



South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG)

*About SEEDIG, the 2016 meeting - join us at the 2017
meeting*

From local to global IGFs, and vice versa. What is SEEDIG?

SEEDIG stands for South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance, and it is a sub-regional Internet Governance Forum (IGF) initiative. It is dedicated to open, inclusive and informal dialogue on Internet governance issues among all interested stakeholders from South Eastern Europe (SEE) and the neighbouring area.

Objectives:

- × raise awareness and promote a better understanding of Internet governance among stakeholders from the region
- × build or strengthen the capacity of these stakeholders to actively participate in national, regional and international Internet governance processes;
- × facilitate multistakeholder discussions, exchanges and collaboration on Internet-related issues that of particular concern for stakeholders in the region;
- × contribute to creating linkages between the Internet governance realities in the region and the pan-European and global Internet governance processes

SEEDIG as a process

- × Internet Governance Forums as such exist on national, regional and sub-regional and global level.
- × Annual meetings
 - ▣ first meeting: 3 June 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria
 - ▣ second meeting: 22 April 2016, Belgrade, Serbia
 - ▣ third meeting: 25 May 2017, Ohrid, FYR Macedonia
- × Inter-sessional activities
 - ▣ virtual meetings with national IGF initiatives from the region
 - ▣ Internet governance survey
 - ▣ monthly summaries and monthly hubs of Internet governance developments in the region (new!)
 - ▣ other? (suggestions are welcome)

Who does what?

SEEDIG community - contributes to the planning of the SEEDIG process

- ✗ A multistakeholder group of individuals from the region (and beyond)
- ✗ September 2016:
 - ▣ 96 members, from 25 countries
 - ▣ Stakeholders: civil society (39%), government (22%), technical community (20%), private sector (7%), academia (9%), intergovernmental organizations (3%)
 - ▣ Gender balance: 53% of all members are male, and 47% female.
- ✗ Membership determined by voluntary participation in the public and open mailing list (icann-see@rnids.rs)

Executive committee - coordinates SEEDIG activities

- ✗ currently, five (5) members from different countries and stakeholder groups in the region.

SEEDIG results

- × As an IGF initiative, SEEDIG does not make decisions.
- × Key messages from annual meetings:
 - ▣ main takeaways, possible goals and proposals for future actions, as resulting from discussions
 - ▣ distributed at national, regional and global level (including at EuroDIG and IGF)
- × SEEDIG discussions and messages can help inform and influence decision-making processes within governmental entities, national parliaments, companies, regional organizations, etc.

SEEDIG 2016, 22 April, Belgrade

Quick overview

SEEDIG 2016 – Programme

- × **Overarching theme:**

- ▣ *‘Can we SEE Internet governance?’*

- × **Sessions on:**

- ▣ The Internet governance ecosystem (globally and in SEE)
- ▣ Access and digital divide
- ▣ Cybersecurity
- ▣ Human rights online

