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Synopsis

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Europe

Internet governance

No new items of relevance

Cybersecurity

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Euractiv

[Ansip plans new EU cybersecurity centre](#)

EU Commissions Vice-President Andrus Ansip has announced new plans to develop a cybersecurity centre to promote cybersecurity technology and skills across the EU.

“EU digital chief Andrus Ansip wants to set up a new office to certify the cybersecurity level of technology products — which would make them more competitive globally — as part of an overhaul of the bloc’s rules in September.

A network of new cybersecurity centres spread across the Union would be “even better” than only one centre, the European Commission vice-president said on Thursday (20 July).”

25.07.17

New York Times

[Swedish Government Scrambles to Contain Damage From Data Breach](#)

The Swedish Government are attempting to respond to a major data breach in the country’s Transport Agency.

“[Sweden](#)’s government is scrambling to contain the political fallout from a huge breach of confidential data, including the possible disclosure of the identities of undercover operatives, under the watch of a government contractor.

The breach was disclosed this month by the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter, when it reported that Maria Agren, the former director general of the

Swedish Transport Agency, had been fired in January for negligent handling of classified data.”

Privacy

26.07.17

Network Asia

[Retail data breaches remain unacceptably high as GDPR approaches](#)

A new threat report by Thales Data has found that 40% of retailers worldwide have suffered data breaches in the past. The report highlights that data breaches continue to occur at a high rate, raising concern for the successful implementation of GDPR.

“Two in five retailers across the globe have experienced a data breach in the past year, according to the 2017 Thales Data Threat Report, Retail Edition.

The report, issued by Thales in conjunction with analyst firm 451 Research, reveals that a staggering 43 percent of retailers had experienced a data breach in the last year, with a third (32%) claiming more than one.”

Internet Inclusion

24.07.17

Computer Weekly

[UK government wants to give 6,000 teenagers cyber security training](#)

The UK Government have announced a new £20million programme to improve the cybersecurity skills of school children as part of the UK's National Cyber Security Programme.

“The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) is to launch a cyber security training programme for schoolchildren later this year.

The £20m Cyber Schools Programme will provide up to 6,000 secondary school students with training through extracurricular clubs, activities and an online game. A pilot programme will be launched in the autumn.”

United States of America

Internet governance

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The Hill

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Cybersecurity

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Privacy

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The Telegraph

[US technology firm to implant 50 employees with identification microchips](#)

Three Square Market, a US technology firm in Wisconsin has implanted RFID chips into 50 of its employees after they volunteered to take part in a project to digitise several functions within their company.

"A US firm has begun implanting [microchips](#) the size of a grain of rice in its employees.

Three Square Market, a technology firm in Wisconsin, said 50 of its employees had voluntarily signed up to have the Radio-Frequency Identification technology fitted from August."

Internet Inclusion

19.07.17

Ars Technica

[Trump team endorses overturning Obama-era net neutrality rules](#)

President Donald Trump's administration have endorsed the FCC's attempts to repeal net neutrality rules implemented under the Obama administration.

"The Trump administration supports the Federal Communications Commission effort to overturn net neutrality rules passed during the Obama years, a White House spokesperson said yesterday.

"The previous administration went about this the wrong way by imposing rules on ISPs through the FCC's Title II rulemaking power," White House Deputy Press Secretary Sarah Sanders [told reporters yesterday](#). "We support the FCC chair's efforts to review and consider rolling back these rules and believe that the best way to get fair rules for everyone is for Congress to take action and create regulatory and economic certainty."

25.07.17

The Hill

[Dems introduce cyber workforce bill](#)

Three Democrat members of the House of Representatives have introduced a new bill focused on developing the USA's cybersecurity workforce.

"Three House Democrats on Tuesday introduced a multi-layered bill aimed at boosting the cybersecurity workforce.

