

PROGRAMME

On the Road Meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network 30 June – 1 July Saeima of the Republic of Latvia Jēkaba iela 11, Rīga

Please note that the timing of the programme reflects the timing of the sessions in Latvia (Riga time - EEST).

Building a secure and inclusive digital future in a post-COVID world

Thursday 30 June

16:30 Welcome coffee

17:00-19:00 **Parliamentary workshop – Responding to the challenges of the digital transformation in democratic processes**

Opening: *Rihards Kols*, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Scene-setting: *Barbara Ubaldi*, Head of Digital Government and Data Unit, Open and Innovative Government Division, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

The digital transformation has drastically changed the traditional mechanisms of democracy. The use of digital technologies and data has empowered citizens with a new set of tools to engage in the democratic practices and expanded political participation. Nevertheless, the rapid digitalisation has also presented challenges that debilitate democratic processes such as the protection of fundamental rights, destabilised information ecosystems and democratic intermediation. In the digital age, the new way of governing and legislating is called for to address these challenges. In the scene-setting presentation, the OECD will present how to build a robust governance to support digital transformation and on imperative issues that need to be addressed to build a secure and inclusive future.

Parliamentary panel

Moderator: *Vjaceslavs Dombrovskis*, Chairman, Sustainable Development Committee, Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

- *Liam Byrne*, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom
- *Anke Domscheit-Berg*, Member of Parliament, Germany
- *Christophe Frassa*, Member of Parliament, France

- **Konstantinos Karagounis**, Member of Parliament, Greece
- **Irine Yusiana Roba Putri**, Member of Parliament, Indonesia
- **Lukas Savickas**, Member of Parliament, Lithuania

20:00 Reception
Latvian National Museum of Art
Jana Rozentala laukums 1, Rīga

Friday 1 July

09:00-09:30 **Welcoming remarks**

- **Ināra Mūrniece**, Speaker of the Saeima, Latvia
- **Rihards Kols**, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
- **Artūrs Toms Plešs**, Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development, in charge of Digital Transformation, Latvia
- **Anthony Gooch**, Chair, OECD Global Parliamentary Network

09:30-11:00 **Safe digital spaces: data governance to enhance access and sharing**

Christian Reimsbach-Kounatze, Economist and Policy analyst, Data Governance and Privacy / Security in the Digital Economy, Digital Economy Policy Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

Adopted in October 2021, the [OECD Recommendation on Enhancing Access to and Sharing of Data](#) (EASD) is the **first internationally agreed upon set of principles and policy guidance** on how governments can maximise the cross-sectoral benefits of **all types of data** while protecting the rights of individuals and organisations. This session highlights the opportunities and challenges of data access and sharing, and how the OECD Recommendation on EASD can help governments develop **coherent data governance policies and frameworks** to unlock the potential benefits of data across sectors and jurisdictions.

Special discussant – View from Latvia
Jekaterina Macuka, Director of the Data State Inspectorate of Latvia

Discussants:
Mattia Fantinati, Member of Parliament, Italy
Lukas Savickas, Member of Parliament, Lithuania

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 **Governing and legislating in the digital age**

View from the European Parliament:
Alexandra Geese, Member of the European Parliament

Andreas Schwab, Member of the European Parliament

Discussant: **Fadli Zon**, Member of Parliament, Indonesia

13:00-13:15 Group photo

13:15-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:30 **Combatting digital mis- and disinformation**

Janis Karlsbergs, Publication and Policy Manager, NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence

Molly Leshner, Senior Policy Analyst, Going Digital, Digital Economy Policy Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

Toolkit: [Disentangling untruths online: Creators, spreaders and how to stop them](#)

Podcast: [Disinformation and its discontents](#)

Discussants:

Eun A Her, Member of Parliament, Korea

Anke Domscheit-Berg, Member of Parliament, Germany

Darren Jones, Member of Parliament, UK

16:30-18:00 **Cybersecurity and digital security: managing risks and addressing vulnerabilities**

Christian Reimsbach-Kounatze, Economist and Policy analyst, Data Governance and Privacy / Security in the Digital Economy, Digital Economy Policy Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

As the digital transformation accelerates, our economies and societies are increasingly vulnerable to cyberattacks that can harm organisations' assets, reputation and competitiveness. Such attacks may even result in companies shutting down and, with the development of the Internet of Things (IoT), threaten human safety. The surge of ransomware attacks is the most recent illustration of this trend, affecting operators of critical activities such as gas distribution and healthcare.

This session highlights how **to strengthen security and trust, without inhibiting the benefits of the digital transformation and its potential to increase well-being, innovation and growth**. The session focuses on the economic and social aspects of cybersecurity, as opposed to aspects that are purely technical, directly related to criminal law enforcement or national security. It highlights in particular the importance of **digital security risk management as a key characteristic of the [OECD approach to digital security](#)** with a focus on (i) enhancing the security of products and services and (ii) encouraging vulnerability treatment.

View from Latvia: Kristians Teters, CERT.LV - the Information Technology Security Incident Response Institution of the Republic of Latvia

*Discussant: **Luis Jesús Uribe-Etxebarria**, Member of Parliament, Spain*

18:00-18:15 **Closing remarks and next steps**