

## INTRODUCTORY SPEECH AND GREETING MESSAGES FROM INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS



### 1. ALEKSANDAR ICHOKJAEV – IGF MKD Coordinator

Opening speech and presentation of the “Declaration of IGF MKD” and the “multistakeholder” approach in the “Internet Governance”.



### 2. HILDA KOLEVSKA **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

“The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is an institutional partner of the Forum, and I am glad that today we are hosts of the event.

Digitization as the Fourth Industrial Revolution is at the forefront of all agendas, the global, the European, the regional. It is not only about the right to choose, but is necessary in all spheres of living, if you want to survive, to be present, competitive, visible and audible, this trend must be followed.

Technology is a key to achieving the goals of sustainable development, education, health, environment. It depends on us how much we will use the opportunities offered by digital transformation.”



### 3. ELENA MANCEVA **Ministry of Information society and administration**

“In each of the previous revolutions, as in the wars power was held by those having more information. Now, thanks to the Internet, we have too much information. How will we select it, with what speed, how we use it, will determine what results we get, and so we will finish the battle – as winners or losers. The question is how do we win in this battle?

We should use the technology in the right direction, because we are all responsible for its evolution.”

### 4. CHENGETAI MASANNGO

#### **IGF Programme and Technology Manager at UN Secretariat**

“Sincere congratulations on the first IGF in Macedonia. Emphasizing the main purpose of the IGF, that is to discuss the policies of the development of the Internet with all the stakeholders in an open, inclusive and transparent process. More than 95 countries have their national IGF and the establishment of the Macedonian one is an excellent example of joining all the relevant national stakeholders. IGF Macedonia has my full support for the programme and an invitation to participate at the 12th Global Forum in Geneva to shape the digital future.”

### 5. SANDRA HOFERICHTER

#### **Secretary General of EuroDIG**

“Welcome to this community of enthusiasts that strongly believe that we can define and shape the Internet together, toward the common European values. EURODIG is the place to initiate the discussions, but not to end them there. Your message will be heard regionally and internationally, especially the ones regarding the security on the Internet. Also, you are welcome to give your recommendations for the next years EURODIG in Tbilisi.”

### 6. SORINA TELEANU

#### **Executive committee Chair of SEEDIG**

“Honoured to be part of the event, even remotely. IGF Macedonia, announced its establishment six months ago at the 3rd SEEDIG meeting in Ohrid and is now reality. Compliments on the selection of the topics of the programme, relevant not only nationally. Invitation to join the next years SEEDIG meeting in Ljubljana, where we will discuss the various levels of collaboration and help to create future policies. Looking forward for the conclusions from the Macedonian IGF.”

## MESSAGES FROM PANELISTS



### 1. Sanja Simonova – MARnet The Internet learns Cyrillic

"MARnet successfully completed the process for obtaining another national top-level domain. Besides managing the .mk top level domain in the international cyber space, in 2014 the Cyrillic .mkd top level domain was introduced. With this, every private and legal entity has the possibility to register a web site name using all the letters from the Macedonian alphabet.

пишувај-кирилица.mkd

The Cyrillic top-level domain is very important national resource that represents our language, our alphabet, the territory of the Republic of Macedonia and by using it we cherish our identity marks. Let's make the internet richer by using Macedonian language and alphabet."



### 2. Boro Jakimovski – FINKI Skopje

#### Towards digital identity

"Digital identities bare one of the most important roles in the Internet driven society. Their necessity and benefits can be seen from the EU commitment toward their establishment. To present a success story, one can look at the positive experience of the academic digital identity federation – eduGAIN."



### 3. Charles Edmund Garrett – British Embassy Skopje

#### Digital Diplomacy

"There are five main aspects regarding the influence of the internet and the social media. Namely, the Foreign Office of the UK was the first country in the world that decided to use the method of developing diplomacy through the social media. The technological advancement influences the diplomacy and spread of information, so much that social media has become integral part of the diplomacy. We read news in real time, but if you get involved in communication then you get more feedback which is valuable. Using twitter, blog, hashtags, not only improves

diplomatic-consular activities but also improves my knowledge in learning the Macedonian language. And at the end, as a final point I do want to emphasize that there is a negative side of the social media which leads to plenty of witticism and building a virtual image of a diplomat; thus instant messaging and twitting make you eager to reply immediately which completely changes the private and professional life of a person."



### 4. Bardil Jashari – Metamor- phosis

#### E-society: digitization of government services

"In Macedonia, previous initiatives for organizing local IGFs have been isolated and closed, except for the so far successful initiatives such as the project for internet freedom in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, supported by the American Bar Association (ABA ROLI) where Metamorphosis participates or the conference "E-Society", where topics that are relevant to IGF are presented and discussed, but above all for the development of the Internet in Macedonia. The basic principles of organizing a forum of this type include openness, inclusiveness and participation of all who can contribute to these important issues. What is essential is that they should purposefully represent the interests of all stakeholders, which refer to issues related to governance, sustainability, security, stability and the development of the Internet in Macedonia."



### 5. Aleksandar Acev – AEC – Computer Incident National Response Center MKD CIRT

"The national center for response to computer incidents MKD-CIRT is a certified national point of contact and coordination when handling network and information systems safety breaches. It identifies and reacts to safety breaches and risks.

MDK-CIRT started operating in 2016. The center reacts to computer incidents by providing necessary services to its users which enables the users to handle the incidents efficiently.

Important role of the MKD-CIRT for the government, public and private sector is informing and discovering details about current treats and steps that can be undertaken for prevention of such treats."



### 6. Tatjana Tapandzieva – Telecom

#### Cyber security methods

"If the Internet is a cyber space, what are the threats that exist there? Are they real? Telecom Macedonia is taking care of methods for checking cyber security. ICT is part of the cyber space in which threats to the entire industries occur, as well as to personal integrity and the deprivation of identity. Is the Internet regulated? Does the regulation keep up with the technological developments we are witnessing? A national strategy for regulation of cyber security is essential in order to achieve the level of security we are pursuing. An assessment of cyber security is needed, through developed methods in companies and institutions."



### 7. Eli Mufisovski – REACT – Online enforcement

The fight with the counterfeits is tough when the laws are being used creatively.

We need to have serious approach to this question, especially through international collaboration. We need to work on finding new ways of stopping this type of criminal activity.

React is an example of nonprofit organization that works for protection of the intellectual property of her members. The mission of the organization is to eliminate the hurtful advertisements from the auction internet pages and on-line stores, removal of hurtful domains or reporting of the content of particular web pages as well as content on the social networks."



### 8. Neda Zdraveva – Faculty of Law „Justinianus Primus“ Skopje

#### Copyright, Media and the Internet

"Another important topic that is discussed of Forums for governance of the internet is Copyright and related laws. This topic covers the processes of creation and its protection, usage of media as

"medium" and Internet as "medium". For us, it is very important to identify the potential treats for misusing (others) rights.

Do you know what needs to be protected and what rights this law protects? What is moral and what is material right?"



### 9. Goran Mihajlovski – SDK: Media and Media Literacy – Fake News

Fake news or news that has been unprofessionally processed in Macedonia we had even before the non-traditional media. The tragedy is that in most online media not only professional journalism is not respected, but it is not even known what it is. As a result, online journalism in Macedonia is characterized by lack of money, stealing other people's content and superficiality. Journalists are not always guilty of this.

