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## NGI Forum 2023: Join Crucial Conversations about the Future of the Internet in Europe

The [NGI Forum 2023](#), a flagship event of the European Commission's [Next Generation Internet \(NGI\)](#) initiative, is set to take place on November 15-16, 2023. With a forward-looking theme, "NGI Forum 2023: Unlocking the Power of Digital Commons," the event promises to be a convergence of brilliant minds, innovators, and change-makers, all poised to dissect and discuss the trajectories of the internet's future, with a laser focus on the revolutionary concept of the Digital Commons.

This year's edition will feature an opening speech delivered by **Roberto Viola, Director-General of DG Connect (Directorate General for Communication Networks, Content, and Technology) at the European Commission**, who will delve into the impact of the NGI initiative and the European commitment of advancing a human-centric internet that is safe, open, responds to environmental challenges and adheres to the Declaration [European Digital Rights and Principles](#).

**Register for the event and delve deep into the initiatives steering Europe's digital future.**

The NGI Forum 2023 will be a hybrid event happening at the Blue Point venue in Brussels and streamed live online. The Forum will offer participants from around the world the opportunity to engage with the latest developments in the digital landscape. This event serves 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 the Digital Commons, which is vital for fostering equitable access to information, fuelling innovation, and bolstering digital sovereignty. The NGI Forum 2023 will explore a diverse array of topics essential to the transition to the future internet, including digital identity, quantum internet, large language models, web search, decentralized social media, and security of the open-source supply chain.

Henri Verdier, French ambassador for Digital Affairs and a key figure in digital diplomacy, will deliver an inspirational talk on the potential of digital commons to underpin the transition to the future internet on the first day of the event. On the second day, Jesse Robbers, Co-Founder and Executive Board Member of Quantum Delta NL, will provide insights into building the Quantum Internet Network ecosystem. As the master of ceremony, Jennifer Baker, renowned as “Brussels Geek”, will help the audience to navigate the plethora of possibilities and challenges in building the internet of humans.

Additionally, workshops will be held in the evening of day 2, covering a range of topics, from licensing and copyright to ethics in NGI search and digital identity.

The mission of NGI is to re-imagine and re-engineer the internet. It is an initiative of the European Commission designed to support European research and innovation efforts aimed at creating an Internet of Trust, empowering end-users with more choice and control over their data and digital identity. Over more than four years in operation, NGI has nurtured a unique ecosystem of innovators dedicated to open source and open data. NGI has supported projects that contribute to user-centric solutions, such as CryptPad, Searx, Mastodon and [many more](#)..

Join us at NGI Forum 2023 to be part of the conversation and the change. For more information and registration details, please visit the official website of the [NGI Forum](#).

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**About NGI Forum:**

The NGI Forum is the flagship event of the European Commission's Next Generation Internet (NGI) initiative, bringing together innovators, policymakers, and technologists to advance a safer, open, and citizen-centric internet. NGI Forum explores topics that underpin the transition to the future internet, focusing on the concept of the Digital Commons, equitable access to information, innovation, and digital sovereignty. Learn more at <https://ngiforum2023.eu/>

**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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