

ABOUT SEEDIG

SEEDIG (South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance) is a sub-regional IGF initiative dedicated to facilitating dialogue and cooperation on Internet and digital policy issues among stakeholders in South Eastern Europe and the neighbouring area (SEE+).

Our activities, which are possible due to the involvement of the SEEDIG community and the support of our partners, include:

- Annual meetings
- Youth School
- Fellowship Programme
- Ambassadors Programme
- SEESummary
- SEEDIG Road Show
- Regional surveys

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MESSAGES FROM SEEDIG 5

Shaping a trusted Internet for all

7–8 May 2019 | Bucharest



SEEDIG 5

The fifth SEEDIG annual meeting brought together around 200 stakeholders to discuss the opportunities and challenges of the digital society and economy in South Eastern Europe and the neighbouring area (SEE+).

The discussions were summarised in key messages, outlining main takeaways and suggestions for the future.

MESSAGES FROM SEEDIG 5

➤ Security and trust

By cyberspace being seamlessly interconnected and borderless, cross-border cooperation is essential in achieving cybersecurity. Interinstitutional cooperation at the regional level needs to be strengthened and expanded across the whole region. It is also important to enhance cooperation among stakeholders within the region at large.

We need to develop a diversified set of protective mechanisms to ensure trust in digital technologies, by combining regulatory and self-regulatory instruments through collaborative efforts of all stakeholders.

➤ Infrastructure and technologies

Better cooperation among countries in the region is needed to enable faster deployment of 5G networks, while considering lessons learnt during past technological transitions. Cooperation among relevant stakeholders needs to be reinforced in order to address policy and regulatory issues associated with 5G deployment.



For a more secure and resilient Internet ecosystem, Network Operator Groups in SEE+ need better communication and collaboration among themselves and with governments, in order to improve the Internet infrastructure and other essential services.

➤ Digital businesses

Businesses in SEE+ countries should strategise to build ecosystems that foster the potential of human capital and digital skills of the region. In addition, regional cross-sector cooperation is needed, to strengthen the digital business landscape in SEE+, to improve the regulatory frameworks, and to develop a strong regional digital market. SEEDIG can serve as a platform for such cooperation.

Read all Messages from SEEDIG 5

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We need to reflect more carefully on the implications of certain government and private sector practices of policing Internet content, such as monitoring, intercepting or blocking online communications, and removal of online content. Measures need to be proportional and fit for purpose in order to avoid sweeping censoring or online surveillance.

➤ Accessibility and skills

The engagement of all relevant stakeholders is key in ensuring the development and deployment of digital technologies that are affordable and accessible for all. Existing international policies, standards and good practices from other countries can be tailored to fit the respective national circumstances across the region.

The entrepreneurship culture and marketing skills in the region need to be developed in order to stimulate the growth of national and regional economies.

SEEDIG 5 IN NUMBERS



195 participants



31 countries in total
16 SEE+ countries



45% female | 55% male
22% youth



29% civil society | 20% private sector |
17% governments | 14% technical
community | 12% academia | 6% IGOs |
2% media