



Internet Society and the Russian Association for Electronic Communications to Host Roundtable on Internet Data Localization

Discussion to follow Russian Internet Governance Forum on 7 April

[Moscow, Russia – 6 April 2015] – The [Internet Society](#) (ISOC) and its Russian Chapter are collaborating with the [Russian Association for Electronic Communications](#) (RAEC) to host a roundtable discussion looking at the impact of Internet data localization. The discussion will take place on 7 April 2015 at 17.00-19.00 at the Lotte Hotel in Moscow, Russia.

Recent disclosures of pervasive Internet surveillance have led to various proposals across the globe to "localize" Internet users' data and alter Internet traffic routing patterns. The jointly hosted roundtable will examine the economic, legal and technical consequences of data localization, and explore alternative measures for increasing the reliability of the Internet. The Internet Society hopes that this discussion will help the local stakeholders to better understand the positive and negative implications of data localization and to provide inputs for informed policy decision-making in matters related to Internet development.

The Data Localization roundtable will be held at the conclusion of the sixth annual [Russian Internet Governance Forum](#) (RIGF) in Moscow. Roundtable panelists will include:

- Jari Arkko, Chair of Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
- Mikhail Emelyannikov, Managing Partner, Emelyannikov, Popov & Partners
- Karen Kazaryan, Chief Analyst, Russian Association for Electronic Communications (RAEC)
- Alexandra Kulikova, Program Coordinator, PIR Center
- Fedor Smirnov, Board Member, Internet Society Russia
- Uliana Zinina, Advisor on Legislation and Regulation, Microsoft

Frédéric Donck, ISOC's Regional Bureau Director for Europe, commented, "The Internet Society is a strong supporter of the Internet Governance Forum as an essential venue for global and regional multistakeholder communities to discuss public policy issues related to Internet governance. As an organizational partner of this year's RIGF, we look forward to productive discussions and collaboration among the participants."

Maarit Palovirta, ISOC's Regional Affairs Manager for Europe, added, "Working together with our Russian Chapter and the RAEC, the Data Localization roundtable will provide an opportunity to engage in a lively discussion on this critical issue and hear perspectives from regional and international experts."

More details on the roundtable are available at: <http://runet-id.com/event/isoc15>.

About the Internet Society:

The Internet Society (<http://www.internetsociety.org>) is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership around the world. It is also the organizational home for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). With its principled vision, substantial technological foundation and its global presence, the Internet Society promotes open dialogue on Internet policy, technology, and future development among users, companies, governments, and other organizations. Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society enables the continued evolution and growth of the Internet for everyone.

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