

European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG)

Strasbourg, 20-21 October 2008

Consultations before the 3rd IGF in Hyderabad with a particular emphasis on : “Fostering security, privacy and openness on the internet”

European actors interested in Internet Governance issues will meet in Strasbourg on 20-21 October 2008, to discuss openly and freely their ideas, experiences and concerns in a fully multi-stakeholder format.

The main themes on the Agenda of the 3rd IGF to be held in Hyderabad in December will be addressed with a particular emphasis on issues surrounding security, privacy, and openness on the Internet (concerns such as cutting Internet access, the privacy and security of popular internet banking and commerce applications, etc). Other themes will include universal access, as well as managing Internet critical resources.

This Dialogue on Internet Governance intends to highlight in particular the specific European approach to the interplay between security, privacy, and openness: they will not be discussed as concepts that only conflict with each other and therefore need to be “balanced” but rather as principles that can be fostered simultaneously and even mutually reinforce each other. The main focus will be put on identifying – based on European experience – situations and solutions that reflect and respond to these issues and challenges.

Taking into account the rapid evolution of the Internet’s uses and applications, the identification of emerging issues will also be a cross-cutting component of this European dialogue and exchange.

There will be no agreed formal outcomes from this event. The primary aim will be to promote open dialogue between all participating stakeholders in order to prepare their participation in and contributions to the IGF in Hyderabad in December 2008. It will also explore possible modalities for holding a European IGF in 2009.

The dialogue is open to all interested stakeholders and will take place in the premises of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. (Agora building, Room G01, Strasbourg)

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EUROPEAN DIALOGUE ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE

DRAFT PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Monday, 20 October	Tuesday, 21 October
11:00 – 11:30 Opening Session	9:00 – 10 : 30 Towards Universal Access ?
11:30 – 12:30 Setting the scene : the event’s objectives	10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch	11:00 – 12:30 How to foster security, privacy and openness simultaneously
14:00 – 15:30 The interplay between Security, Privacy and Openness : concrete examples	12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break	14:00 – 15:30 Managing Internet critical resources : looking forward
16:00 – 18:00 Poster session : European initiatives in Hyderabad (workshops and other events)	16:00 – 16:30 Closing session
Evening Social event and networking opportunities	

ANNEX : More detailed outline of the draft programme

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	WHY	CONTENT / QUESTIONS
Monday, 20 October				
11:00	Opening Session	Brief opening words from the key –initiators of the event presenting the rationale for this event. Includes civil society, business and European governments, together with the Council of Europe and other European institutions		
11:30 to 12:30	Setting the scene: the objectives of the european Dialogue on Internet governance	<p>[led by a well prepared media professional together with representatives from key stakeholder groups with emphasis on open and balanced discussion with the audience]</p> <p>Representatives of civil society, business and European states with reference to their concerns, commitments and ideas for and regarding a European dialogue on internet governance</p>	<p>To explain why this event is organized and what its purpose is. To underscore the need for European multi-stakeholder dialogue, its potential and to show how it relates to the global IGF process.</p> <p>To underline the need to focus on people when discussing the Internet. To reflect on European concerns, values, beliefs and sensibilities.</p> <p>This session is an ice-breaker in order to discuss the Internet at the macro level. Reference here could be made to the main tracks of the global IGF process and its main workshops to show, share and explain the general European perspectives behind them.</p>	<p>What does Europe represent and how does it participate in the governance of the Internet? What future would Europe like to see for the Internet?</p> <p>With over 382 million Internet users, Europe is increasingly using and depending on Internet services to communicate, for information, for knowledge and to work and to promote economic growth, so how is Europe investing in Internet Governance and what does it consider are the stakes? In this context, what values, beliefs, rights and freedoms does Europe believe should guide discussions ? How can Europe fully leverage the opportunities and benefits of the Internet as a tool for communication,</p>

