

EuroDIG Plenary 4: Arrangements for a European IGF and Future EuroDIG events

Responses to questions about national IGF structures: Denmark

Denmark has not yet held a national IGF, yet there are some answers from Siv Mørch Jacobsen who is involved in the work towards the establishment of a national IGF for Denmark.

1. Effectiveness of national IGF structures?

There are different ways of defining the effectiveness of the national IGF structures. Denmark has not yet held a national IGF from which we can gain experience. However, during our preparations for the forthcoming national IGF, we have emphasized to involve relevant stakeholders in the entire planning process.

To be more specific, we have set up an informal committee with the Danish participants in the IGF with whom we have collaborated on determining the issues we expect will be discussed at the national IGF, whom to invite etc. As the Danish IGF participants represent a broad range of stakeholders we think that by arranging the national IGF in collaboration with them will help to ensure that the event will attract and be relevant to a larger spectrum of stakeholders from Internet Governance related areas.

2. European approach on Internet Governance?

We think that Europe should strive to become an "authoritative voice" in the discussions on Internet Governance - and thereby be a reliable partner for other Internet Governance related institutions (e.g. the US administration, ICANN, ITU) in identification and discussion of issues regarding the governance of the Internet.

A European IGF should still - as stated further below - be a forum for dialogue, free from written conclusions and open to all, but could also be a platform for open discussions and provide input (in some form) to other relevant forums and institutions such as the European Commission that could bring up discussions up with for instance the US administration.

3. European IGF: mandate and objectives?

We find that the European Dialogue on Internet Governance is a good starting point for discussions relating to Internet Governance. Letting the forum evolve and adapt to the European needs in the area would be a good way to proceed.

4. European IGF: structure and working methods?

We find it important that a European IGF adheres to the fundamental principles of the international IGF by being a forum for dialogue, free from written conclusions and open to all.

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