

PRESS RELEASE: EuroISPA launches manifesto for an innovative and fair European Internet ecosystem

Manifesto asks EU policymakers to focus on legislative coherence, data protection, cybersecurity, and digital infrastructure

Brussels, 18 October 2023 – <u>EuroISPA</u>, the pan-European association of Internet Services Providers (ISPs) associations, launches its manifesto today, outlining the key actions needed for the sector in view of the upcoming European elections in 2024. The manifesto calls for the EU institutions to empower an innovative and fair European Internet ecosystem to boost EU competitiveness.

Building on the knowledge of its wide and varied membership, EuroISPA offers legislators a framework to strengthen the internal market through policymaking in the digital sphere. EuroISPA emphasises the importance of legislative coherence, data protection, cybersecurity, and digital infrastructure to ensure a prosperous digital future for Europe.

Elina Ussa, President of EuroISPA, said "We want this manifesto to serve as a guide for the next EU mandate to deliver better, more effective, and constructive policymaking that benefits all involved in the Internet system – in Europe and beyond. In a time of continuous digital advancement, it is crucial to prioritise innovation and fairness when developing policies that affect the European Internet world. In our manifesto, we have outlined four key focus areas; by focusing on these, we believe the EU can enhance its competitiveness, safeguard fundamental rights, and unlock the benefits of new technologies".

For better policymaking, EuroISPA recommends the joint implementation of actions towards:

- A fully functioning internal market;
- A long-term vision on privacy online;
- A harmonised European Strategy for Cybersecurity; and
- Legislative Coherence for Digital Infrastructure.

"We are extremely proud of the collective effort that went into developing this manifesto, which we hope will be the first building block for an important conversation on the future of European Internet. We must work together to create a thriving and inclusive Internet community that serves the interests of all European citizens", Ussa added.

EuroISPA, the representative body of over 3,300 Internet Services Providers across the European continent, is committed to fostering the growth of an innovative and fair European Internet ecosystem, encouraging the continued development of a free and open telecommunications market. Since 1997, EuroISPA functions as an 'umbrella' association representing ISP associations on policy and legislative issues and facilitates the exchange of best practices between members.



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About EuroISPA

Established in 1997, EuroISPA is the world's largest association of Internet Services Providers Associations, representing over 3,300 Internet Service Providers (ISPs) across the EU and EFTA countries. EuroISPA is recognised as the voice of the EU ISP industry, reflecting the views of ISPs of all sizes from across its member base.

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