

Unlocking the Power of Digital Commons: NGI Forum 2023 Navigating Towards the Future of the Internet

The Next Generation Internet (NGI) initiative proudly announces the NGI Forum 2023, a European Commission flagship event set to explore the key drivers for the future of the Internet. The NGI Forum 2023 is a hybrid event that will take place on November 15-16 in Brussels, and it promises to be a vibrant gathering of innovators, policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, and users alike.

Empowering Users, Transforming the Internet

The NGI Forum 2023 is designed as a dynamic hub for visionary thinkers, policymakers, and technologists to delve into the forefront of Europe's digital transformation. At its core, the forum places the spotlight on the concept of **Digital Commons** which is particularly crucial for Europe, as it fosters equitable access to information, fuels innovation, and bolsters digital sovereignty. The NGI initiative has been funding since 2019 concrete projects, mostly open source, contributing to the human-centric transformative movement of the internet, is one of the key European initiatives in the area of digital commons and many more are emerging at national and international level.

In a multifaceted agenda that spans European policy developments, innovation trends, and NGI activities, the NGI Forum 2023 explores a diverse array of topics, moving from the potential of digital commons to underpin the transition to the future internet, the program will expand to digital identity, quantum internet, large language models and web search, decentralised social media and security of the open source supply chain.

Pioneering Innovation through Collaboration

Over the past years, the NGI initiative has cultivated a remarkable <u>ecosystem of talented and value-driven innovators</u>. These innovators are working mostly on open source projects, driving

forward the mission to re-imagine and re-engineer the Internet. NGI has catalysed projects such as <u>CryptPad</u>, <u>Searx</u>, <u>Mastodon</u>, and many others that are contributing to tangible solutions for Internet users.

Why Participate?

Shaping the Future of the Internet: Participating in the NGI Forum 2023 is more than just attending an event; it's an opportunity to be part of a transformative movement.

Connect with Influential Voices: Rub shoulders with policymakers, including from the European Commission and European Member States, distinguished industry leaders, including speakers of the event, <u>Isabell Claus</u>, Managing Director of Thinkers.ai, <u>Adriana Groh</u>, Co-Founder Sovereign Tech Fund, <u>Irene Hernandez</u>, CEO of Gataca, <u>Michiel Leenaars</u>, Director of Strategy at NLnet, and numerous other thought leaders. The event will be moderated by <u>Jennifer Baker</u>, Expert in EU Policy.

Gain Valuable Insights: The NGI Forum 2023 program features inspirational talks, engaging panel discussions, impact stories, technical workshops, and valuable networking opportunities with the NGI community and projects. This is your chance to learn from experts and exchange ideas with peers.

Network: Forge valuable connections with like-minded individuals, policymakers, internet innovators and industry representatives. Collaborate on projects that can drive positive change in the Internet landscape.

Stay Informed: Stay up-to-date with the latest trends and advancements in Internet technology and policy. Be part of a community that is actively working towards a safer, more open Internet.

Join us online or in person in Brussels for **#NGIForum23**.

Register now and secure your spot at the forefront of innovation!

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About NGI Initiative:

The Next Generation Internet (NGI) is a European Commission initiative that aims to shape the development and evolution of the Internet into an Internet of Trust according to the vision of the European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles. An open Internet that responds to people's fundamental needs, including trust, security, and inclusion, while reflecting the values and the norms all citizens enjoy in Europe.

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