



Swiss Internet Governance Forum

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Conference chair and overall moderation: Livia Walpen ([OFCOM International Relations](#)) and Jacques Beglinger ([Beglinger LPC](#)), Swiss IGF Co-Secretariat

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| 08:30-09:00 | Registration (Welle 7, Bern) and login |
| 09:00-09:15 | Opening session With Bernard Maissen, Director of the Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM) |
| 09:15-10:45 | Session 1: "Regulation" of Artificial Intelligence - What is Switzerland doing? The plenary discusses the need for regulation and the regulatory options for artificial intelligence (AI) in Switzerland. The European Union has already come forward with the proposal for a regulation on AI (AU AI Act). Against the background of technical and legal developments, the question arises as to whether there is also a need for action in Switzerland. In recent months, several - partly different - regulatory approaches have been presented. Three of them will be presented in the context of input papers. These and other approaches will be discussed together with experts from politics, administration, business and civil society. <u>Input:</u> Roger Dubach (FDFA), Stephanie Volz (ITSL, Universität Zürich), David Sommer (Digitale Gesellschaft) <u>Moderation:</u> Nadja Braun Binder (University of Basel), Florent Thouvenin (University of Zurich) <u>Coordination:</u> Nadja Braun Binder (University of Basel), Florent Thouvenin (University of Zurich) |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-12:30 | Session 2: Platforms: Political-economic challenges and their regulation Digital platforms are emerging as the preferred business model in more and more areas. If a dominant position develops, e.g. due to network effects, questions quickly arise about negative effects, from market distortion to the question of the platforms' responsibility and their role in opinion formation. Globally, and especially at the European level, platform regulation is fiercely debated. What do the European regulatory projects Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act mean for media policy and competition policy in Switzerland, and what need for action and room for manoeuvre does this create for Switzerland? |



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| | <p><u>Input:</u> Angela Müller (AlgorithmWatch Schweiz), Franziska Oehmer-Pedrazzi (University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons), Maximilian Schubert (Facebook)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Thomas Häussler (OFCOM), Riccardo Ramacci (Stiftung Mercator)</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> Nicolas Zahn (Swiss Digital Initiative), Riccardo Ramacci (Stiftung Mercator), Philippe Rocheray (SECO), Thomas Häussler (OFCOM)</p> |
| 12:30-14:00 | <p>Lunch break Lunch at Welle 7</p> |
| 13:00-13:45 | <p>Lunch discussion: Governance of the Swiss IGF as a multistakeholder format Open discussion on the positioning of the Swiss IGF within the UN IGF process, on the roles and tasks in the Swiss IGF process, on the essential features of the IGF sessions and on safeguarding the multistakeholder approach. -> About the Swiss IGF igf.swiss</p> <p>Input and Moderation: Jacques Beglinger +Livia Walpen (Swiss IGF Co-Secretariat)</p> |
| 14:00-15:30 | <p>Parallel Workshops</p> <p>Workshop 1: How can digitalisation become sustainable? The growing demand for energy to run the digital society and economy is one of the major challenges in the quest for a more sustainable economy. The ICT sector is estimated to account for up to 7% of total electricity consumption worldwide in 2020, and the trend is rising. The expansion of digital currencies and other cryptographic products and services is also accelerating energy consumption (with 37 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, bitcoin alone would rank between New Zealand and Ireland). At the same time, digitisation offers significant opportunities in terms of huge efficiency gains that can partially offset emissions, but it is questionable to what extent these effects are sufficient to combat climate change.</p> <p><u>Input:</u> Matthias Galus (Bundesamt für Energie), Julie Chenadec (Sustainable Digital Infrastructure Alliance), Fabienne Biedermann (Solafrica)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Flurina Wäspi</p> <p><u>Coordination:</u> Flurina Wäspi (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Philippe Lionnet (Seco), Fabio Monnet (Fabio Monnet)</p> <p>Workshop 2: Cybersecurity and cyber competence As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, the reach and scope of potential cyber-attackers is growing. In addition, the increasing complexity, vulnerabilities or unpredictability of our entire ICT structure is itself a threat.</p> <p>At the same time, the know-how to manage cyber security is becoming increasingly difficult and inaccessible to most people. How can we improve our resilience to cyber threats? How do we manage these risks? As things stand, what is absorbing the damage and how does this affect our future challenges?</p> <p><u>Input:</u> Pierre Maudet (WISeKey), Daniel Caduff (BWL), Levente Dobszay (InfoGuard), Yuliya Morenets (TaC – Together against Cybercrime), Dario Haux (Universität Basel)</p> |



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| | <p><u>Moderator:</u> Nicolas Zahn (Swiss Digital Initiative) <u>Coordination:</u> Daniel Caduff (FONES), Levente Dobszay (InfoGuard)</p> <p>Workshop 3: Digital Participation</p> <p>In the race to digitise, digital participation is taking centre stage. Faced with the promises that such approaches hold - a reconciliation between political elites and their citizens, free speech, a strengthened democracy, a society that is once again united around common projects - some Swiss municipalities have set up innovative tools. But what conditions must be met upstream, particularly in terms of digital skills, to ensure that these initiatives do not become a new space for exchange reserved for a certain population that is comfortable with digital tools and has already acquired this very contemporary culture? Next to these questions, we will also discuss the “Data Literacy Journey” project currently in the works by Opendata.ch: a resource that is aiming to introduce the many facets of data literacy in an accessible, clear and entertaining way.</p> <p><u>Input:</u> Julie Erard (Head of project Budget participatif, City of Lausanne), Martina Jäggi und Thomas Werner (Bibliothek 4.0 Winterthur, Bibliotheken Winterthur), Nikki Böhler (Geschäftsführerin Opendata.ch)</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Jasmin Odermatt, Amélie Vallotton Preisig <u>Coordination:</u> Flurina Wäspi (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Jasmin Odermatt (Stadt Aarau), Amélie Vallotton Preisig (BIBLIOSUISSE, Universität Bern)</p> |
| 15:30-15:45 | Break |
| 15:45-17:15 | <p>Session 3: Data-based society and political sovereignty</p> <p>In order to enable more needs-oriented and efficient services in important areas such as health, mobility, energy, education, finance, etc., the potential of data and its use should be better harnessed also in Switzerland. At the same time, the growing platformisation and use of data is fueling fears among individuals and companies of losing control over their own data. Throughout Europe and beyond, the issue of “digital sovereignty” is being discussed. Also in Switzerland: On 30 March, the Federal Council adopted measures to promote trusted data spaces and “digital self-determination”. How can we make better use of the data potential, what hurdles must be overcome and how can we strengthen our “digital sovereignty” and “digital self-determination”?</p> <p><u>Input:</u> Christian Laux (Laux Lawyers AG, Zürich/Basel), Lennig Pedron (Trust Valley, Genève), Urs Leimbacher (Head Public Affairs, Swiss Re), Markus Tiede (CH-Open) <u>Moderation:</u> Thomas Schneider (OFCOM), Philippe Lionnet (Seco) <u>Coordination:</u> Anja Wüst (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Philippe Lionnet (Seco), Thomas Schneider (OFCOM)</p> |
| 17:15-17:30 | <p>Wrap-up & adoption of the "Messages from Berne"</p> <p>The “Messages from Berne” summarise the main points of the sessions at the Swiss IGF 2022 in a short, concise and neutral way. They will then be submitted to the global UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) to feed into the discussions in these forums.</p> |
| 17.30 | End of the conference |



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