- × **Short talks**

Attendance at SEEDIG 2016

Region/countries

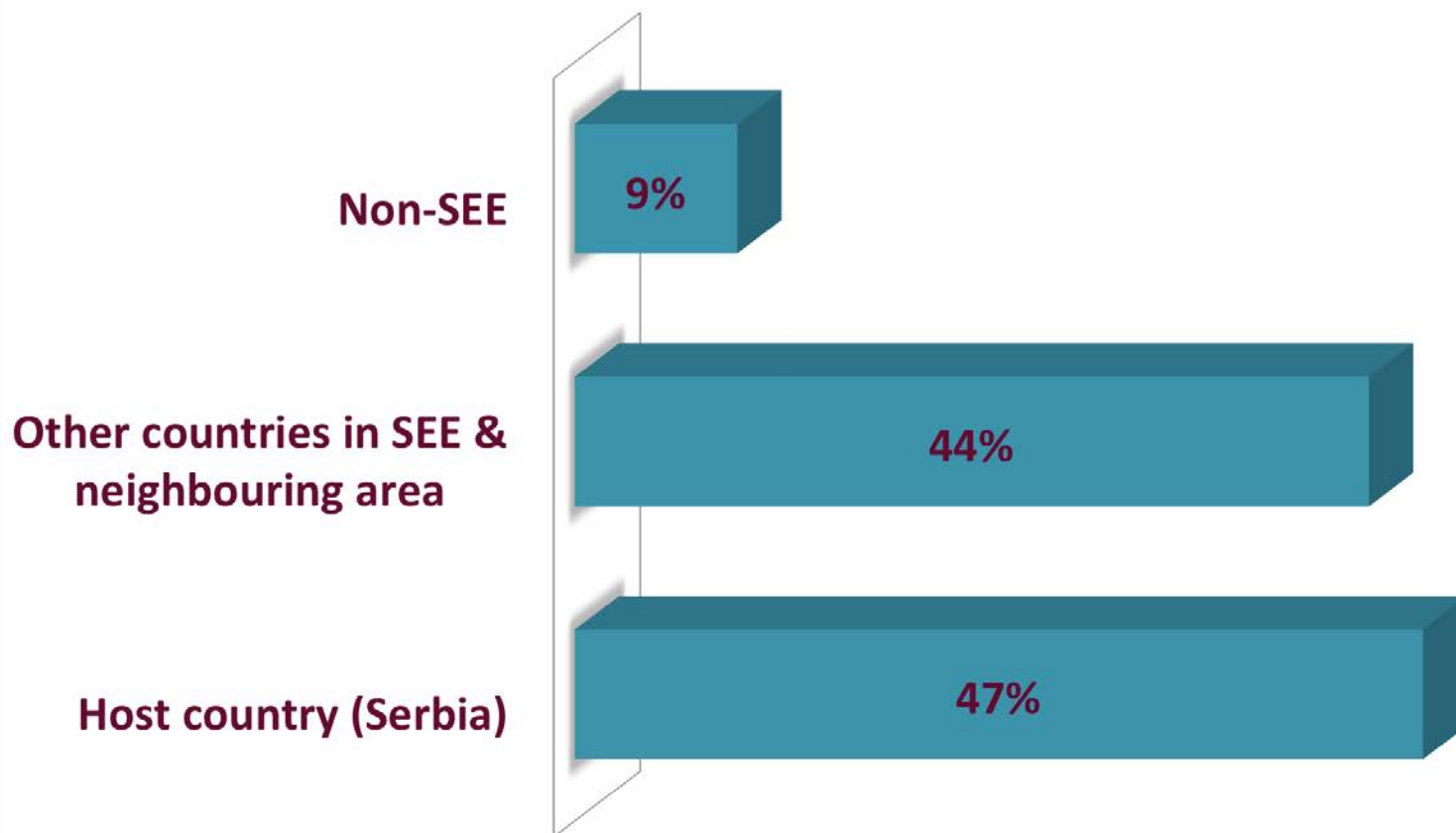
- × 116 on site participants, coming from a total of 22 countries (16 of which could be considered as part of South Eastern Europe and the neighbouring area).



