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Leadership messages

Celebrating EIF's 25th anniversary in 2025 was both an honour and a reminder of the responsibility that comes with leading a forum grounded in dialogue and cooperation. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the vision that has guided the Forum since its creation and continues to shape its role today.

Marina Kaljurand, EIF Chair

Following the transition marked by the 2024 political elections, in 2025 EIF consolidated its membership and governance. The 25th anniversary of the Forum highlighted the commitment that has always distinguished its leadership – with a Steering Committee and Board that have always also led by example when it comes to gender balance.

Audrey Scozzaro Ferrazzini, Board Chair

In 2025, EIF combined a broad programme of activities in the European Parliament and beyond with the celebration of its 25th anniversary, an important milestone that spoke to the Forum's maturity, stability and continuity.

Maria Rosa Gibellini, Director General

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About us

Political Leadership for Digital Society

The **European Internet Forum** is established as a non-profit association founded in 2000 by Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from different political groups, with the aim to create an MEP-led network of digital policy stakeholders and a neutral and transparent platform to better understand the Internet and its foreseeable impact on Europe's economy, society and governance.

Mission

We support European political leadership for the development of European and multilateral public policies responsive to the political, economic and social challenges of worldwide digital transformation.

We focus on digital policy issues at the top of Europe's agenda and on emerging future trends at both European and global levels. Through a continuous programme of **live debates** and **special projects** bringing together stakeholders and featuring open and inclusive dialogue, our Forum helps create a space for greater understanding of and engagement in Europe's digital future. EIF does not itself take any position nor represent specific interests.

Membership

Our multi-stakeholder Forum comprises **Political members (MEPs)** as well as **Business members** and **Associate members**, which together encompass a broad range of interests and actors in the vanguard of European and global digital transformation. All members have the opportunity to actively participate in our activities and to help shape our programme and event agendas.

A wider network

EIF programming and events also involve a network of influential institutions, organisations and individuals. This includes the long-standing participation of senior officials of the European Commission, European Council Secretariat, EU Member State Permanent Representations and Third Country Missions. Our social media platforms and newsletters reach a wider and interested audience of over 12,700 followers and subscribers.

Membership benefits

☑ Events participation

EIF is an MEP-led Forum where members can have unlimited access to monthly events organised in the European Parliament in Brussels. Members can engage with a community of forward-thinking digital policy stakeholders as well as engage with high-level speakers from the EU institutions and the wider tech policy ecosystem.

Members-driven activities

Members can actively contribute to the Programme of activities in different ways:

Shape the programme
by proposing digital policy topics for debates

Suggest speakers
to make their voice heard in the EU digital policy arena

Support MEP visits
in the EU and around the world

An easy-to-use personal Member Area

In the Member Area of our website, members can find collaboration and registration tools, and can easily:

Publish their policy position papers
on our website's repository available to the public

Connect with a wider influential audience
of 12,700+ followers and subscribers

Promote their events
on our website's DEC section and newsletter

2025 year in review

20
Debates

57
Expert Speakers

5
Tech Masterclasses

53 MEPs
Political members
at year end

940
Total Event Participants

Membership overview

MEP committees representation

LIBE 9.5%
JURI 11.4%
ENVI 12.4%
ECON 15.2%
IMCO 22.9%
ITRE 28.6%
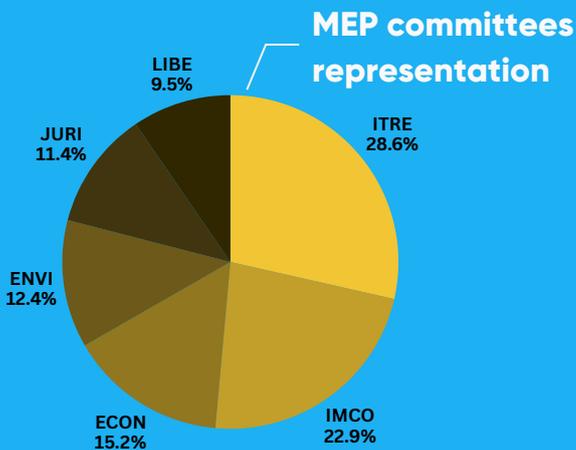
56 Business members