The "New Collar Jobs Act," released by Reps. [Ted Lieu](#) (Calif.), [Matt Cartwright](#) (Pa.) and Ann McLane Kuster (N.H.), would establish incentivized tax breaks for employers offering cybersecurity training, increase funding for a cyber scholarship program and establish a student debt relief program for cybersecurity job takers."

Pan-Asia

Internet governance

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Reuters

[Amid VPN crackdown, China eyes upgrades to Great Firewall](#)

There is growing speculation that Chinese telecommunications companies may be used to upgrade the country's Great Firewall, by providing private enforcement of virtual private networks that have been outside the Government's control in the past.

"A Chinese telecoms carrier said it had begun closing virtual private networks (VPNs) and other tools that can bypass the so-called Great Firewall, which state authorities use to filter and block traffic between Chinese and overseas servers.

A spokesman for Guangzhou Huoyun Information Technology Ltd, which operates in around 20 cities across China, told Reuters the company received a directive from authorities to start blocking services from midday on Tuesday."

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MIS Asia

[Hong Kong SMEs unfazed by recent cybersecurity incidents](#)

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“Most small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Hong Kong (98.5 percent) - that are actively digitalising their business processes (33.2 percent) - are maintaining a firm stance to push their digitalisation plans forward despite the [recent string of cybersecurity incidents](#).”

This is according to the Standard Chartered Hong Kong SME Leading Business Index for the third quarter of 2017 released by the Hong Kong Productivity Council last Thursday (20 July 2017).”

Privacy

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Internet Inclusion

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Network Asia

[South Korea tops IDC APAC's 2017 IoT Readiness Index](#)

South Korea has been named as the most IoT prepared APAC country in a recent study by IDC.

“The top three countries in Asia Pacific excluding Japan (APeJ) that are the most capable and ready to generate efficiencies linked to IoT solutions are South Korea, Singapore and New Zealand, says a new IDC report, [APeJ Nations and IoT: A Comparative Assessment](#).”

As expected, South Korea tops the Internet of Things (IoT) readiness index in APeJ following its second-place ranking in the in the [G20 Nations and the IoT: A Comparative Assessment](#) report (US41866816) published by IDC's global IoT team [Vernon Turner](#), [Adam Wright](#) and [Carrie MacGillivray](#).”

Rest of the World

Internet governance

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Cybersecurity

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NATO

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Privacy

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Internet Inclusion

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Deutsche Welle

South Sudan blocks access to independent websites

Internet access to several independent websites have been blocked in South Sudan as the Government grows increasingly hostile towards the Media.

“Internet and mobile phone users in South Sudan are not able to access the websites of at least four independent media outlets. The government has grown increasingly hostile to the media since civil war began in 2013.

The South Sudanese government has blocked access to the websites of Dutch-backed Radio Tamazuj, as well as the popular news blogs Nyamilepedia and Paanluel Wel. Internet users said that the website of the Paris-based Sudan Tribune was also affected on some mobile phone and Wi-Fi networks.”

Global Institutions

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ICANN

[ICANN Publishes Findings of ICANN59 Community Feedback and By the Numbers Reports](#)

ICANN has published the results of its recent survey for participants of ICANN59. The report summarises the number of attendants and the best attended sessions, with a session on the impact of GDPR ranking as the most popular.

*"Today, ICANN published the results of the ICANN59 participant survey, and the technical, demographic, and attendance statistics. There are two reports – the **Community Feedback** report and the **By the Numbers** report. These reports summarize our findings from ICANN's second Public Forum Meeting of the [new meeting strategy](#). These reports are part of ICANN's commitment to transparency."*

Diary Dates

Modernising the regulations establishing the .eu top-level domain name – 05.05.17-04.08.17

European Commission

ITU WTDC-17 – 09.10.17–20.10.17

Buenos Aires, Argentina

ICANN 60 – 28.10.17-03.11.17

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

IGF 2017 – 18.12.17–21.12.17

Geneva, Switzerland