

NL IGF annual report 2015



About NL IGF, the Dutch initiative

The Netherlands Internet Governance Forum (NL IGF) was established in 2010, as a cooperative venture of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (Dutch: Ministerie van EZ), SIDN (the Foundation for Internet Domain Registration in the Netherlands) and ECP | Platform for the Information Society. These parties are collaborating to bring the importance of the IGF to the attention of Dutch stakeholders, and put the IGF on the political agenda more strongly. On the one hand, the aim is to realise a firm embedding of the international results into our national policy. On the other hand, efforts are made to make the Dutch voice heard internationally and to put important Dutch themes on the international agenda.

In the Netherlands, we are convinced that ongoing exchange between the national internet debate and international developments is crucial. Both sides of the coin reinforce each other. New national issues that come up can progress to the international agenda, and international insights can inform the domestic debate. The Internet Governance Forum facilitates this exchange. The prominent Dutch position in the field of internet infrastructure and use invites and requires us to actively participate in this debate.

The IGF is a vital international forum where policy-makers, the private sector, academia, NGOs and politics come together to give their joint input on future policy. The presence of a nationally-organized, multi-stakeholder delegation is therefore of significant importance. By convincing an increasing number of actors in the Netherlands of the importance of the IGF, a mutually beneficial sharing of knowledge and perspectives can be achieved during the IGF. The internet knows no borders: if we want to address issues in the field of internet governance (including cybercrime, IPv6 and the development of digital skills), it has to be done in an international, multi-stakeholder framework.

NL IGF emphasizes the relevance of the numerous IGF activities around the world, monitors developments and communicates results, through organizing various meetings and through this website, [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

In short, NL IGF is meant for businesses, non-profit organizations, government (local and national), politicians and other parties who attach value to international cooperation and knowledge sharing around the internet debate and who share a commitment to the importance of the Internet Governance Forum.

EURODIG, 4-5 June 2015, Sofia

NL IGF sees the EURODIG meeting as an important preparatory moment for the Internet Governance Forum and attaches great value to the EURODIG network as a platform where Europe can coordinate and establish common positions in the discussions surrounding internet governance. NL IGF was

represented by several stakeholders at this year's EURODIG meeting, including our youth ambassador, and made statements in several workshops.

NL IGF event 2015, 1 October 2015, The Hague

The NL IGF event on 1 October saw over 120 participants attending. Roelof Meijer (Director of SIDN, the '.nl' domain registry) and Arnold van Rhijn (Ministry of Economic Affairs) opened the meeting, stressing the necessity and usefulness of the IGF as the only open multi-stakeholder platform for internet governance worldwide. Key-note speaker Erika Mann, Managing Director Public Policy at Facebook and member of the Board of Directors of ICANN, then delivered an address entitled 'The Future of the Multi-stakeholder Internet Governance Ecosystem'.



HananeBoujemi @HananeBoujemi · 1 okt. 2015

Great insight by @erikamann_mep on @ICANN model of multistakholdersim & internationalization #NLIGF

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A second key-note, on the important theme of online privacy, was delivered by Peter Hustinx, former head of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS). He spoke about the impact of new technologies on online privacy and data protection in a global perspective.



Arnold van Rhijn @arnoldvanrhijn · 1 okt. 2015

.@PeterHustinx, former @EU_EDPS, now talking @NLIGF about #ICT and data protection in global perspective #NLIGF



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Wladimir Mufty (SURFnet) then outlined his vision of internet freedom. ‘How do we ensure that online freedom is preserved and that we maintain open, accessible and reliable networks?’, he asked. Internet governance is a crucial component of this. Good internet governance requires the balancing of the interests of all stakeholders, including ethical considerations.

Mufty then demonstrated a drone operated through brain waves, aided amicably by journalist Peter Olsthoorn, who put his considerable mental powers at Mufty’s disposal.

The fourth topic of the afternoon’s discussion was ethics and the Internet of Things, a theme that would later be discussed in a workshop at the IGF organized by the Dutch delegation. Under the guidance of Maarten Botterman, leader of the Dynamic Coalition on Internet of Things, participants discussed the ‘global statement’ that this Coalition launched in September 2015, and reactions and further input were compiled.