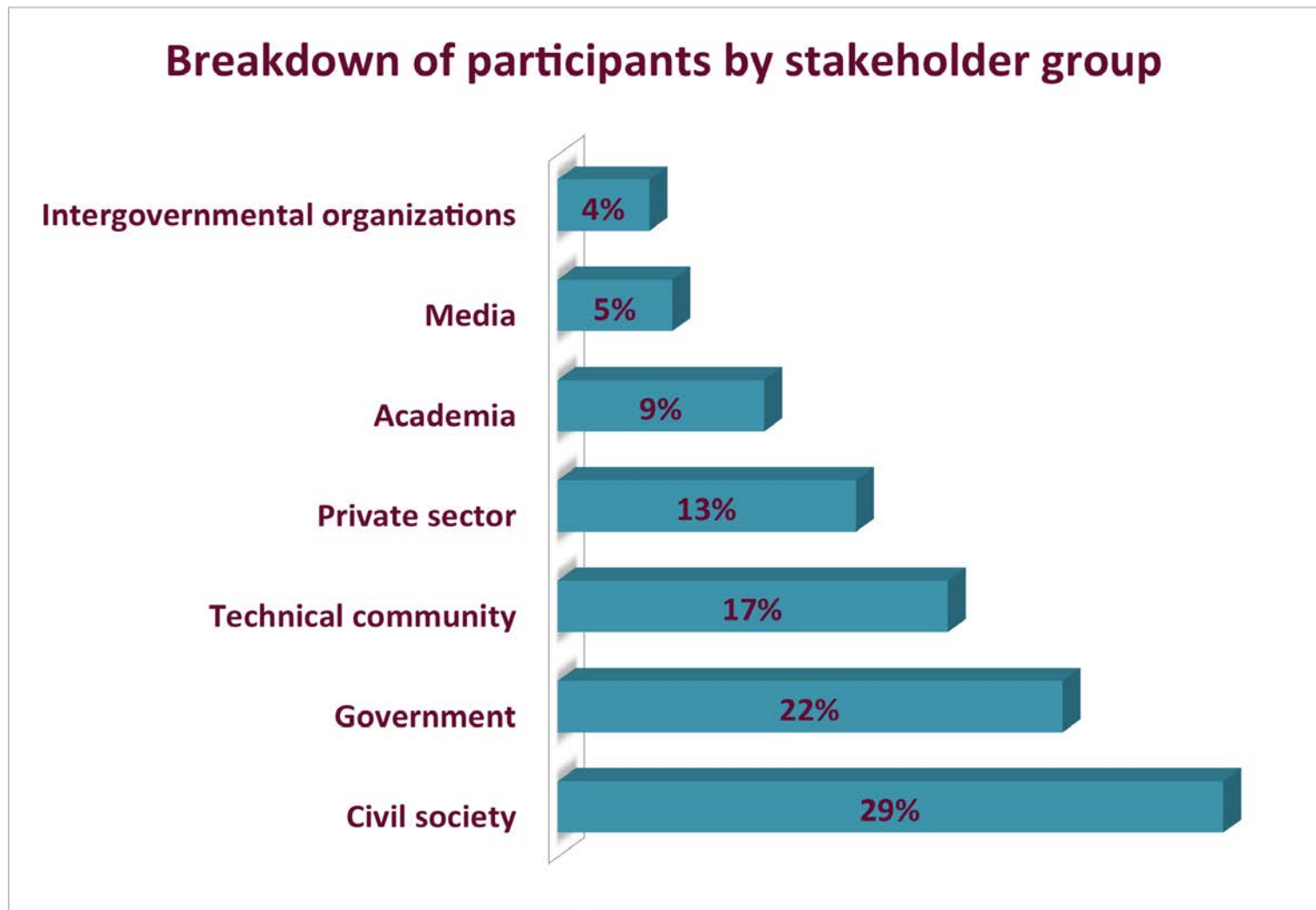
- × Online participation was provided also

