

Press release

The European Internet governance community gathers in Trieste

31. May 2022 – The Internet is at the core of many European policy discussions these days. In view of the latest developments regarding the Digital Services Act (DSA), aiming to stronger regulate platforms and protect users in the EU, the need for open, multi-stakeholder cooperation is stressed.

The 15th edition of the pan-European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) is going to connect public institutions and policy makers such as the European Commission, the Council of Europe with actors from the scientific community, civil society, businesses and youth to take a deeper look into current challenges of digital-policy making.

The meeting takes place from 20 to 22 June 2022 in Trieste and online under the overarching theme “*Set the sails right!*” and is open to the public. The agenda focuses on topics such as digital sovereignty, effective regulation and Internet during geopolitical conflicts, Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies. As opposed to similar conferences, the whole planning process follows a multi-stakeholder and bottom-up approach and the shaping of the program has been an open process, where the community cooperates in structuring the dialogue in the different sessions.

Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG’s Secretary General, explains: “EuroDIG is strongly rooted in the Internet governance principles. We are open, bottom-up, inclusive and non-commercial. All stakeholders meet on an equal footing, which means that everyone can contribute to the preparations, the discussions and the EuroDIG messages, which are our official outcome. We believe that in the current digital policy discussions, this approach offers an important space for a democratic, societal debate and exchange of different views on the future of our digital world.”

EuroDIG has since 2008 been hosted by a different European country every year before the Covid-19 pandemic, and was conducted as an online-only meeting in the past two years. In 2022, the conference finally can come to Italy, after the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, in cooperation with SISSA, has renewed for a third time its invitation to host the EuroDIG community.

ICTP Director Atish Dabholkar: “For more than 50 years the ICTP has been a driving force behind global efforts to advance scientific expertise in the developing world. The Internet cannot be separated from our mission and we are therefore very happy to finally be able to welcome the European Internet governance community in Trieste in June 2022. This exchange is fruitful and important.”

EuroDIG takes place in Trieste and online from 20 to 22 June 2022. It is free of charge but advance online registration is mandatory and possible until 12 June.
More information can be found on www.eurodig.org.

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