



Internet Governance in **February 2015**

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Geneva Internet Platform



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Main Events

ICANN 52 – Singapore (*8-12 February*)

President Obama Speech at White House Summit on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection in Silicon Valley (*13 February*)

FCC Ruling on Net Neutrality (*26 February*)

Internet Governance BAROMETER (FEBRUARY 2015)

IG Barometer indicates the presence of specific IG issues in the public policy debate in comparison to the previous month

Cybersecurity



President Obama speaks in Silicon Valley on cybersecurity and business and signs new executive order encouraging private-sector participation.

Global IG Architecture



European Parliament adopts resolution on IGF renewal. No other major developments.

IANA Transition



Naming Community to delay submitting proposal till June in 'best case scenario'. Transition plan may be ready on time if proposal is made by June.

ICANN and New Domains



Approx. 350 requests to release 2-letter domain names on hold, triggering concerns from governments (GAC asked the Board for procedures that would allow a 60-day comment period) and from stakeholders.

GAC discussion on gTLD safeguards for public interest strings.

Online Privacy & Data Protection



Google leans towards EU-only 'right to be forgotten' and updates privacy policy. No other major developments.

Net Neutrality



FCC chairman proposes new rules in favour of Net Neutrality. FCC to vote at end of February.

Jurisdiction



No major developments.

Cybersecurity

President Obama talks about collaboration between industry and governments on tackling cybersecurity, and signs executive order on private-sector cybersecurity collaboration, during White House Summit on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection, Stanford University (13 February).



IG Barometer:



Global IG Architecture

European Parliament adopts resolution on IGF renewal (11 February)

No other major developments

IG Barometer:



The screenshot displays the European Parliament's official website interface. At the top, the European Parliament logo and name are visible. Below this, there are navigation buttons for 'Index', 'Previous', 'Next', and 'Full text'. The main content area shows the procedure '2015/2526(RSP)' and a dropdown menu for 'Select a document:' set to 'RC-B8-0099/2015'. A table provides details on 'Texts tabled', 'Debates', and 'Votes'. Below this, a section titled 'Texts adopted' specifies the date and location as 'Wednesday, 11 February 2015 - Strasbourg' and the subject as 'Renewal of the mandate of the Internet Governance Forum'. The main body of the page contains the text of the resolution, starting with 'The European Parliament,' and listing several points of regard to previous resolutions and declarations related to the Internet Governance Forum and the information society.

Texts tabled :	Debates :	Votes :
RC-B8-0099/2015	PV 09/02/2015 - 13	PV 11/02/2015 - 9.4

Texts adopted
Wednesday, 11 February 2015 - Strasbourg
Renewal of the mandate of the Internet Governance Forum

► European Parliament resolution of 11 February 2015 on the renewal of the mandate of the Internet Governance Forum

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 23 June 2005 on the information society⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 14 March 2006 on a European information society for growth and employment⁽²⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 14 January 2008 on the second Internet Governance Forum⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), adopted in Geneva in 2003,
- having regard to the Commission communication entitled 'Towards a Global Partnership in the Information Society: Translating the Geneva Declaration into Action', adopted on 18 November 2004,
- having regard to the Tunis Commitment and Agenda for the Information Society, adopted on 18 November 2005,
- having regard to the Commission communication following the WSIS in 2006 (COM(2006)0181).

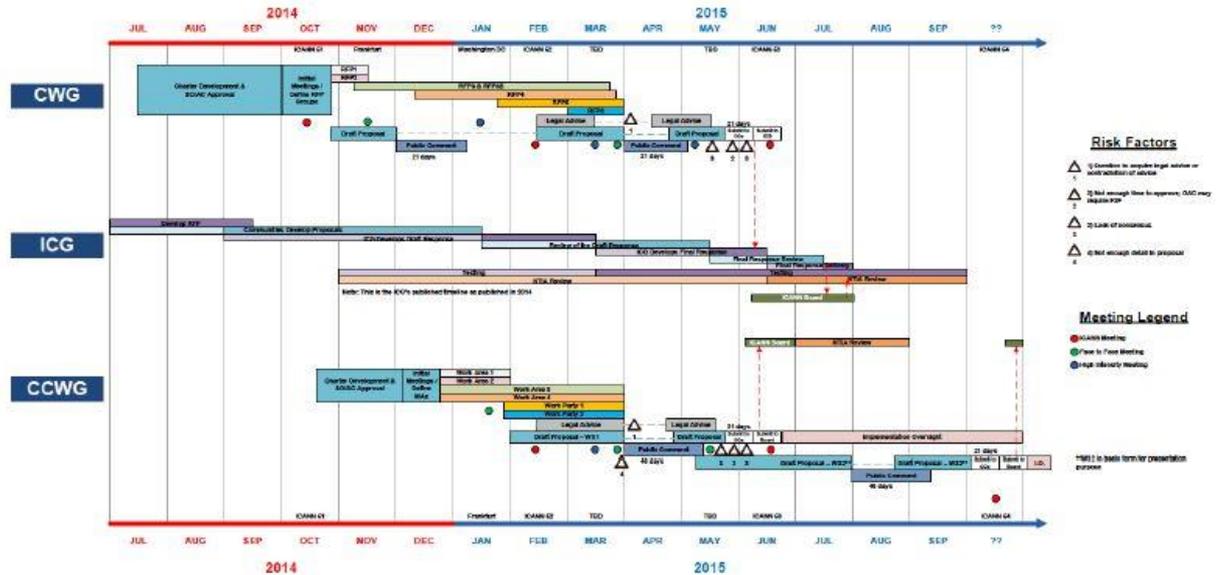
IANA Transition

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More discussions during ICANN 52 meeting in Singapore.

