27 November 2012
17:00 - 20:30

CONVERSATION FACILITATED BY THE DIGITAL FUTURES PROJECT OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG CONNECT

EIF brainstorming on The Digital World in 2030: Toward the Age of Individual Empowerment?

The European Internet Foundation, in collaboration with European Commission's DG CONNECT, will hold an afternoon brainstorming with Discussion Groups followed by a cocktail reception on Tuesday 27 November 2012 (17.00-20.30) in the European Parliament in Brussels.

The occasion will be hosted by James Elles MEP and EIF Co-founder, and Robert Madelin, Director-General of DG CONNECT, European Commission. Discussion Groups will be chaired by EIF Political members: Pilar del Castillo MEP, Alexander Alvaro MEP, Malcolm Harbour MEP, Marietje Schaake MEP, Britta Thomsen MEP and others.

Discussion groups will focus on technological, economic and socio-political visions and emerging trends under the main theme ‘Toward the Age of Individual Empowerment’. The format for this meeting is based on the DG CONNECT’s ‘Digital Futures’ foresight model, which allows all participants to engage in creative dialogue and to share their knowledge, experience and expectations in order to discover new insights and ideas for future policies.


Programme- 27th November 2012

Registration

Welcome and Introduction

James Elles, MEP and EIF Co-founder

Robert Madelin, Director-General DG CONNECT, European Commission

Discussion Group Kick-Off

Participants will be asked to choose a discussion topic and will be invited to sit at the corresponding table. Participants will be free to shift during the session. Main topics:

1. Technology: Will digital technologies reinforce individual empowerment in the decades to come?

2. Economic transformation through individual empowerment

3. Social and political transformation through individual empowerment.

Feedback Session

Knowledge harvesters will report back from the discussion groups. Chairing MEPs will be invited to comment.

Presentation of 'Futurium'

Franco Accordino, Head of Digital Futures Task Force, European Commission

Closing Remark

Cocktail Reception

Speakers
Venue
Members Restaurant, European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels, Belgium