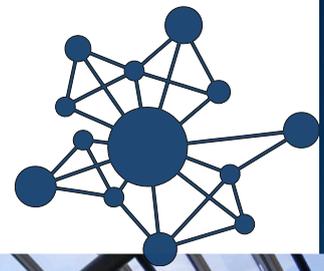**83** Associate members

12 500+
followers and subscribers across all platforms

3 347
views on The Story of EIF video

Activities

Over the course of the year, EIF delivered a rich programme of in-person activities. In total, 20 MEP-led digital policy debates were organised, addressing key issues on the EU digital agenda, including artificial intelligence, connectivity, cybersecurity, data, digital infrastructure, internet governance and the digital economy. EIF also ensured effective internal governance through one General Assembly meeting, two online Programming Committee meetings, four Steering Committee meetings and three "Virtual coffee with the Team" meetings.

2025 also marked EIF's 25th anniversary. Dedicated celebratory and communication initiatives were integrated into the Forum's regular programme, creating opportunities to reflect on EIF's role over the past 25 years and its continued contribution to digital policy dialogue. These activities are presented in more detail in the following sections of this report.

Digital Economy

Connectivity

Data

Cybersecurity

Digital Society

Technology

Internet Governance
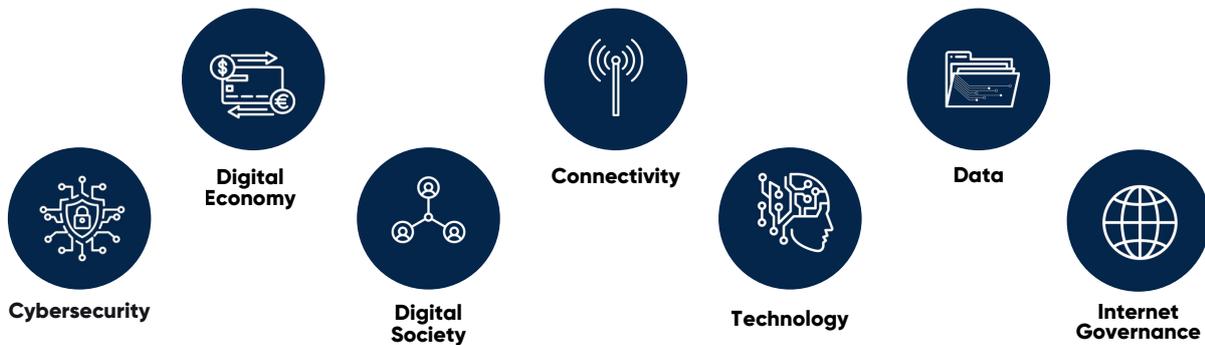
EIF's 2025 programme further included thematic roundtables and exchanges held in collaboration with partners, notably with TPN during Transatlantic Week, as well as with GSMA in the context of MWC Barcelona. The year also saw the first stage of an MEP Visit to Top Tech Sites in Belgium, including a visit to imec, providing policymakers with direct exposure to Europe's research and innovation ecosystem.

Building on its launch in late 2024, EIF continued and expanded its Tech Masterclasses initiative in 2025. A total of five masterclasses were organised for European Parliament staff, offering neutral and accessible explanations of key technologies.

2025 Events overview

28 JAN — AI regulation and investments in Europe – the state of play
hosted by **MEP Brando Benifei**

- Lucilla Sioli, European Commission
- Peteris Zilgalvis, General Court of the European Union
- Margarete Rudzki, representing SMEunited
- Marco Leto Barone, Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)

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29 JAN — IGF Review and Outlook to the year ahead
hosted by **MEP Lina Galvez**

- Adam Peake, former MAG Member and ICANN
- Paulo Glowacki, Youth IGF Germany/EURid Youth Committee
- Tsvetelina Penkova MEP

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19 FEB — Cyber resilience of European healthcare: readiness of the sector
hosted by **Marina Kaljurand MEP**

- Phedra Clouner, Cybersecurity Centre of Belgium
- Saila Rinne, European Commission
- Jaanika Merilo,The Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia

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25 MAR — AI and Connectivity: empowering AI and empowering networks
hosted by **MEP Angelika Winzig**

- Matteo Quattrocchi, Cisco Systems
- Dean Bubley, Disruptive Analysis
- Dr. Jakob Greiner, Deutsche Telekom

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26 MAR

Advancing Preventive Care: The Role of AI and Data Governance
hosted by **MEP Kristian Vigenin**

