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Where will the digital revolution have taken Europe and the rest of the world 15 years from now? Few would deny the futility of trying to accurately predict what the world will look like in 2025 – let alone the “digital” world. With this special report, the European Internet Foundation (EIF) challenges European political leaders and policy-makers to put **Europe’s place in the digital world of 2025** at *the centre* of their preoccupations and priorities *today*. The report is *not* a forecast or a prediction. Rather, it is a collective analysis by members of the EIF of probable outcomes, based on trends observable today.

The Report looks into the technological trends, economical implications and socio-political aspects of the digital revolution. It also identifies **key policy areas and issues which will increasingly dominate the political landscape**, and where action – or inaction – *over the next five years* will prove decisive for Europe’s economic and social well-being in the digital world of 2025.

The European Internet Foundation launched the project “The Digital World in 2025” with a major conference in Brussels on November 13th 2008. This was followed by a full programme of events over the first 4 months of 2009, during which key themes and issues were further developed and debated. The report evolved in parallel to this programme, through successive drafts. Along the way, EIF members were invited to make suggestions on the evolving text directly to the editors, and many did.

We hope and expect that many others will now use EIF’s independent, politically-led, non-partisan multi-stakeholder platform to challenge our thinking with their own views, and to help us spread much wider understanding of what is at stake. **It is not an exaggeration to say that Europe’s future depends on it.**

The report will be officially presented to MEPs on 29 September.

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