CCWG-ICG-CCWG Timeline – Best Case as of 29 Jan 2015



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ICANN and New Domains

Approx. \$33 million in net proceeds from new gTLD auctions – discussions on how to use the funds.

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GAC discussion on gTLD safeguards for public interest strings.

Geo-TLD Registries Interest Group formed within the Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) – the bringing together of geo-TLD operators (city names, region names, and broader geographic indications) – is now in the process of formalisation.

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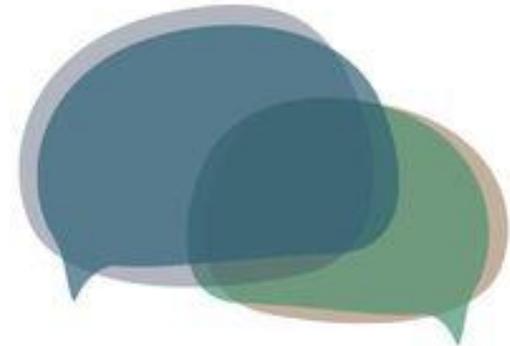


Online Privacy & Data Protection

Google leans towards EU-only 'right to be forgotten' – described as a good compromise by Advisory Council.

Updates its Privacy Policy after pressure to modify rules that were perceived as too vague with regards to how users' data is being used.

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The Advisory Council to Google
on the Right to be Forgotten

The Google logo in its characteristic multi-colored font.

Net Neutrality

FCC decision on 26 February on Net Neutrality: to reclassify 'broadband Internet access service' as a telecommunications service under Title II



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Main Events in March 2015

UN Human Rights Council (Privacy)

