



GUARANTEEING COMPETITION AND THE OPEN INTERNET IN EUROPE

Event Programme

June 4, 2013, 9:00 - 12:00
European Parliament, PHS P5B001
Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

09:00 - 09:05

Welcome

Marietje Schaake, MEP, Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Sabine Verheyen, MEP, European People's Party (EPP)

09:05 - 09:35

Keynotes

- Vice-President of the European Commission Responsible for the Digital Agenda, Neelie Kroes
- Robert Cailliau - Informatics engineer and computer scientist, World Wide Web pioneer.

09:35 - 10:25

Panel 1. Net Neutrality: Over-regulation or defending the Digital Single Market?

Moderator: Marietje Schaake MEP - ALDE

This panel will explore the root of the network neutrality debate: whether mandating net neutrality through regulation represents unnecessary rules for for the internet [that could inhibit broadband deployment], or if regulatory measures are required in order to preserve competition in the Digital Single Market thereby and allowing the open internet in Europe to thrive.

Panelists:

- Chris Marsden, Professor in Law at University of Sussex
- Joe McNamee, Executive Director of European Digital Rights (EDRi)

Discussants:

- Malte Behrmann, General Secretary of European Game Developer Federation
- Caroline De Cock, Managing Director, VON Europe
- Jean-Jacques Sahel, EMEA Policy Director, Microsoft
- Daniel Wilson, Head of International Policy, the BBC
- Jérémie Zimmermann, Co-founder and spokesperson, La Quadrature du Net

10:25 - 10.45

Open Debate

10:45 - 11.35

Panel 2. The costs and benefits of relying on the market

Moderator: Emilio De Capitani - Secretary of FREE Group and Visiting Professor at “L’Orientale” University in Naples.

This panel will explore the positive and negative consequences of regulating net neutrality at the European level. What are the pros and cons from a human rights and consumer rights perspective of new legislation versus the status quo? Can the protection of neutrality in law benefit citizens and business alike? Will a failure to protect Network Neutrality in Europe hurt competition and innovation, [and by extension the Digital Single Market]?

Panelists

- Raegan MacDonald, Senior Policy Analyst, Access
- Christoph Steck, Director Public Policy & Internet, Telefónica

Discussants:

- Guillermo Beltrà, Legal Officer, the European Consumers’ Organisation (BEUC)
- Lee Hibbard, Media and Information Society Division, Council of Europe
- Luigi Gambardella, Chairman Executive Board of European Telecommunications Network Operators’ Association (ETNO)
- Amelia Andersdotter, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/European Free Alliance

11.35 - 11:55

Open Debate

11:55 - 12:00

Closing Remarks

Marietje Schaake, MEP, ALDE