

Internet Governance BAROMETER (MARCH 2019)

IG Barometer indicates the presence of specific IG issues in the public policy debate in comparison to the previous month

Global IG Architecture



same relevance

OECD Going Digital Summit discusses opportunities and challenges of the digital economy.

UN Office for South-South Cooperation launches digital tool to support south-south digital cooperation.

Sustainable development



decreasing relevance

Commonwealth Digital Connectivity Agenda to be co-led by the UK and South Africa to support digital trade.

Security



increasing relevance

US cybersecurity company warns about a possible return of Mirai malware.

European Parliament adopts Cybersecurity Act, while the Council of the EU adopts EU Law Enforcement Emergency Response Protocol.

African Union makes urgent call to protect children online.

E-commerce and Internet economy



increasing relevance

Uber agrees to fine and settlement over company and drivers status.

France unveils plan to tax Internet giants.

Facebook gets closer to creating its own cryptocurrency.

German Ministry of Finance urges introduction of regulatory framework for blockchain-based securities.

Digital rights



Italy signs the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data.

UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Opinion calls on the EU to bring the Copyright Directive in line with freedom of expression standards.

Leaked Facebook communications reveal the company targeted politicians to influence legislation.

Facebook CEO indicates intention to develop a 'privacy-focused vision for social networking'.

New Privacy International report indicates that major Android apps still send data to Facebook.

Tracking tools found on UK governmental and health websites.

Jurisdiction and legal issues



Huawei sues US government over equipment ban.

Facebook is under criminal investigation in New York for data sharing deals with major tech companies.

European Commission fines Google €1.49 billion for abusing its dominant position in the market for online advertising.

Tech firms propose policy principles for planned Internet regulation to the UK Government.

Social media platforms under increased scrutiny, following New Zealand shooting.

Russian President signs law on fake news.

Infrastructure



same relevance

NATO is holding internal consultations on Huawei security concerns.

Russia to lay a new fiber optic cable along its Arctic coast.

UK ISPs now required to provide minimum broadband speed guarantee, or customers can leave without penalty.

The cost of Internet access in 2018 dropped everywhere in the world except in low-income countries, study shows.

New generic top-level domains and universal acceptance were in focus at ICANN64.

Net neutrality



decreasing relevance

New bill to restore net neutrality introduced in the US Congress.

New technologies (IoT, AI, etc.)



same relevance

AI weapons may be harder to control than nuclear ones, warns Henry Kissinger.

UNESCO: ROAM principles should apply to AI development.

Facebook announces AI tool to fight revenge porn.

Arizona Attorney finds no basis for criminal liability for Uber in 2018 self-driving car accident.