

## **IGF 2017 Reporting Template**

- **Session Title:** OF 78 EU Delegation to the IGF & Youth IGF Movement

- **Date:** December 19, 2017 Room XXIII/E

- **Time:** 09:00 – 10:00

- **Session Organizer:** EU Delegation to the IGF & Youth IGF Movement

- **Chair/Moderator:** Mr Michal BONI, Member of the EU Parliament

- **Rapporteur/Notetaker:** Ms Yuliya MORENETS, Youth IGF Movement

- **List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations:**

Mrs Mariya GABRIEL – EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

Mr Michal BONI – MEP, Chair for the Delegation of the EP to the IGF

Mr Jan Philipp ALBRECHT -MEP

Mr Cristian Silviu BUSOI - MEP

Mr Daniel DALTON - MEP

Mrs Barbara KAPPEL - MEP

Mr Tiemo WOLKEN –MEP

Mr Nigel HICKSON - ICANN

Mr Moctar YEDALY – African Union Commission

Members of the Youth IGF Movement (physical presence):

Youth IGF Chad, Youth IGF Greece, Youth IGF France, Youth IGF Portugal

- **Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):**

Participation

Network

Together

Bottom-up

- **If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each presentation:**

No presentation was given, as the Open Forum was a dialogue between the expert community and the young.

**- Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session (3 paragraphs):**

EU Commissioner Mrs Mariya GABRIEL and Mr Michal BONI, Member of the European Parliament, opened the dialogue. Both of them underlined the importance of the Youth IGF Movement, the role of the young in the future of the Internet: how to improve it, how to help it to achieve sustainable development goals.

Mrs GABRIEL presented a number of projects already developed by the Commission to involve the young in the future development of the Internet, including the promotion of digital skills. She also underlined the importance of digital cooperation (under the Digital4Development policy) with the young and with countries from outside Europe.

Mr Boni mentioned the importance of relating digital issues to social aspects and of remembering that technology is developed for people - and in this the young and their impact is essential.

The Youth IGF Movement Representative underlined the objective of the movement and described its scope and development as well as the results achieved in 2017 (around 30 countries are part of the movement in 2017).

The Youth IGF Movement Ambassadors mentioned four important aspects that emerged from national meetings (15 in 2017) as concerns to be communicated to expert community and made issues for discussion, namely:

\*The impact of the GDPR both within Europe and outside the EU

\*Fake news and a free and open Internet

\*Blockchain technology and the corresponding need for new skills, and what role young entrepreneurship will play in the new blockchain developments

\*Awareness-raising on Internet safety and the role of the young.

**- Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways (3 paragraphs):**

1. It was suggested to find ways to support initiatives and products initiated by the Youth IGF, such as tools developed by the young to raise awareness on Internet safety (e.g. the CyberDetective game developed by the UBI in Portugal). The role of the EU Commission and the Parliament is essential in this support.
2. It was also suggested to support the motivation of the young to self-organise and also call on other stakeholders to support initiatives (by helping to increase visibility), such as the Youth IGF Movement that help to transfer knowledge to the young. The speakers underlined that currently this is lacking.

3. The EU Delegation to the IGF was asked to take a lead and to play a central role in strengthening youth participation in the IG and forums such as the IGF. This cooperation needs to take place not only during the forums, but also in between them. One of the objectives of such cooperation will be to empower the young in all of their roles and not only as users of the Internet.
4. It was also suggested to use the EU Observatory GIPO to make closer cooperation with the Youth IGF. This could help to provide greater access to information for the young and aid in the development of critical thinking. As a suggestion, the Youth IGF course (jointly developed with ICANN) can be also integrated into the GIPO platform.

### **Gender Reporting**

- Estimate the overall number of the participants present at the session: 55 - 65
- Estimate the overall number of women present at the session: 50%
- To what extent did the session discuss gender equality and/or women's empowerment?

Commissioner GABRIEL underlined that the gender issue is at the heart of her priorities at EU level, but also in the exchange of best practices with non-EU countries.

- If the session addressed issues related to gender equality and/or women's empowerment, please provide a brief summary of the discussion: