# EU4Digital Second annual Steering Committee Meeting

## AGENDA

**Time and location:** 5-9 October 2020 via remote connection. All times provided are intended CET.

**Language:** English (working language), Russian (consecutive translation).

**Concept:** The second annual Steering Committee Meeting of the EU4Digital Initiative will be held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions. It will host a series of virtual sessions spread across the week, focusing on reviewing the results achieved under the Programme, as well as discussing the upcoming Eastern Partnership priorities in the digital sector. The agenda for the week is provided below.

## Overall plan

| Day 1 | 5 October - Monday | |
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| 09:00 – 11:00 | Morning session: Eastern Partnership – Current policy agenda and results<br>*Information sharing: Overview of EU funded digital actions in the Eastern Partnership* |
| 13:00 – 15:00 | Afternoon session: EaPConnect2 – Kick-off meeting<br>*Project launch: Building digital highways for EaP research and education communities* |
| **Day 2 \| 6 October - Tuesday** | |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Morning session I: Future of Eastern Partnership – policy beyond 2020<br>*Brainstorming: What could be the future deliverables for 2025 in the field of digital* |
| 10:00 – 11:40 | Morning session II: Digital transformation in EaP countries – state of play and future priorities<br>*Information sharing: Updates from Eastern partner countries on the digital agenda* |
| 13:00 – 15:30 | Afternoon side talk: How to accelerate 5G launch in EaP region?<br>*Information and discussion on the roll-out of new generation 5G technology in the region* |
| **Day 3 \| 7 October - Wednesday** | |
| 09:00 – 11:00 | Thematic session: Telecom Rules<br>*Information sharing and discussion on future plans* |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Thematic session: eHealth<br>*Information sharing and discussion on future plans* |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | Afternoon side talk: Independence of National Regulatory Authorities<br>*Initial insights on EaP regulatory independence assessment and relevant EU experience* |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Afternoon side event: Launch of EaP-EU roaming study<br>*Information sharing: study on the feasibility of a common international roaming space between the EaP countries and the EU* |
| **Day 4 \| 8 October - Thursday** | |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Thematic session: Digital Skills<br>*Information sharing and discussion on future plans* |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Thematic session: ICT innovation<br>*Information sharing and discussion on future plans* |
| 12:00 – 16:30 | Afternoon side event: Integration of business angels and venture capital associations into the EU and global networks and their capacity building<br>*ICT Innovation networking event on digital innovation and SMEs' access to finance* |
| **Day 5 \| 9 October - Friday** | |

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | Thematic session: eTrade<br>*Information sharing and discussion on future plans* |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Thematic session: Trust and Security<br>*Information sharing and discussion on future plans* |
| 13:00 – 16:30 | Afternoon side event: Virtual eDelivery study visit<br>*Practical introduction to <u>eDelivery CEF Building Block</u> and its benefits* |

## Detailed plan

| Day 1 | 5 October - Monday | |
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| Time | Topic | Moderator / Speaker |
| **Morning session: Eastern Partnership – Current policy agenda and results**<br>Chair: Mathieu Bousquet (Head of Unit, DG NEAR) | | |
| *08:45 – 09:00* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 09:00 sharp* | - |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome and presentation of the Steering week | DG NEAR (Mathieu Bousquet, Head of Unit) |
| 09:10 – 09:30 | Eastern Partnership and the digital agenda: state of play and objectives ahead | DG NEAR / DG CONNECT |
| 09:30 – 09:50 | EU4Digital Facility: highlights | EY |
| 09:50 – 10:05 | EU4Digital – Broadband Strategies: highlights | World Bank |
| 10:05 – 10:20 | EU4Digital – Cyber Resilience: highlights | GFA Consulting Group |
| 10:20 – 10:35 | EU4Digital – EaPConnect: highlights | GÉANT |
| 10:35 – 11:00 | Q&A and Closing | DG NEAR |
| **Afternoon session: EaPConnect2 – Kick-off meeting**<br>Chair: Mathieu Bousquet (Head of Unit, DG NEAR) | | |
| *12:45 – 13:00* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 13:00 sharp* | - |
| 13:00 – 13:10 | Welcome | DG NEAR (Mathieu Bousquet, Head of Unit) |
| 13:10 – 13:15 | Video on EaPConnect | |
| 13:15 – 13:25 | Update on EU policies for the digitalisation of research and education | DG CONNECT (Enrique Gomez, Programme Officer) |
| 13:25 – 13:35 | Update on EU policies for research and innovation | DG R&I  (Maud Ficher, Policy Officer) |
| 13:35 – 13:45 | GÉANT role in Europe and beyond | GÉANT (Erik Huizer, CEO) |
| 13:45 – 13:55 | EaPConnect First Phase: lessons learnt and recommendations | DG NEAR (Hoa-Binh Adjemian, Head of Sector) |
| 13:55 – 14:15 | Feedback from EaP country representatives and EU Delegations | EaP country representatives and EU Delegations |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | Overview of EaPConnect Second Phase | GÉANT (Veronika Di Luna, Project Manager) |
| 14:30 – 14:50 | Q&A / Common discussion | All participants |
| 14:50 – 15:00 | Conclusions | DG NEAR |

