

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Launch of the Youth IGF EU

Empowering Youth in the EU in Digital Cooperation Policy Dialogue

## Young People from the EU: Join the Policy Digital Dialogue and Make Your Voice Heard on 22 February!

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The Youth Internet Governance Forum (IGF) global movement has taken a significant leap forward with the creation of Youth IGF EU, an initiative aimed at engaging and empowering the young generation across EU countries in the realm of internet governance and digital leadership.

Founded by a dedicated group of young leaders in response to the outcomes of the IGF 2023 Open Forum and co-organised by the EU Delegation to the IGF and the Youth IGF, the Youth IGF EU seeks to elevate awareness of internet governance issues among the young generation in EU countries while nurturing the development of the next generation of digital leaders within the EU.

The Youth IGF EU also aims to bolster existing European platforms on internet governance by amplifying youth participation in major pan-European events such as the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG). By doing so, it seeks to facilitate the integration of the youth vision into EU digital policy proposals and generate active engagement in digital policy dialogue at both EU and global levels.

"We are very proud of hosting at the European Parliament the first edition for the Youth IGF EU. It is important that the European Union shows the way on how to integrate young people in the shaping of the future of internet and digital regulations. This remarkable group has demonstrated exceptional levels of engagement and innovative views exemplifying the invaluable role of youth in shaping our digital future. I am certain that future digital leaders will emerge from this outstanding group", said Cristian-Silviu BUSOI, MEP, ITRE Committee Chair.

The Youth IGF EU anticipates a proactive role in shaping digital policy dialogue, advocating for youth perspectives on EU digital policies, and contributing to the global discourse on internet governance.

For more information on the Youth IGF EU and its upcoming initiatives, please visit: <a href="https://www.youthigf.eu">www.youthigf.eu</a>

What is internet governance? Internet governance refers to measures aimed at ensuring online access, stability, and openness.

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