- Fulvia Raffaelli, European Commission
- Dr Stefaan G Verhulst, The Data Tank
- Gianluca Violante, DIGITALEUROPE

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8 APR

AI multilateral discussions – connecting the bubbles
hosted by **Axel Voss MEP**

- Sabina Tsakova, DG CONNECT, European Commission
- Chi Onwurah, Labour MP and Chair of the DSIT Select Committee in the Commons
- Joao Quintais, Associate Law Professor at The Institute for Information Law

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9 APR

Protecting the public from abusive AI-generated content
hosted by **Lina Gálvez MEP**

- Nanna-Louise Linde, Microsoft
- Yordanka Ivanova, EU AI Office
- Jos Bertrand, European Senior Organisation
- Marie Bröckling, CORRECTIV

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20 MAY

Quantum computing
hosted by **Pilar del Castillo MEP**

- Gustav Kalbe, European Commission
- Tomas Jakimavicius, Microsoft
- Daniela Theisinger, Deutsche Telekom
- Ulrich Busk Hoff, Kvantify
- Julia Feddersen, Quantum Delta NL

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21 MAY

A Union of Skills: Moving the needle on AI and Cyber Skills
hosted by **Alex Agius Saliba MEP**

- Max Uebe, European Commission
- Chris Gow, Senior Director, Cisco
- David Mekkaoui, All Digital
- Maud Sacquet, LinkedIn

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11 JUN — 25th Annual General Assembly meeting
hosted by **Marina Kaljurand MEP**

- **Marina Kaljurand MEP and EIF Chair**
- **Dragos Tudorache, European Commission**

03 SEP — Reliable and Resilient Connectivity
hosted by **MEP Michał Kobosko**

- **Renate Nikolay, European Commission**
- **Katinka Clausdatter Worsøe, Permanent Representation of Denmark**
- **Malgorzata Krajewska, Orange Poland S.A.**
- **Gonzalo Lopez Barajas, Telefonica**

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23 SEP — Stronger together: federating Europe's digital infrastructure
hosted by **MEP Marina Kaljurand**

- **Laura Balke, European Commission**
- **Oliver Klein, United Internet**
- **Dr. Kim Nguyen, Bundesdruckerei**
- **Leonardo Camiciotti, TOP-IX Consortium**

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01 OCT — EIF's 25th Anniversary Reception

- **Marina Kaljurand MEP and EIF Chair**
- **Former Chair Pilar del Castillo MEP**
- **Sabine Verheyen, First Vice-President of the European Parliament**
- **EIF co-founders, former MEPs Elly Plooij-van Gorsel, Erika Mann, James Elles**
- **Roberto Viola, European Commission**

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14 OCT — From Algorithms to Energy: How AI and the Sustainable Transition Drive Each Other Forward
hosted by **MEP Penkova and MEP Benifei**

- **Vincent Berrutto, European Commission**
- **Mallika Ishwaran, Shell International**
- **Thomas Spencer, International Energy Agency**
- **Josh Parker, NVIDIA**
- **Dr. Arti Garg, IEEE**

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03 SEP

Fake science – the threat of scientific misinformation to integrity, competitiveness and democracy

hosted by **MEP Lina Gálvez**

- **Katja Reppel, DG RTD, European Commission**
- **Caroline Sutton, STM**
- **Daniel Kaiser, ALLEA**
- **Tracey Brown, Sense about science**

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23 SEP

Online piracy of live sports and other live events

hosted by **MEP Hannes Heide**

- **Emmanuelle du Chalard, DG Connect, European Commission**
- **David Frautschy, Internet Society**
- **Anita Debaere, Pearle**
- **Mark Lichtenhein, SROC**
- **Jean Baptiste Amilhat, SKY**

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02 DEC

The role of simplification in EU digital transformation: towards a Digital Omnibus

hosted by **MEP Pilar del Castillo**

- **Lucilla Sioli, DG CONNECT, European Commission**
- **Marisa Jimenez, META**
- **Maarit Palovirta, Connect Europe**
- **Juhan Lepassaar, ENISA (European Union Agency for Cybersecurity)**

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04 DEC

The future of the European Standardisation System

hosted by **MEP Angelika Niebler**

- **Guillaume Roty, European Commission**
- **Omar Dhaher, DIGITALEUROPE**
- **Martin Chatel, ETSI**
- **Andreea Gulacsi, CEN and CENELEC**

First respondents

- **Dr. Stefanie Vehring, TÜV SÜD AG**
- **Marion Lange, Deutsches Institut für Normung e. V. (DIN)**

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EIF 25th Anniversary

In October 2025, EIF marked its 25th anniversary with a celebratory reception in the Presidential Salon of the European Parliament in Brussels. The event brought together current and former Members of the European Parliament, representatives from the European Commission, industry stakeholders and long-standing partners of EIF to acknowledge a quarter century of sustained dialogue on digital policy.

