

The banner features a dark purple background on the left side with white text. The right side shows an aerial view of Chişinău, Moldova, with a prominent building and a dome. The text '22-23 September, 2020' is positioned above a white box containing 'SEEDIG 6 | Chişinău, Moldova'.

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SEEDIG 6 | Chişinău, Moldova

SEEDIG 6 | Draft programme outline

Public consultation: 1–15 April 2020

Explanatory note

The **SEEDIG 6 Programme Committee** (PC) has prepared a draft programme outline for **SEEDIG 6** (22–23 September 2020, Chişinău, Moldova), taking into consideration the **83 proposals** submitted during the call for issues, as well as the discussions held during the **two online planning meetings**.

The PC has structured the draft programme in three blocks which outline focus areas that are relevant for the SEE+ region and different stakeholder groups. Each block contains multiple segments, outlining specific issues for discussion. The segments could evolve into stand-alone sessions of different duration or could be otherwise re-framed in the next stages of the planning process.

Based on public input, the programme outline will be further developed by PC. Details such as the type and length of sessions, the in-depth focus, and the structure will be defined in later stages. The timeline of the overall programme (i.e. the succession of sessions) can also be changed later on. Proponents of topics submitted during the call for issues and the overall SEEDIG community will continue to be involved in the planning processes, and mechanisms (such as regular consultations) will be implemented to allow them to provide further input.

Call for comments

The draft programme outline for SEEDIG 6 is subject to public consultation **between 1 and 15 April 2020**. We invite issues proponents, SEEDIG community members, as well as our supporting organisations and partners to review the outline and share comments and suggestions via e-mail, to pc@seedig.net, or via the **SEEDIG mailing list** (seedig@rnids.rs).

When preparing your comments, you could consider the questions below:

- Are the blocks and the segments clearly framed? How to further develop them?
- Is the overall programme outline focused, relevant (for the SEE+ region and for the different stakeholder groups) and balanced? How could these elements be enhanced?

SEEDIG 6 | 22–23 September 2020, Chişinău

Draft programme outline

Day 0 | 21 September 2020

SEEDIG Youth School

SEEDIG Fellowship Programme (tbc, depending on availability of funds)

Introduction to Internet governance (educational session)

Meeting of IGF initiatives in SEE+

Days 1 & 2 | 22–23 September 2020

Opening & Welcoming remarks

Block 1 | Digital transformation: implications for the SEE+ region

(S1) [High-level session] Open and decentralised Internet: governance challenges

- Setting the scene for the rest of the programme: Before we discuss challenges and opportunities related to the use of the Internet and digital technologies, we take a moment to look at the broader picture: How does today's Internet actually look? What is the good, the bad, and the ugly in current governance models?
- Proposals are emerging for new models to govern the Internet infrastructure. How feasible are such models? What impact could they have on the Internet and our society?
- What does it take to keep the Internet open and decentralised?

(S2) Digital transformation: a necessary disruption

- What does digital transformation mean? What public policies exist or should be in place across the public sector (e.g. to support smart cities, e-government services, etc.)?
- Trends and challenges in digital transformation (e.g. users privacy; digital monetisation; cloud computing readiness; etc.).
- Crisis management – before, during and after.

(S3) Digital economy: the path towards innovation and sustainable development

- Digital economy – new business models & new taxation policies: exploring how traditional business models adapt to the digital world, including in crisis situations, and how new taxation policies impact the digital economy (big tech vs SMEs and startups).

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- Digital entrepreneurship and the tech startups ecosystem: mapping good practices in the region by looking at public policies, funding (public and private) initiatives, capacity to innovate, expertise and talent retention.
 - SEE+ as a stakeholder in the global digital market: identifying strategies to promote established digital businesses in the region (i.e. digital champions), from e-commerce platforms to innovative tech startups.

(S4) Digital technologies and the environment

- Digital technologies and environmental sustainability: sharing of experiences and good practices from across the SEE+ region (i.e. initiatives and policies focused on issues such as the circular economy; addressing the environmental risks posed by digital tech; using digital tech to find solutions for environmental challenges, etc.).
- Environmental activism in the digital space.

Block 2 | The evolution and impacts of connectivity

(S5) Technological developments in SEE+

- Building on the discussion from SEEDIG 5, we will look at infrastructure readiness for new technologies. For example, the scarcity of IPv4 drives up its price on the transfer market, while IPv6 deployment in the region is still lagging below 10%, creating unprecedented challenges for Internet providers. Internet Exchange Points have made strides in limiting local traffic, but there is still room for improvement.
- Cooperation among network operators across the region is important for the smooth and efficient running of the Internet. We will look into how operators handled the increased demand for bandwidth during the coronavirus crisis, what particular pressures they faced and lessons learned for the future.
- Finally, we will look into any challenges from a regulatory and market perspective.

(S6) 5G: hype soon to become reality

- 5G possibilities: What is 5G and what new elements does it bring in terms of connectivity? What does this mean for the SEE+ region?
- Solutions and trends worldwide and in SEE+ countries: sharing stakeholders' experience on issues such as policy frameworks, allocation of radio spectrum, operators and market readiness, etc.
- Addressing associated challenges: telco infrastructure challenges, national security, geopolitical considerations.

Block 3 | Digital trust: the policy and regulatory environment

(S7) Privacy and data protection in SEE+: lessons learnt and the way forward

- Local implementation of regional and international privacy and data protection legal frameworks such as the EU General Data Protection Regulation and the Council of Europe Data Protection Convention.

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- Privacy and data protection in SEE+ – best practices and challenges. Focus areas: data subject's right to access data or transfer data to third parties (within and beyond EU); role of data protection authorities in addressing data misuses.
 - Technology and privacy in time of crisis: How to balance the need to protect privacy rights with the need to safeguard other rights in crisis contexts?

(S8) Tackling cybercrime: technical and regulatory solutions

- Cybercrime in SEE+: What are the main threats and challenges? How do cybercriminals exploit crisis situations and how can this be addressed?
- DNS abuse from a cybercrime perspective: roles and responsibilities of various actors.
- The role of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) in addressing cybercrime. Focus areas: building capacities among LEAs; fostering cooperation between national LEAs, as well as between LEAs and other actors (such as computer security incident response teams (CSIRTs)).

(S9) SEE+'s readiness for artificial intelligence

- Artificial intelligence (AI) and human rights and ethical frameworks: Overview of current efforts to ensure a human-centric, fair and safe development and use of AI; initiatives by European and international organisations such as the Council of Europe, the European Union, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
- AI readiness in SEE+. Focus areas: enabling policy frameworks (e.g. economy, industry, education); the state of the art in the SEE+ with regard to the development of AI solutions; whether/how AI solutions are integrated by public and private entities.
- Tackling safety and security issues: legal and regulatory frameworks.

[Flash session 1] Languages, scripts and the Internet

- Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs) and universal acceptance: updates since SEEDIG 5.

[Flash session 2] Emerging technologies and smart solutions in time of crisis

- How digital technologies such as AI and 3D printing are used in crisis situations: sharing of experiences and good practices.

Conclusions & Final remarks



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