

WS 4 Org Team notes

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Summary of the First Org Team meeting, held 8 April 2025

Key issues raised during the meeting:

- The workshop aims to explore how National and Regional IGFs (NRIs) can contribute to the implementation of the Global Digital Compact (GDC) commitments on the local level.
- NRIs are essential in bridging global discussions with local implementation, particularly through community-building at the national level.
- The discussion should focus on both European NRIs and the broader global NRIs ecosystem under the UN framework. However, the final messages should reflect the EU-focused vision with its potential for global cooperation.
- Emphasis should be made on fostering collaboration among NRIs to exchange experiences and best practices. The Global IGF is seen as a key platform for overseeing and coordinating NRI efforts.
- The session should provide a space for addressing challenging questions and facilitating experience exchange among local NRIs.

On government and local NRI participation:

- High-level government participation could add institutional weight to the discussion and underline the importance of NRIs in national contexts. However, it could also risk reinforcing a "top-down" approach, which conflicts with the workshop's objective of encouraging "bottom-up" cooperation. It was therefore agreed to invite official representatives "from the floor" rather than as keynote speakers.
- To ensure an inclusive "bottom-up" representation of smaller countries and grassroots NRIs, the following process will be followed to gather input from European NRIs:
 - From 14 April, NRIs will be invited via the [EuroDIG NRIs mailing list](#) to express their interest in delivering remarks or statements.
 - Based on the collected inputs, organisers and speakers will be able to address key concerns and provide targeted recommendations to support NRIs in implementing the GDC commitments at the local level.

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Next steps (to be finalised and uploaded to the session page)

— **Decide on the structure of the workshop** (*pre-agreed*):

Short opening remarks (up to 5–7 minutes), followed by an open discussion (partially based on pre-collected expressions of interest), drafting and agreeing on the final messages

— **Confirm speakers or suggest additions** (*pre-agreed*):

- **Isabel De Isola** — ODET, **confirmed (waiting for clarification on the attendance format)**
- **Anja Gengo** — IGF Secretariat NRI Coordinator **(to be invited shortly)**

— **Agree on a Guiding Question** (*merged for clarity and focus, by 14 April*):

In what specific ways can the NRIs collaborate to support and assist the implementation of the Global Digital Compact on the national and global levels?

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— **Suggest moderators**

Community input is highly welcome, otherwise the session will be jointly moderated by Mark Carvell and Vlad Ivanets.

— **Identify Focal Points**

Currently, Vlad Ivanets is serving as the focal point, but anyone is welcome to contribute in this role

Document References:

Diplo’s book: *Unpacking the Global Digital Compact* by Sorina Teleanu — <https://www.diplomacy.edu/resource/unpacking-global-digital-compact/>