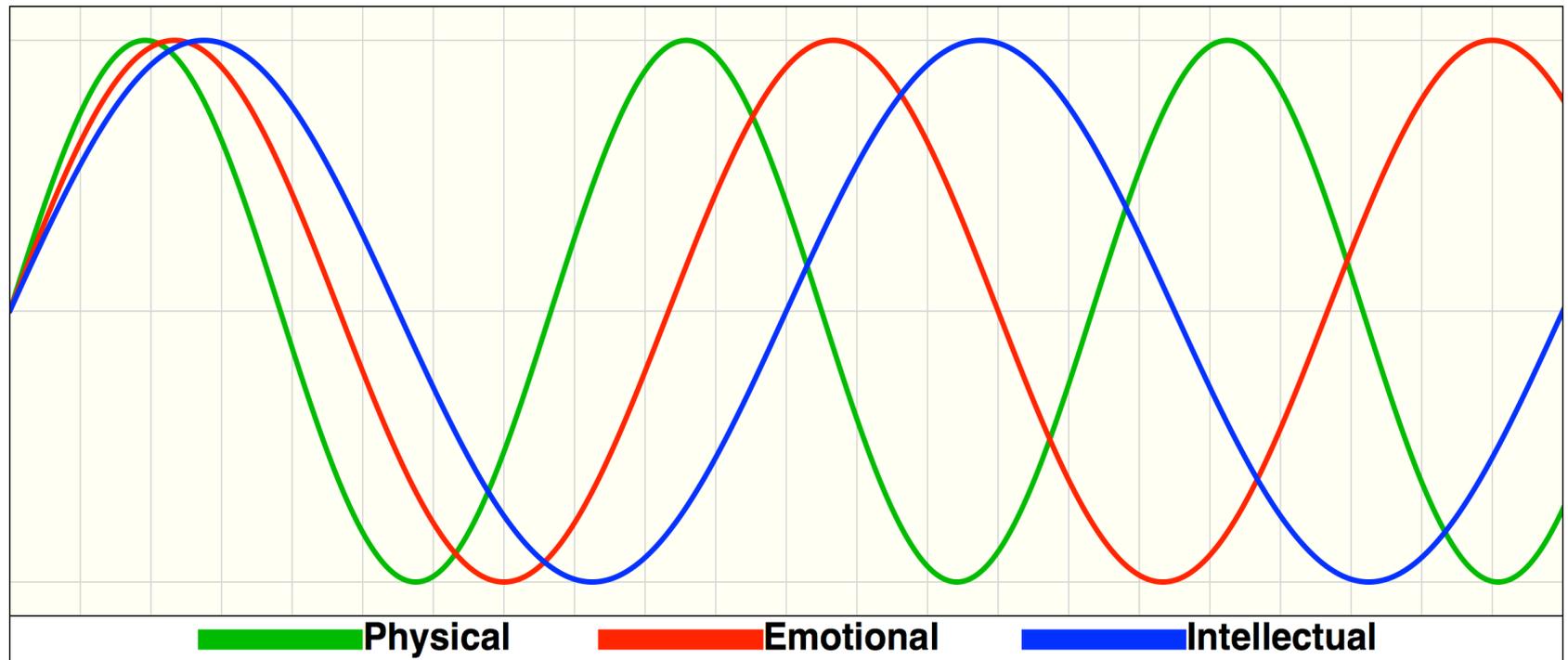
UNESCO – CONNECTing the Dots

NETmundial Initiative – First Meeting of the Steering Council

Internet Social Forum – First Preparatory Meeting

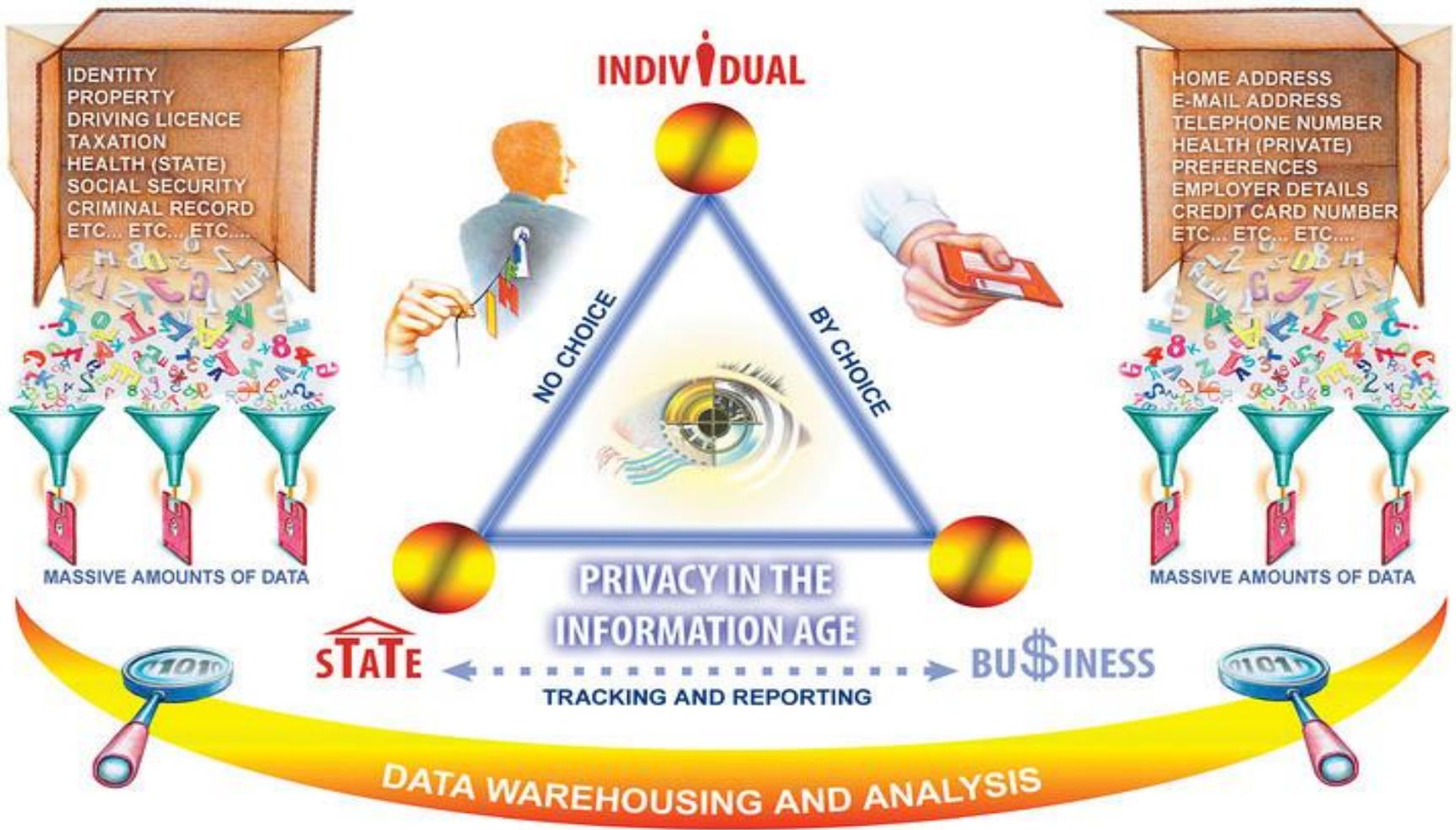
GIP event on Cybercrime

From Diplo's Creative Lab – IG Biorhythm?



Time for Your Questions & Suggestions





Last Friday : Google and Facebook were absent



Economy : new ways of making money

