G20: digital ministers met in India to discuss digital innovation and inclusion

On 19 August 2023, the digital ministers of the 20 largest and fastest-growing economies agreed on a joint declaration to foster digital innovation and inclusion, digital skilling, and security in the digital economy in Bangalore, India.

Under the Indian presidency of the G20, three main areas were discussed during the ministerial meeting: Digital Public Infrastructure for digital inclusion and innovation; building a safe, secure, and resilient digital economy; and digital skilling for building a global future ready workforce. Roberto Viola, Director General of the Communications Networks, Content and Technology of the European Commission represented the European Union.

Members of the G20 agreed on a joint declaration (https://www.g20.org/content/dam/gtwenty/gtwenty_new/document/G20_Digital_Economy_Outcome_Document%20and_Chair%27s_Summary_19082023.pdf) highlighting that Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) should be secure and interoperable and foster inclusion, innovation and competition in a trustworthy way while respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms. Reliable Digital Public Infrastructure on the global stage should bring a more efficient and inclusive public administration at the service of the citizens.

Cooperation on DPI in the G20 will build on the cooperation between the EU and India as part of the EU-India Trade and Technology Council (https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2728).

The ministerial meeting will feed into the G20 Leaders’ Summit
scheduled to take place in New Delhi on 9-10 September 2023.

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