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The Internet Generation Forum Hungary 2019 The first national IGF of Hungary

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As per the official report:¹ “On September 12, 2019, the beautiful city of Budapest hosted its very first Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Hungary, focusing on the youth under the dedicated theme ‘Internet Generation Forum’.

The one-day conference, held in English, was aimed at discussing future Internet Governance matters of relevance to Hungary and the region. This year, the conference was organized in conjunction with the ITU Telecom World, which was also organized in Budapest, between September 9-12.” (...) The Internet Generation Forum Hungary 2019 was organized in accordance with the five core IGF principles, which are: •Open and transparent•Inclusive•Bottom-up•Multistakeholder•Non-commercial Steering Committee. (...)

The one-day conference, which took place on September 12, started at 9.00 and ended at 15.15. It comprised 3 keynote speeches and three panels of discussions, ending with student presentations, following the student competitions for solutions to matter of internet and technology. (...)

Opening speeches were followed by three panels of discussions, which have been composed following an open call for proposals addressed to the broad IG community, in line with the open, transparent, inclusive, non-commercial and multistakeholder participation principles. Anyone willing to contribute to shaping the internet governance agenda in the region was free to submit proposals both for topics as well as for speakers.

The first panel, moderated by Ms. Joanna Kulesza (ICANN At-large), talked about the future of Internet in Central and Eastern Europe, with panelists sharing from their own experience in their countries or the institutions represented. The discussions had as panellists Ms. Oliana Sula (South Eastern Europe Dialogue on Internet Governance Ambassador, Albania), Ms. Liljana Pecova-Ilieska (Impetus -Center for Internet, Development and Good Governance, Macedonia), Ms. Ivett Paulovics (MFSD Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution Center, Italy), Mr. János Zsakó (.hu Registry, Hungary) and Mr. Péter Major (Hungarian ICANN GAC member, United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development). (...)

Overview of the main key points (...)

Panel 1 -Future of Internet in CEE, Moderator: Joanna Kulesza

- Security and privacy in 5G networks -is there a regional specific?
- Local brain drain -are we losing best professional to other regions?
- Universal Acceptance and IDNs -are we ready for non-latin scripts? How high is the local demand?
- What are specific end user needs in the region? How do we best represent them? Are our local concerns being reflected in the global discourse?

¹ https://igfhungary.hu/igf_report_2019.pdf

•Regional multistakeholder cooperation -do we need a local platform?

The event ended with the Grand Final of a student competition dedicated to youngsters from the V4 countries (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia) and the broader CEE, who have been encouraged to submit entries tackling the topic What would you fix at the Internet of today for a better Internet of Tomorrow? Four teams from universities from Hungary and Armenia have been selected to present in the Grand Final, with the jury declaring as winner the team representing Corvinus University of Budapest, made of Ms. Anna Kollár and Ms. Virág Kiss. (...)

[Attendance] (...)

The event had a registration form, which had to be filled in and submitted before the event. The numbers showed that: •94 persons registered for the event directly, out of which •56male and 38female, •57from Hungary, 7from Poland,3 from France, 1 from the UK, Germany, Estonia, Belgium, Italy, Macedonia, Switzerland as well as a few others from other countries.

In addition to this, the event was open to all ITU Telecom World participants, including more than 500 university students registered for the same day, out of which many have attended the Internet Generation Forum as well. All stakeholder groups were represented, but the highest number of attendees were from academia, government and civil society.”