

Global IG Architecture



Fifth EU-U.S. Cyber Dialogue takes place: work of UN GGE endorsed; countries looking forward to new UN GGE

Sustainable development



Developing countries losing out to tech giants, according to UNCTAD's *Trade and Development 2018* report

Policies to introduce affordable Internet access remain slow, according to A4AI's *2018 Affordability Report*

Security



Facebook hack affects 30 million user accounts

UK and partners attribute series of cyber-attacks to Russia

EU updates the 'list of dual-use items'

Google shutting down Google+ for consumers after bug discovery

Apple calls for stronger encryption in Australia

E-commerce and Internet economy



Canada, Mexico, and the USA reach a deal to revise the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

Competitiveness landscape radically altered by impact of fourth industrial revolution and digital technology, according to WEF's *Global Competitiveness Report 2018*

Debates on digital tax for Internet companies pick up in Europe

Digital rights



Apple CEO praises tough EU privacy law in Brussels

Facebook fined £500,000 by UK authorities after Cambridge Analytica scandal

Facebook removes 559 pages and 251 accounts of alternative media pages due to 'coordinated inauthentic behaviour'

Jurisdiction and legal issues



EU-US Privacy Shield criticised during second annual review

Online platforms, social networks, and advertising industry present individual roadmaps to implement European Commission's self-regulatory Code of Practice on Online Disinformation

Infrastructure



same relevance

US President signs order to set USA's spectrum strategy as 5G race looms
ICANN's Internet DNS security upgrade rolled out

Net neutrality



same relevance

California governor signs net neutrality law, is sued by Justice Department

New technologies (IoT, AI, etc.)



increasing relevance

UK publishes new code of practice on IoT security
International Conference of Data Protection & Privacy Commissions (ICDPPC) makes declaration on ethics and data protection in AI
Discussion on the use of blockchain for voting picks up