Speakers reflected on EIF's founding vision and its role in facilitating constructive discussion across political, institutional and stakeholder boundaries. The reception honoured EIF's co-founders and successive leaders, whose work over the past 25 years helped establish the Forum as a trusted space for exchange and deliberation on Europe's evolving digital landscape.

In his keynote address, Roberto Viola, Director-General of DG CNECT at the European Commission, emphasised how the Forum anticipated many of the strategic questions facing Europe today and underlined the importance of continued engagement with emerging technologies.

The anniversary reception was a milestone in EIF's calendar, building institutional continuity and recognising the work of many Members, partners and contributors who have shaped the Forum's development since its creation in 2000.

25 years at a glance

2000
EIF is established as a MEP-led, non-partisan forum to facilitate dialogue between the European Parliament and stakeholders on internet and digital policy.

2000–2010s
EIF supports structured exchanges on the development of the internet and the digital economy, providing a neutral space for discussion between policymakers, industry and experts.

2010s–2024
As digital policy expands, EIF broadens its scope to cover data protection, cybersecurity, connectivity, digital infrastructure and emerging technologies, while organising hundreds of MEP-led debates and study visits, including hands-on visits to digital and technology sites in Europe and beyond.

2025
EIF marks its 25th anniversary, bringing together Members of the European Parliament, institutional representatives and partners to reflect on a quarter century of dialogue and institutional continuity.

Highlights and reflections

Twenty-five years is the age when you stop looking only at the past and start owning the future. The question for Europe now is how we build the foundations for the next wave of technological change. Competitive advantage is not built in one day. It is built over time, through sustained vision, research and investment, and through the ability to connect policy choices with technological reality.

Roberto Viola
Director General, DG Connect, European Commission

It is thanks to continuous dialogue that Europe is better equipped to face the opportunities and challenges of the digital age. Bringing together policymakers, institutions and stakeholders in a spirit of trust has long been essential to making legislation that can work in practice.

Sabine Verheyen MEP
European Parliament Vice-President

The 25th anniversary was a moment to pause and reflect on how much has changed, but also on what has remained constant. Over 25 years, it is the people, their commitment and their willingness to engage in dialogue that have sustained the Forum.

Marina Kaljurand MEP
EIF Chair

During the anniversary reception, EIF co-founders **Elly Plooij-van Gorsel**, **Erika Mann** and **James Elles** reflected on the Forum's origins, its early focus on understanding the implications of emerging technologies, and its evolution alongside Europe's digital transformation. Their remarks highlighted the value of foresight, dialogue and cross-party cooperation in shaping EIF's work over time. In recognition of their longstanding commitment and leadership, each received an award acknowledging their contribution to the Forum's development over the past 25 years.

EIF has long served as a platform connecting institutions, policymakers and stakeholders around Europe's digital agenda. By bringing together Members of the European Parliament, representatives of EU institutions and a broad range of digital policy actors, the Forum supports informed dialogue and mutual understanding across institutional and sectoral boundaries.

European Internet Forum
The story

Following EIF's 25th anniversary, we took the opportunity to produce a short documentary film tracing EIF's origins in 2000 and its evolution into a neutral platform for dialogue, where policymakers, industry, academia and civil society come together to learn, question and shape Europe's digital future.

Through interviews with our co-founders and leaders, the film reflects on why EIF was created, how we have evolved alongside Europe's digital agenda, and how our activities have grown from parliamentary debates to study visits, policy dialogues and technical masterclasses. It revisits key moments in Europe's digital policy journey and looks ahead to the next wave of the internet.