Debate centered around the following topics:

1. Internet of Things and the Dutch contribution at the IGF 2015; advanced session;
2. Responsible Disclosure: the Netherlands as international leader?
3. International Cyber Policy: Dutch ambitions for a free, open and safe internet worldwide;
4. Protect the ‘Public core of the internet’ – a plea from the Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR) to make the internet a priority of Dutch foreign policy;
5. Privacy as innovation.



Similar to the National Youth Internet Debate (see below), the afternoon concluded with a ‘data auction’, which was professionally run by Jan-Willem Scholten (ECP).

NL IGF was honoured to welcome several Members of Parliament to the event, including Mr. Bart de Liefde (VVD) and Mr. Kees Verhoeven (D66).



Kees Verhoeven @KeesVee · 1 okt. 2015

Bij bijeenkomst Nederlands Internet Governance Forum (#NLIGF).
Discussie met oa @cryptoron en @MichielSteltman over #WRR
rapport.

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Bart de Liefde @deliefde · 1 okt. 2015

Nu bij @NLIGF congres. Gaat oa over Internet of Things, Ethiek op
internet en innovaties: de minddrone 📄



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Since 2010, NL IGF organises an annual Dutch IGF event. This is a multi-stakeholder forum, where national parliamentarians, civil servants, scientists, non-profit organisations, the private sector, journalists and other interested parties meet. Aim is not only to share knowledge and experiences related to internet governance, but also to engage in those discussions surrounding internet governance that are thorny and tricky. Like the IGF itself, it is an open consultation, where participants set the agenda of the event themselves. The outcomes of the NL IGF event serve as an important input for the preparations of the Dutch delegation attending the global IGF.

National Youth Internet Debate 2015, 9 June 2015, Leiden

What does the future of the internet look like? Is (online) privacy worth anything? Are hackers the 'national guardians' of the future? These and other questions were discussed during the **National Youth Internet Discussion 2015**, organized by NL IGF in cooperation with the Leiden Model United Nations Program (LEMUN) and hosted by the Stedelijk Gymnasium in Leiden on June 9. As the voice of young people should not be missed in the (inter)national internet discussion, the NL IGF organizes an annual Young Netherlands Internet Governance Forum (NL Young IGF).

Bart Schermer, university lecturer at the Center for Law in the Information Society at the University of Leiden, and managing partner at Considerati consultancy firm, kicked off with a lecture on the operational mechanics of the internet. It is clear that this was a new subject for the students present, because for most young people it is a 'given' that the internet is there and that it works.



Chris van 't Hof, internet sociologist, 'Tek Tok late night' presenter and author of the book 'Helpende Hackers' (Helpende Hackers) gave a lecture on hacking. The significance of responsible disclosure proved a relatively difficult concept to get across, but it ultimately was sufficiently clear to the audience to form an opinion about it. The concluding 'data auction' struck a chord with the students and led to a lively ending of the debate.

The young participants also presented a list of Top 10 Priorities for internet governance (in no particular order):

1. Self-determination of (personal) data
2. International internet regulations
3. Net neutrality
4. Ethical hacking
5. Good international approach to combat child pornography
6. Protection of copyright
7. Tackling cyber-bullying
8. Human rights
9. Implement the 'right to be forgotten'
10. Open and free internet (no censorship)

Thematic event 'Internet of Things II: The end of the world (as we know it?)', 25 June 2015, The Hague

This event, on 25 June, focused on the impact that the digitalization of society has on the socio-economic structure of the Netherlands. In order to decide how Dutch society should respond to the imminent changes that we are facing, a fundamental political and societal debate is needed. This meeting sketched the possible contours of this debate. Experts from a variety of disciplines discussed topics including ethics, new technologies, new norms and standards and (forthcoming) legislation. All speakers, including Erik Huizer (CTO of SURFnet), emphasized the urgency of this issue and declared that the core values of the internet deserve greater attention and vision in public debate.

