

Global IG Architecture



African Union leaders call for digital transformation of the continent.

Sustainable development



UN SCWA outlines recommendations for harnessing digital technologies for development in the Arab region.

The World Government Summit calls on public sector organisations to develop digital agendas.

Security



The European Commission orders the recall of children's smartwatches. It also sets up new Expert Group on Safer Internet for Children.

The EU is developing a sanctions regime to deter and respond to cyber-attacks.

Australia accuses a foreign government of a cyber-attack on the national parliament's computer network.

NATO is working on a Cyber Security Collaboration Hub for its member states.

E-commerce and Internet economy



Luxembourg adopts new framework for blockchain transactions.

India is reviewing a case over Google's alleged abuse on the mobile operating systems market.

Smaller EU countries oppose plans to limit governments' power to block EU tax reforms.

Multinational bank J.P. Morgan Chase & Co creates first US bank-backed cryptocurrency.

Digital rights



Germany cracks down on Facebook over data harvesting.

Regulation is needed to ensure reliability of news content distributed by Internet companies, UK report argues.

European Data Protection Board outlines two-year work programme.

Press freedom in Europe is more fragile now than it was in the Cold War era, according to Council of Europe report.

European Commission evaluates self-regulatory measures against hate speech positively.

Facebook and Google explain how they plan to regulate political advertisement ahead of elections to Indian court.

France is set to launch a plan of action against hateful content online.

Jurisdiction and legal issues



Russia considers legislation to make national Internet independent from global Internet in certain cases.

EU bodies reach political agreement on the Copyright Directive.

Infrastructure



Germany still to decide whether to allow Huawei to participate in building the country's high-speed Internet infrastructure.

Net neutrality



Report finds that zero-rating practices in the EU led to higher wireless data costs.

New technologies (IoT, AI, etc.)



US president launches AI initiative to 'maintain(ing) American leadership' in the sector, while US Department of Defense also launches AI strategy.

India set to launch a new national programme on AI.

Council of Europe adopts declaration on manipulative capabilities of algorithmic processes.

UK to allocate up to £100 million for AI-focused higher education.

Microsoft discusses ethics and AI with Vatican.

UK government calls for public input on code of practice for testing automated vehicles.

ETSI releases cybersecurity standard for IoT consumer devices.