Featuring:

Elly Plooij- Van Gorsel, former MEP and EIF Co-founder
Eika Mann, former MEP and EIF Co-founder
James Elles, former MEP and EIF Co-founder
Pilar del Castillo, MEP and EIF Steering Committee Member
Peter Linton, former EIF Advisor
Maria Rosa Gibellini, EIF Director General

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MEP visits
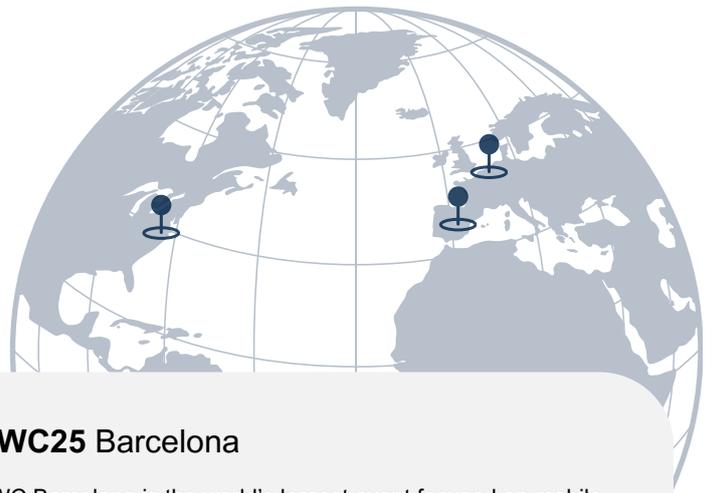
MWC25 Barcelona

MWC Barcelona is the world's largest event focused on mobile connectivity and digital technologies. In 2025, EIF organised a visit bringing together 12 MEPs and parliamentary assistants, with hands-on exchanges and guided visits to selected exhibition stands, offering direct insight into emerging technologies shaping Europe's digital ecosystem.

Transatlantic Week by TPN

Transatlantic Week 2025 by Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) made one thing clear: the EU–US partnership is essential to building a trusted and resilient tech future, to ensure stability and a world order that is based on the rule of law. We were in Washington DC to support our members and contribute to this timely exchange under the theme "EU–US Partnership: Priorities for Joint Action Towards 2030."

MEP visit to Top Tech Sites in Belgium

As the first stage of this visit, the stop at imec in Leuven provided insight into the world's largest semiconductor R&D cleanroom. The visit brought together MEPs, advisors and parliamentary assistants for hands-on learning and exchange. The second stage is planned for early 2026, with visits to the Digital Realty data centre and NOKIA.

Tech Masterclasses

Below, you will find details about the Tech Masterclasses organised in 2025, following the two first sessions held in 2024. These Masterclasses are designed exclusively for European Parliament staff and parliamentary assistants. In 2026, EIF will organise three additional Masterclasses.

EIF does not take positions on policy issues and expert presentations do not reflect EIF's views.

CLOUD TECHNOLOGY
masterclass
6 FEB
Rob Elsinga
Technology Officer
Microsoft
Netherlands
Francisco Mingorance
CISPE

Participants discovered the workings of **Cloud technology** and the reasons for using remote servers for data management, storage, and processing instead of local servers or personal computers. They gained insights into how cloud computing facilitates scalable, on-demand access to resources and services, while exploring its applications in data storage, processing, and software deployment.

The session introduced the foundations of **artificial intelligence**, from machine learning and neural networks to how models learn from data. They also looked at practical applications such as natural language processing and computer vision, building a clearer understanding of how AI is developed and used in real-world services.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
masterclass
20 MAR
Ajit Jaokar
University of Oxford
Kai Zenner
European Parliament

QUANTUM COMPUTING
masterclass
10 APR
Prof. Dr. Martin Schulz
Technical University Munich
Jeanette Miriam Lorenz
Fraunhofer IKS

Participants examined the principles of **quantum** mechanics that underpin quantum computing and how these differ from classical approaches. The session highlighted how quantum algorithms can address problems beyond the reach of classical computers, with potential applications in areas such as cryptography, drug discovery, and climate modelling.

This session focused on how digital assets can be protected in an increasingly interconnected environment. The discussion covered key areas such as network security, encryption, risk management, and incident response, while also exploring the respective roles of public and private actors in addressing evolving **cybersecurity** threats.