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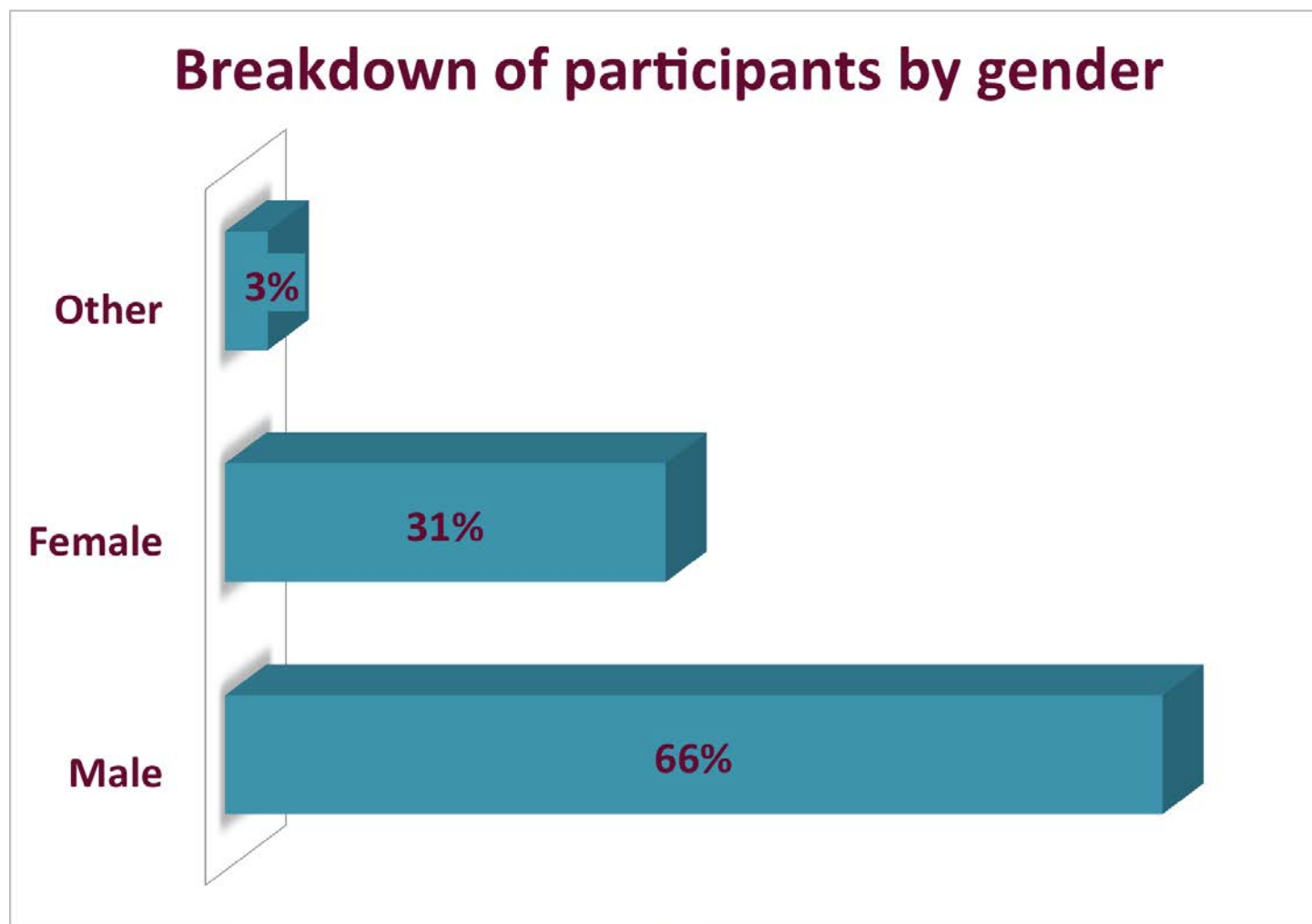
Breakdown of participants by region



Stakeholder groups



Gender



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Libraries and the Internet

- × Public Internet access in public libraries impacts communities and individuals
- × access to information, often crucial in time of emergencies, e-government etc.
- × Digital divide
- × IGF 2011, Nairobi - Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL) workshop on study findings
- × UN 2030 Development Agenda - access to information - libraries key to universal access to information through the Internet
- × 3.5 billion netizens, still significant number of people do not have their own network connections, but use public internet access.

Join us in Ohrid for SEEDIG 2017

- × SEEDIG's IG tour continues. In 2017 we meet you in Ohrid, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- × Save the date: 25 May 2017 (TBC)
- × Local host: Agency for Electronic

SEEDIG

Ohrid, May 2017



Meanwhile, get involved!

- × Subscribe to our dedicated mailing list: icann-see@rnids.rs A good starting point to raise your voice. Your ideas are always welcome.
- × Contribute your views and experience to the overall SEEDIG process.
- × Promote the messages from SEEDIG annual meetings within your communities. Be the link!
- × **Shape the programme: call for issues IS NOW OPEN. Send us your proposals.**
- × **Join monthly SEE-hubs (next one: 29 November!)**
- × Join virtual planning meeting.
- × Survey on IG in SEE (2017 edition).
- × Join virtual meetings with national IGFs initiatives from the region
- × Register for the conference!

Thank you!

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