developments



## ❖ SEEDIG process

SEEDIG functions as a process that includes an annual meeting and intersessional activities. This process is planned and run in a bottom-up, open, inclusive and transparent manner by the SEEDIG community, with support from various regional and international entities. The community, which includes stakeholders from all groups and from various countries in the region, is open-ended and anyone interested is welcome to join at any time.

## → Annual meetings

The annual meetings, focused on fostering collaboration among SEE stakeholders in addressing Internet governance issues, are the key element of the SEEDIG process.

Our first three annual meetings were held in June 2015 (Sofia), April 2016 (Belgrade), and May 2017 (Ohrid). Each meeting brought together over 100 participants from around 20 countries.

## → Capacity development programmes

One of the initial goals of SEEDIG has been to contribute to building and developing the capacity of regional stakeholders to actively engage in national, regional and international Internet governance processes.

With this goal in mind and with the support of our partners, we have launched several capacity development programmes:

- **SEEDIG Youth School**
- **SEEDIG Fellowship Programme**
- **SEEDIG Internship Programme**

## → Intersessional activities

In addition to the annual meetings, SEEDIG also works towards engaging the regional community in intersessional activities:

- **SEEs summaries:** monthly overviews of Internet governance and digital policy developments in the SEE region
- **SEEHUB meetings:** online briefings focusing on digital challenges in the region (held every last Tuesday of the month)
- **Region-wide surveys** on relevant Internet governance topics
- Inspiring and supporting the creation and evolution of national IGF initiatives in SEE

Through these activities, SEEDIG has created a space – unique in the region – for awareness raising, dialogue, exchanges, and collaboration on Internet governance and digital policy issues.

**To read the SEEs summaries and join the SEEHUBs, visit:**

[www.seedig.net/see-summary/](http://www.seedig.net/see-summary/)

[www.seedig.net/seehub/](http://www.seedig.net/seehub/)

# SEEDIG 2018 Programme

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## Day 0 | 22 May 2018

09:00 – 17:00	SEEDIG Youth School
09:00 – 17:30	SEEDIG Fellowship Programme
16:00 – 17:30	Internet governance under the magnifying glass
19:00	Welcome cocktail

## Day 1 | 23 May 2018

09:00 – 09:15	Opening & Welcoming remarks
09:15 – 10:30	<b>Data &amp; data governance in SEE</b> (S1) Digitalisation & digital policies in SEE: National priorities and regional cooperation
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Preparing for a data-driven economy in SEE</b> (S2) Digital skills and lifelong learning in the data economy
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Data flows: What makes them &amp; breaks them</b> (S3) Is the Internet neutral? From network neutrality to platform neutrality
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:30	<b>Data &amp; rights</b> (S4) Digital rights in SEE: Between awareness and enforcement
18:00	<b>Securing your data</b> SEEDIG Cryptoparty
20:00	Reception



## Day 2 | 24 May 2018

09:00 – 10:30	<b>Securing all data</b> [S5] Cybersecurity: National frameworks and regional cooperation
10:30 – 10:00	Break
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Basic requirements for data flows</b> Lightning talks on technical issues Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6): Deployment in SEE Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs): Any progress since SEEDIG 2017?
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Owning, using &amp; governing data</b> [S6] The click-economy: The practical implementation of data protection in the digital economy
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Data for development</b> [S7] Data-driven technologies: Expectations and practical implementation in SEE
16:00 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 17:30	[S8] Internet governance in SEE: Putting the puzzle together
17:30	Closing



## Looking ahead: SEEDIG 2018 Messages

SEEDIG does not make decisions, but it can influence those who do. The open discussions held at the annual meeting are reflected in key messages, outlining main takeaways, possible goals, and proposals for future actions. These messages are then distributed at national, regional and global levels, 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 organisations.

## Next milestones

Presentation of SEEDIG 2018 messages at the 11<sup>th</sup> EuroDIG meeting (5–6 June, Tbilisi) and the 13<sup>th</sup> IGF meeting (date & location TBC).

## How to get involved

- Join the SEEDIG community by subscribing to our dedicated mailing list: [www.seedig.net/mailling-list](http://www.seedig.net/mailling-list).
- Contribute to our intersessional activities.
- Help us make SEEDIG grow and shape future SEEDIG activities
  - ideas are welcome!

## Looking back – Who organised SEEDIG 2018 and how?

SEEDIG annual meetings are organised in a bottom-up, open, inclusive and transparent manner, by the SEEDIG community, with support from regional and international partners. The overall coordination of the process is done by a multistakeholder and regionally diverse executive committee.

## Preparatory process for SEEDIG 2018

October – December 2017	Joint SEEDIG – EuroDIG call for issues
17–18 January 2018	Online planning meetings
1 February 2018	Draft programme outline published
Until 11 February 2018	Public comment on the draft programme
Mid February 2018	Final programme outline published
February 2018	Forming organising teams for sessions
February – May 2018	Organising teams built the sessions

## Thank you to ...

### Session organising teams

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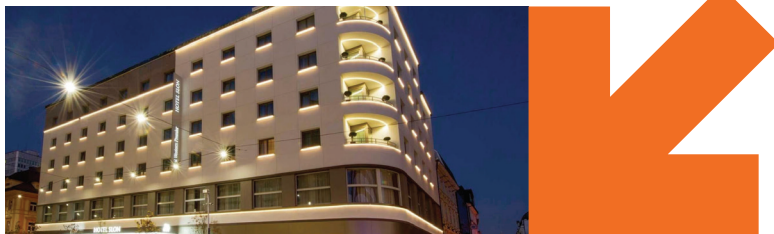
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#### *Interns*

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## Useful information



### Meeting venue

Best Western Premier Hotel Slon  
Slovenska Cesta 34, 1000 Ljubljana

### Webstreaming and online participation

Online participation is an integral part of SEEDIG. All sessions are webstreamed and online participation is available via Webex.

### Join the discussions on Twitter by mentioning us and using our hashtags:

@SEEDIG2018

#SEEDIG

#SEEDIG2018

Details: [www.seedig.net/online-participation/](http://www.seedig.net/online-participation/)

### Social events

Welcome cocktail | 23 May 2018

Reception | 24 May 2018

Details: [www.seedig.net/social-events-2018/](http://www.seedig.net/social-events-2018/)

### Useful links

About Ljubljana: [www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/](http://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/)

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