CYBERSECURITY
masterclass
5 JUN
Jean-Charles Griviaud
Chief Security Officer
Cisco Systems France
Christiane Kirketerp de Viron
Acting Director, Digital Society, Trust and Cybersecurity, European Commission

BLOCKCHAIN
masterclass
26 JUN
Nicola Attico
BlockChain Engineer and
Senior Product Manager
ServiceNow's Innovation Office
Robert Kopitsch
Secretary General,
Blockchain for Europe

Participants explored the core principles of **blockchain** technology, including decentralised ledgers, cryptographic security, and consensus mechanisms. The session examined how blockchain is applied across sectors such as finance and supply chains, with practical examples including cryptocurrencies and smart contracts.

Communications
key figures

In 2025, our communication channels recorded steady growth, with increased website traffic and continued engagement across social media platforms. LinkedIn remained our main channel for reaching policymakers and stakeholders, while video content and newsletters supported visibility around the Forum's activities.

website

www.internetforum.eu

Visits	**43.347**	↑ **13%**
Users	**27.532**	↑ **17%**
Pageviews	**76.789**	↑ **25%**

social channels

X   EIF4eu

4.298 followers   ↑ 1%

in   European Internet Forum

4.462 followers   ↑ 12%

European Internet Forum

776 subscribers*   ↑ 11%

*since 2024 our new videos are not public anymore

👁 **3.756**
Total video views

Membership
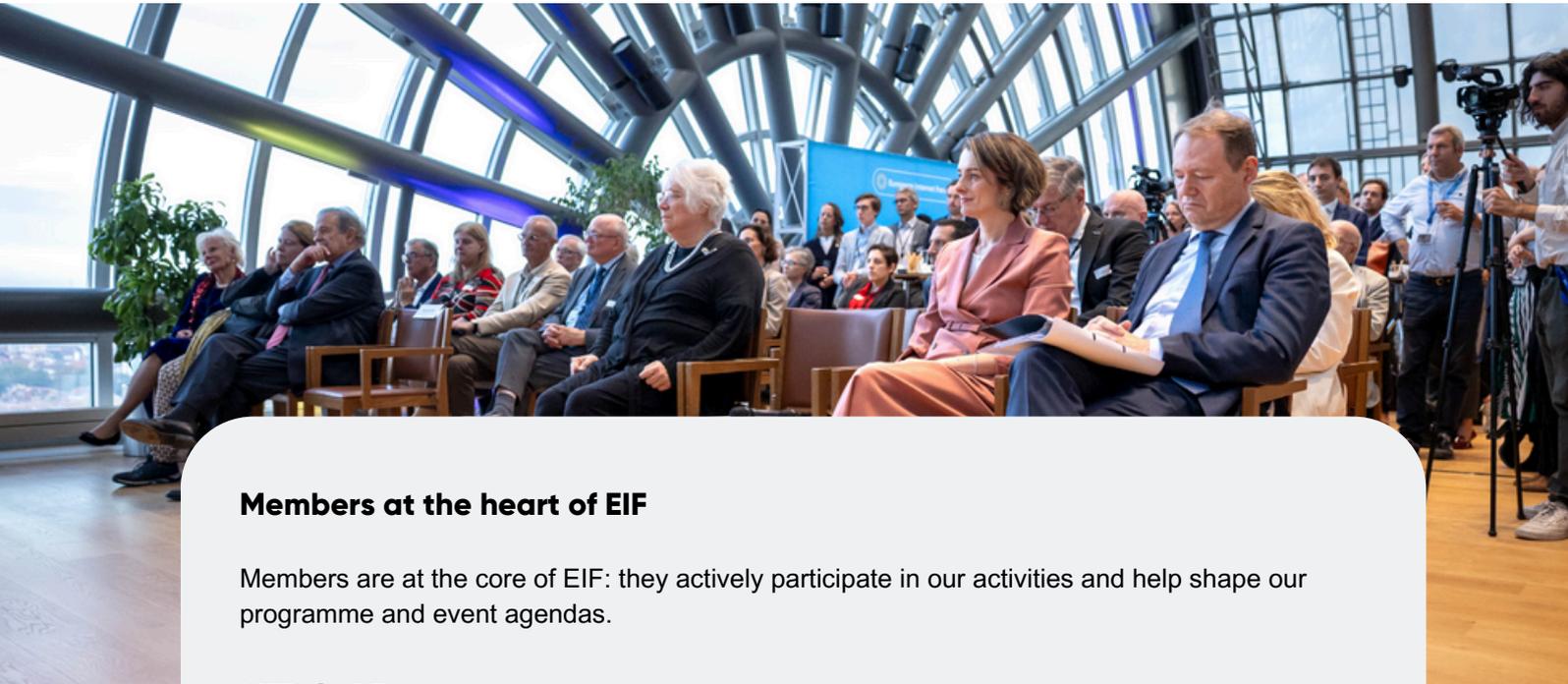
Members at the heart of EIF

Members are at the core of EIF: they actively participate in our activities and help shape our programme and event agendas.