Member of Parliament Astrid Oosenbrug (PvdA) was one of the attendants at the meeting:



Astrid Oosenbrug @AstridOosenbrug · 25 jun. 2015

Vanmiddag doe ik mee met de paneldiscussie over 'the internet of things', nu al volle bak bij => @Platform_ECP #iot



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IGF 2015: the Dutch delegation

We are proud to have had such a diverse and high-ranking Dutch delegation at this year's IGF, bringing together all corners of the 'internet world'. The Dutch delegation in 2015 consisted of some 27 individuals, including Dutch senator Arda Gerkens (SP). NL IGF values a strong Dutch contribution to the forum very highly. NL IGF identifies Dutch participants to the IGF and informs them about both content and logistics of the forum. We also organise a preparatory dinner to get to know each other and share ideas and thoughts on internet governance. At this year's dinner, Mr. Hugo Honijk from the Dutch Consulate in Brazil joined us.

Dutch workshops at the IGF 2015

The programme of the Internet Governance Forum 2015 included several additions from the Netherlands:

Workshop #48: Internet of Things. Ethics for the Digital Age

Networked technology is spreading rapidly. How to use it in a responsible way? Internet of Things puts fundamental ethical choices to the world. The need for a new set of norms, values and standards for the digital age is getting stronger.

Participants talked about:

1. Employability and education in the future;
2. The question of who regulates profiling algorithms;
3. Permissionless innovation;
4. Political leadership, innovation and ethics.

The full workshop report can be downloaded here by clicking on the workshop title: <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/workshops/list-of-published-workshop-proposals>

Open meeting: Privacy as Innovation

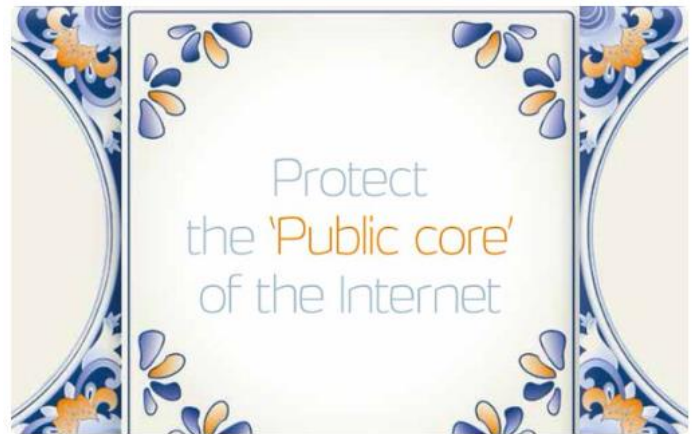
Topic discussed:

- What is the Global Privacy as Innovation Network (Pal)?
- The status of activities of Pal after one year;
- Pal: what's next?
- Share and collect: the latest news on privacy, innovation and data ethics worldwide - developments, new services, networks, initiatives.

Open Forum 'The public core of the Internet': Towards a framework for sustainable interaction between governments and the Internet ecosystem

Today, we see an increase in government engagement with the Internet for numerous reasons, all in the sphere of protection and national security. This presence is very important. However, heavy-handed interventions by governments may also lead to privacy violations, pressure on economic development and innovation and even securitization or militarization of the Internet.

In this open forum, we are particularly concerned with those state interventions that impact on the technical and logical 'core' of the Internet ecosystem – such as interventions in the DNS – and in the impact on organizations and businesses that are traditionally thought of as 'technical' and whose roles are in danger of being politicized, such as ISPs, CERTs and hard- and software developers. There is a growing need to separate the legitimate interests of states from political overreach into the technical and logical core of the Internet.



Attendees shared their ideas on:

- An agenda for the international protection of 'the Internet';
- The formulation of norms and principles;
- The next steps.

Dutch visibility at the IGF 2015

In addition to the efforts described above, ECP organised and manned a Dutch stand at the congress centre in Brazil where the IGF took place, both as a focal point for the Dutch perspective and as a meeting point for the delegation and guests. Dutch visibility was greatly enhanced by the handing out of 'tegeltjeswijsheden' (Delftware tiles containing aphorisms on internet governance) throughout the forum.

“ .@NLIGF was quite visible during #IGF2015, having organized several sessions with strong youth involvement! #NLIGF “