| Day 2 | 6 October - Tuesday | | |
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| Time | Topic | Moderator / Speaker |
| **Morning session: Future of Eastern Partnership – policy beyond 2020** | | |
| Chair/ moderation: Hoa-Binh Adjemian (Head of Sector, DG NEAR) | | |
| *08:45 – 09:00* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 09:00 sharp* | - |
| 09:00 – 09:50 | Joint Communication on the future of Eastern Partnership and introductory discussion on deliverables 2025 | DG NEAR/DG CONNECT |
| 09:50 – 09:55 | Short Break - Stretch your legs | |
| 09:55 – 10:05 | Digital transformation in EaP countries: state of play and future priorities in Armenia | Representatives from Armenia |
| 10:05 – 10:10 | Comments | EU Delegation and other partners |
| 10:10 – 10:20 | Digital transformation in EaP countries: state of play and future priorities in Azerbaijan | Representatives from Azerbaijan |
| 10:20 – 10:25 | Comments | EU Delegation and other partners |
| 10:25 – 10:35 | Digital transformation in EaP countries: state of play and future priorities in Belarus | Representatives from Belarus |
| 10:35 – 10:40 | Comments | EU Delegation and other partners |
| 10:40 – 10:50 | Digital transformation in EaP countries: state of play and future priorities in Georgia | Representatives from Georgia |
| 10:50 – 10:55 | Comments | EU Delegation and other partners |
| 10:55 – 11:05 | Digital transformation in EaP countries: state of play and future priorities in Moldova | Representatives from Moldova |
| 11:05 – 11:10 | Comments | EU Delegation and other partners |
| 11:10 – 11:20 | Digital transformation in EaP countries: state of play and future priorities in Ukraine | Representatives from Ukraine |
| 11:20 – 11:25 | Comments | EU Delegation and other partners |
| 11:25 – 11:30 | Closing | DG NEAR |

| Day 3 | 7 October - Wednesday | | |
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| Time | Topic | Moderator / Speaker |
| **Thematic session: Telecom Rules** | | |
| *08:45 – 09:00* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 09:00 sharp* | - |
| 09:00 – 09:25 | Telecom Rules thematic area state of play & plans | EU4Digital Facility |
| 09:25 – 09:30 | Feedback from EU4Digital Network | EU4Digital Network Coordinator |
| 09:30 – 09:55 | Q&A / Common discussion | All participants |
| 09:55 – 10:05 | Short Break - Stretch your legs | - |
| 10:05 – 10:30 | Broadband project state of play & plans | World Bank |
| 10:30 – 10:35 | Feedback from EU4Digital Network | EU4Digital Network Coordinator |
| 10:35 – 11:00 | Q&A/ Common discussion | All participants |
| **Thematic session: eHealth** | | |
| *11:15 – 11:30* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 11:30 sharp* | - |
| 11:30 – 11:55 | eHealth thematic area state of play & plans | EU4Digital Facility |
| 11:55 – 12:00 | Feedback from EU4Digital Network | EU4Digital Network Coordinator |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Q&A / Common discussion | All participants |

| Day 4 | 8 October - Thursday | | |
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| Time | Topic | Moderator / Speaker |
| **Thematic session: Digital Skills** | | |
| *08:45 – 09:00* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 09:00 sharp* | - |
| 09:00 – 09:25 | Digital skills thematic area state of play & plans | EU4Digital Facility |
| 09:25 – 09:30 | Feedback from EU4Digital Network | EU4Digital Network Coordinator |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | QA / Common discussion | All participants |
| **Thematic session: ICT innovation** | | |
| *10:15 – 10:30* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 10:30 sharp* | - |
| 10:30 – 10:55 | ICT innovation thematic area state of play & plans | EU4Digital Facility |
| 10:55 – 11:00 | Feedback from EU4Digital Network | EU4Digital Network Coordinator |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | QA / Common discussion | All participants |

| Day 5 | 9 October - Friday | | |
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| Time | Topic | Moderator / Speaker |
| **Thematic session: eTrade** | | |
| *08:45 – 09:00* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 09:00 sharp* | - |
| 09:00 – 09:25 | eTrade thematic area state of play & plans | EU4Digital Facility |
| 09:25 – 09:30 | Feedback from EU4Digital Network | EU4Digital Network Coordinator |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | QA / Common discussion | All participants |
| **Thematic session: Trust and Security** | | |
| *10:15 – 10:30* | *Time for connection – the session will start at 10:30 sharp* | - |
| 10:30 – 10:55 | Trust and Security thematic area state of play & plans | EU4Digital Facility |
| 10:55 – 11:00 | Feedback from EU4Digital Network | EU4Digital Network Coordinator |
| 11:00 – 11:25 | Q&A / Common discussion | All participants |
| 11:25 – 11:35 | Short Break - Stretch your legs | - |
| 11:35 – 12:00 | Cybersecurity project state of play & plans | GFA Consulting Group |
| 12:00 – 12:05 | Feedback from EU4Digital Network | EU4Digital Network Coordinator |
| 12:05 – 12:30 | Q&A / Common discussion | All participants |

A detailed programme of the side events will be shared closer to the date.