MEP-led Forum

The European Internet Forum is led and governed by our **Political members**, all of whom are elected Members of the European Parliament (MEPs).

Our multi-stakeholder membership comprises over 130 organisations and companies which together encompass a broad range of interests and actors in the vanguard of European and global digital transformation. Read more about our Statutes and internal rules and the conditions for joining our Forum.

At the end of 2025 our membership comprised: 53 Political Members, 56 Business Members and 83 Associate members.

53
MEP
Political Members

56
BM
Business Members

83
AM
Associate Members

**Click on the icons above
to view the latest members overview**

Political Members as at December 2025

Marina Kaljurand
MEP & Steering
Committee Chair

Axel Voss
MEP

Alex Agius Saliba
MEP

Rasmus Andresen
MEP

Barry Andrews
MEP

Daniel Attard
MEP

Laura Ballarin Cereza
MEP

Brando Benifei
MEP

Sebastiao Bugalho
MEP

Daniel Caspary
MEP

José Cepeda
MEP

Pilar del Castillo
MEP

Regina Doherty
MEP

Laurence Farreng
MEP

Lina Galvez
MEP

Marketa Gregorova
MEP

Bart Groothuis
MEP

Valerie Hayer
MEP

Hannes Heide
MEP

Romana Jerkovic
MEP

Virginie Joron
MEP

Michal Kobosko
MEP

Ondrej Krutilek
MEP

Nathalie Loiseau
MEP

Pierfrancesco Maran
MEP

Eva Maydell
MEP

Michael McNamara
MEP

Victor Negrescu
MEP

Dan Nica
MEP

Angelika Niebler
MEP

Andrey Novakov
MEP

Nikos Papandreou
MEP

Tsvetelina Penkova
MEP

Gheorghe Piperea
MEP

Karlo Ressler
MEP

Aura Salla
MEP

Elena Sancho Murillo
MEP

Christel Schaldemose
MEP

Andreas Schwab
MEP

Birgit Sippel
MEP

Susana Solis Perez
MEP

Nicolae Stefanuta
MEP

Dimitris Tsiodras
MEP

Inese Vaidere
MEP

Kathleen Van Brempt
MEP

Sabine Verheyen
MEP

Kristian Vigenin
MEP

Marion Walsmann
MEP

Angelika Winzig *
MEP

Tiemo Wölken
MEP

Stephanie Yon-Courtin
MEP

Tomas Zdechovsky
MEP

Roberts Zile
MEP

Business Members as at December 2025

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ebay · ERICSSON · FiberCop · FUJITSU · Gen · Giesecke+Devrient · Google · here · IBM · interdigital

INTUIT · Lenovo · Liberty Global · mastercard · Meta · Microsoft · MSD · NBCUniversal · NETFLIX · NOKIA

NVIDIA · open fiber · ORACLE · orange · paloalto · Pinterest · Qualcomm · RELX · salesforce · Santander

SAP · servicenow · shopify · sky · Telefónica · T (Deutsche Telekom) · telenor · LEGO · TikTok · TIM

twilio · UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP · verizon · vodafone · workday

Associate Members as at December 2025

acm Europe Technology Policy Committee · ACT Voice of European Media · ACT · AER Association Européenne des Radios · AIM European Brands Association · ALL DIGITAL · ALLIED FOR STARTUPS · ANGA The Broadband Association · APPLiA Home Appliance Europe · bidt

BBC · BLOCKCHAIN FOR EUROPE · Business Software Alliance · CCIA · CEN CENELEC · CENTER FOR DATA INNOVATION · CEPI · CEPIS · CISPE.cloud · CODE Coalition for Open Digital Ecosystems

Connect Europe (ETNO) · creative commons · Data Transfer Initiative · digital enlightenment forum · DIGITALEUROPE · DOT europe · EBU · ECLIPSE FOUNDATION · eco Association of the Internet Industry · ecta