14:00 – 15:30	Multi-stakeholder dialogue on the interplay between Security, Privacy and Openness around concrete examples	[led by a well prepared media professional together with representatives from key stakeholder groups, including business and consumer organisations, with emphasis on open and balanced discussion with the audience] Presentation of two or three concrete cases by concerned actors, including use and misuse of Internet services from the bottom up	Understanding what security, privacy and openness challenges mean in a European context and how these are linked and depend on each other, by using practical examples of the situations users and businesses face. This session should concentrate on the practical user/business level challenges when using/developing Internet services coupled with reflections about the corresponding values, beliefs, rights and freedoms attached to them.	What is security, privacy and openness for the user? What are the challenges for business in these fields? What does the user know and understand about these issues/ challenges and what is the user not aware of – and why? Is it necessary to sacrifice privacy or openness to increase security ?
16:00 – 18:00	Poster Session : european initiatives in Hyderabad (workshops and other events)	[led by a well prepared media professional together with representatives from key stakeholder groups, including those involved in preparing IGF events, with emphasis on open and balanced discussion with the audience] Show, tell and join session about who is doing what in the IGF in Hyderabad on those issues.	This rather informal session will provide a space for European actors organising workshops, best practice fora, etc. at the IGF in Hyderabad, to present and explain the pitch and angles of their planned events. This session should be used to test the validity and value of planned IGF events and provides a useful 'dry run' and showcasing opportunity to attract attention, support and expertise.	What IGF workshops and discussions? Why these proposals? What aims and objectives do they serve? What can the European experience contribute to the global discussion? What outcome is expected from these activities and how will they feed into the general discussion in Hyderabad ?

Evening	Social event	The social event in the evening will serve as an opportunity for people to informally get together and discuss their participation in and contribution to IGF events		
WHEN	WHAT	WHO	WHY	CONTENT / QUESTIONS
Tuesday, 21 October				
09:00 – 10:30	Multi-stakeholder dialogue on the concept of Universal Access to the Internet	[led by a well prepared media professional together with representatives from key stakeholder groups, including Francophonie partners and vulnerable groups (e.g. young people, people with low education and income, people with disabilities, etc.), with emphasis on open and balanced discussion with the audience]	<p>Understanding what effective access means is important, including from language, diversity and democracy perspectives.</p> <p>An exchange of best practice in facilitating access could be useful during this session.</p> <p>The usefulness and practicality of an objective of Universal Access will be discussed.</p>	<p>What will more access result in?</p> <p>With an ever increasing penetration of Internet access in households in Europe, who are the persons and communities who do not have access or who are subjected to slow, restricted or expensive access options and why? Once access is possible, is there a need to support users more in ensuring that they have effective access to Internet services. What initiatives can ensure universal access? With more access, should there be more reflection on the public value of the Internet?</p>
11:00 – 12:30	Multi-stakeholder dialogue on how to foster Security, Privacy and Openness simultaneously	Who: panel led by a well prepared media professional, with representatives from key stakeholder groups (max 5p) with fluid interaction with the audience. (interventions max 7 minutes)	The discussions should encourage reflection of European needs, desires and priorities for the Internet and its governance...and how to proceed to avoid sacrificing one aspect for the other..	What is a maximum amount of security, privacy and openness for internet users and how can we secure it? What role for International law and international courts? What role for states, business and civil society?

<p>14:00 -15:30</p>	<p>A forward-looking Multi-stakeholder dialogue on Managing critical Internet resources</p>	<p>Who: small multi-stakeholder panel (5 p) led by a well prepared media professional, and some partnering by IGF MAG members, but with most emphasis on fluid interaction with the audience (interventions max 7 minutes).</p>	<p>This session could discuss – from a European point of view - the evolution of the management of critical internet resources in view of their expected developments (e.g. IPv6 deployment, IDN, new gTLDs, etc)</p>	<p>How to ensure that the international management of the Internet is multilateral, transparent and democratic as stated in §48 of the WSIS Geneva declaration of principles ?</p>
<p>16:00</p>	<p>Closing Session</p>	<p>Who : Event initiators</p>	<p>Summary of key points</p>	<p>Messages for the Hyderabad IGF ?</p>