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## **Seminar on Youth Participation in Internet Governance**

**24 – 26 October 2017**  
**European Youth Centre Strasbourg, France**

***Draft programme***

## About the seminar

The seminar will explore how youth participation in Internet Governance can be ensured in a meaningful and inclusive manner and will formulate recommendations for future action to be taken by the Youth Department and the Council of Europe to support youth participation.

### Objectives:

1. To map together with the participants the Internet Governance process and stakeholders, and the position of young people within it
2. To develop a shared understanding of youth participation in Internet governance and analyse the achievements and pitfall of current youth participation in these processes
3. To further explore what are the rights, the means, the spaces, the opportunities and the support required by young people in order to meaningfully participate in the shaping of the Internet
4. To review the objectives for youth participation in Internet Governance and identify the role and contribution of youth organisations and other stakeholders towards these
5. To elaborate policy and programme recommendations for the Youth Department and the Council of Europe that aim to support and enhance youth participation in Internet Governance

## **Monday, 23 October 2017**

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Informal welcome evening

## **Tuesday, 24 October 2017**

09:30 Opening of the seminar with:

Rui Gomes, Head of Education and Training division, Youth Department of the Council of Europe

10:00 Introduction to the aims, objectives, expected results, programme and methodology of the seminar

10:15 Getting to know each other, sharing expectations from the seminar

11:00 Break

11:30 Internet governance: stakeholders, participation mechanisms, the role and place of young people with Jamal Shahin, Research Professor, Institute of European Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Critical reflection on youth participation in Internet Governance (mapping challenges, opportunities and sharing experiences at national and international level) – working groups

16:00 Break

16:30 Critical reflection on youth participation in Internet Governance (mapping challenges, opportunities and sharing experiences at national and international level) – working groups – continued

17:00 Plenary presentation of the results

18:00 Closure of the day programme

19:00 Dinner

20:00 NGO evening

## **Wednesday, 25 October 2017**

09:30 What does youth participation in Internet governance entail: rights, means, space, opportunities and support

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13:00 Lunch

14:30 Learning from good practices in the Council of Europe:

- ✓ Digital citizenship and media literacy – Siobhan Montgomery of the Culture and Cultural Heritage Division Culture Department
- ✓ Council of Europe Internet Governance Strategy, Guidelines to Human Rights for Internet Users, and Council of Europe platform with Internet businesses – with Malgorzata Pek and Christina Lamprou from the Media and Internet Governance Division
- ✓ Gender perspective on participation / Sexist Hate Speech – with Cecile Greboval and Alicia Peraro of the Gender Equality Unit
- ✓ Children Participation – with Children Rights Division (tbc)

16:00 Break

16:30 Learning from good practices of Civil Society Organisations

18:00 Plenary reflection

19:00 Dinner

Free evening

### Thursday, 26 October 2017

09:30 Plenary review and reflections on findings from the previous day

10:15 Youth participation in Internet Governance: what next? Working groups focusing on

- ✓ Structures of participation at national level in IG and youth policy
- ✓ Structures of participation at international level in IG and youth policy
- ✓ Education / Digital literacy
- ✓ Handbook on Youth Participation in Internet Governance
- ✓ Advocacy for access to rights of young people in Internet Governance processes
- ✓ Youth Department role and proposals for its programme
- ✓ What participants can do and how
- ✓ Presence and goals of participating in IG platforms such as EuroDIG and IGF

11:00 Break

11:30 Working groups (continued)

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Presentations of the working group proposals

16:00 Break

16:30 Institutional follow-up with

Matthew Johnson, Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation  
Board member of European Youth Forum (tbc)

17:00 Reception