EFAD EUROPEAN FILM AGENCIES · ENPA · EPC · ETSI · European Schoolnet · .eu Powered by EURid · EUROCINEMA · EuroDIG · EuroISPA · European Coalitions for Cultural Diversity

European DIGITAL SME Alliance · The European Producers Club · European VOD Coalition · EUROSMART · FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN PUBLISHERS · FIND OUT WHY · FUTURE OF PRIVACY FORUM · GÉANT · GS1 · GSMA

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reif · RDA · RIPE NCC · SAA Society of Audiovisual Authors · SROC Sports Rights Owners Coalition · STM · The Data Tank · The Internet Commission Part of Trust Alliance Group · TVC COUNCIL · VIDEO GAMES EUROPE

Wi-Fi ALLIANCE · IGF · YouthProAktiv

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Governance

Our governing and operating bodies include our Steering Committee (SC) and Governing Board as well as our Programming Committee (PC), ad-hoc event Organising Committees (OC), and our General Assembly (GA).

Our programme of activities is regularly discussed at **Programming Committee** meetings, which are open to all members, and then reviewed for approval at **Steering Committee** meetings.

PC — The **Programming Committee** (PC) is co-chaired by an MEP and by a Business and/or Associate member from the Steering Committee. In 2024, it was co-chaired by Axel Voss MEP and Steering Committee Vice-Chair, and by Board member Aurélie Doutriaux. Members can freely suggest or support activities at any time by contacting our Secretariat. All our activities are led by an MEP.

SC — The **Steering Committee** (SC) is the major driving force behind our Forum. It sets the strategy, approves the programme of activities based on our membership's input, decides on new members and makes recommendations to the Board. Chaired by an MEP, it includes up to 15 Political members (MEPs), 1 external personality and all Board members.

GB — Currently chaired by Audrey Scozzarro-Ferrazzini (Qualcomm), our Governing Board manages administrative matters and financial and human resources. It includes up to 8 representatives from our Business Membership and up to 6 representatives from our Associate Membership, who are elected by the General Assembly with a 3-year mandate. Board members are also *ex oficio* members of the Steering Committee.

OC — The agenda of each event is shaped by members who volunteer to work together in an **Organising Committee (OC)**, an ad-hoc taskforce led by the MEP chairing the event and coordinated by a member from the Business or Associate membership. Members can join OCs for scheduled events at any time via their Member Area.

GA — As in all non-profit associations, we also hold a **General Assembly (GA)** meeting at least once a year, where all members gather to review past and future activities, approve budget and financial accounts, and any other business.

Governance

Steering Committee

In 2025, the Forum's governance evolved with updates to both the Steering Committee and the Governing Board. MEP Lina Gálvez, MEP Birgit Sippel and MEP Michał Kobosko joined the Steering Committee. Eduardo Lanza was appointed at the General Assembly in June.

MEPs

External personality

Marina Kaljurand
Steering Committee Chair

Axel Voss
Vice-Chair

Brando Benifei
MEP

Angelika Niebler
MEP

Pilar del Castillo
MEP

Sabine Verheyen
MEP

James Elles
EIF Co-founder
Former MEP

Lina Gálvez
MEP

Inese Vaidere
MEP

Birgit Sippel
MEP

Michał Kobosko
MEP

Victor Negrescu*
MEP

Governing Board 2025

Business Members

Audrey Scozzaro Ferrazzini
Qualcomm
Board Chair

Aurelie Doutriaux
Orange

Darren Ennis
Vodafone

Chris Gow
Cisco

Jeremy Rollison
Microsoft

Simona Popa
Interdigital

Fabrizio Porrino
ServiceNow

Eduardo Lanza**
Telefónica

Associate Members

Paolo Grassia
Connect Europe

Chris Mondini
ICANN

Gregoire Polad
ACT

Sebastiano Toffaletti
EU Digital SME Alliance

Vivien Witt
eco

Brigitte Vézina
Creative Commons

*resigned as Steering Committee member in 2025
** was appointed as Board member in 2025

Secretariat

Our Secretariat is run by a small but very effective team managing and supervising all our activities.

Maria Rosa Gibellini
Director General

Joanna Fliszewska
Senior Director
Events & Operations

Eusebiu Croitoru
Communications Manager

Maria Ballester Mirete
Administrative and Events
Assistant

November 2024 – February 2025

Andrea Rodriguez
Events and Membership
Assistant

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