

Shaping the EU's Digital Future:

Sovereignty, Legal & Regulatory Frameworks

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Pari
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Pari Esfandiari is a member of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) – Euralo at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). She is the president and co-founder at the Global TechnoPolitics Forum and serves at the APCO Worldwide's International Advisory Council, and is a member of the Action Council at the Atlantic Council's GeoTech Center. She is also the founder and CEO at the Pario Consultants, an international technology investment and incubating company. Previously, she was a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council. Esfandiari is a serial entrepreneur, internet pioneer, and sustainable development executive.

She has a doctorate from Oxford Brookes University in the sustainability business and is an avid environmentalist.

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Olivier
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Olivier Crepin-Leblond is the former chair of ICANN's ALAC, and also acts as a European ALAC representative. He is a computer scientist and has been involved with the Internet for over 20 years.

He is the founder and board member at the EuroDIG. The organization is the body behind the well-known annual EuroDIG event - a Pan-European dialogue on Internet governance (EuroDIG) which is an open platform for informal and inclusive discussions on public policy issues related to Internet Governance (IG). As a Board member since the EuroDIG Association's founding in Stockholm in 2012, he has been an active full supporter of this bottom-up multi-stakeholder initiative. He is a faculty member at the European Summer School on Internet Governance Euro (SSIG) for over ten years.

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Agenda

1. Staff Introduction (2min)(13:15-13:17 CEST)
2. Introduction - Pari Esfandiari (5min) (13:17-13:22)
EU Regulations and Projects - DNS4EU, NIS2 Directive
3. ICANN Org - what is ICANN position in relation to these potentially challenging regulations and projects?
Elena Plexida, VP, Government and IGO Engagement, ICANN Org (10min)(13:22-13:32)
4. Comments from stakeholder representatives: How are their organization addressing these challenges?
(30min=10min each)(13:32-14:02)
 - Polina Malaja, Policy Director Centr - Top Level Domain Registries - (10min)
 - Lucien Castex, AFNIC - Country Code Top Level Domain .FR – (10min)
 - Chris Buckridge RIP NCC - IP addresses (in ASO) - (10min)
5. Open discussion - Moderators: Pari Esfandiari & Olivier Crépin-Leblond [REMOTE] (25min)
6. Conclusion – Olivier Crepin-Leblond (3minutes)(14:27-14:30)

Cyber Security Strategy for the Digital Age

Key Concern

The level of national infrastructure resilience, dependence, and vulnerability.

Motivations:

- Increasing reliance of critical services on digital technology
- Central role of digital technology in geopolitics
- Decline in European digital enterprises
- Dependency for services on foreign-owned and controlled enterprises
- Increased geopolitical tensions and cyber-hostility.

Cyber Security Strategy for the Digital Age

Announcement – Dec 2020

The European Commission announced a series of initiatives in the cybersecurity field which outlines major EU policy objectives in the fields of cybersecurity and technological sovereignty (Dec 2020).

- "Communication on the EU's Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade"
- "Revision of the Directive on the Security of Network and Information Systems" (NIS2)
- "Directive on the resilience of critical entities." and an initiative for DNS4EU.

NIS 2

Regulating the Network & Information Systems



What



Who



What

DNS4EU

- ✦ European Union initiative to exert control over the DNS
- ✦ Address the vulnerability caused by consolidation of DNS resolution
- ✦ Provides partial funding to construct DNS resolver services in the EU
- ✦ Data sharing obligations of DNS4EU are not clear



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