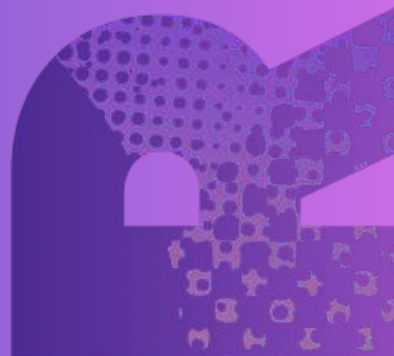


# RIGF 2025: RUSSIAN INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

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## The 15<sup>th</sup> Russian Internet Governance Forum was held on April 7, 2025

Russian Internet Governance Forum is an event where all professional views can be brought to attention and discussed. The aim is to find a consensus between government agencies, telecommunications industry, businesses and society, leading to successful results in Russia and worldwide. With many ideas expressed during previous events turning into hands-on projects for Russian and international organizations, this year's Forum became a starting point for many collaborations for all RIGF attendees.

On April 7, the 15<sup>th</sup> Russian Internet Governance Forum (RIGF 2025) took place in Moscow. The forum was held in a hybrid format, with more than **300 participants** physically attending the sessions and over **2,000 viewers** following the event online.

# ORGANIZERS



Coordination Center for TLD .RU/.PФ is the national registry (administrator) of the .RU and .PФ domains.

The organization functions as the national registry with the authority to create domain name registration regulations for .RU and .PФ, accredit registrars, and explore potential initiatives linked to the advancement of Russian top-level domains.



ANO «Center for Global IT-Cooperation» was established in 2020 to promote the role of the Russian expert community in the international cooperation in the field of IT and digital technologies, including promotion of new approaches to multistakeholder Internet governance.

The Center works with a pool of Russian and international experts to develop new approaches, conduct research and implement projects in the field of global IT cooperation, popularize scientific and technological cooperation, develop the international legal framework for the multistakeholder Internet governance. The Center engages all interested experts in Russia and abroad in the topical scientific and expert conferences, round tables, webinars and, including Youth Russian Internet Governance Forum (Youth RIGF).

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The Technical Center of Internet is an accredited Russian IT-company, which main spheres of expertise are domain name industry, cybersecurity, data processing and software development. TCI serves as a technical back-end for the Russian national domain zone, it provides technical support for the registries and domain registration system of the ccTLDs .RU, .РФ, .SU and New gTLDs .Дети and .TATAR and ensures continuous operation of the domain addressing of the Russian Internet segment.



JSC "Rucenter" is a major Russian domain name registrar and hosting provider and the flagship company of Rucenter Group, which is part of RBC holding.

Established in 2000 on the basis of RosNIIROS, which was one of the originators of the Russian internet segment, Rucenter is still an integral part of RuNet's infrastructure.



RIPN is a non-profit organization that pioneered the Russian segment of the Internet and the domain industry in the Russian Federation.

# April 7

## Opening of the Forum

Moderator:

*Andrey Vorobyev*, Director of Coordination Center for TLD .RU/.PФ

Participants:

- *Tatyana Matveeva*, Head of the Office of the President of the Russian Federation for the Development of Information and Communication Technologies and Communications Infrastructure
- *Sergey Boyarsky*, Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Informational Policy, Technologies and Communications
- *Artem Sheikin*, First Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Constitutional Legislation and State Building
- *Alexander Shoitov*, Deputy Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation
- *Chengetai Masango*, Head of Office, UN Secretariat for the Internet Governance Forum
- *Anton Gorelkin*, First Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Information Policy, Information Technology and Communications, Chairman of the Board of ROCIT
- *Alexey Goreslavsky*, General Director of Internet Development Institute
- *Vadim Gluschenko*, Director of Center for Global IT-Cooperation
- *Kirill Izotov*, Director of RIPN
- *Andrey Kuzmichev*, CEO of Rucenter

## The plenary session. Runet Digital Security: Between Sovereignty and Global Challenges

Over the past three years, a new threat contour has formed around the Runet and its users – from DDoS attacks with hacking and data destruction to propaganda and fraud. How sovereign is the Runet today, has it been possible to ensure the safety of citizens, both physical and moral, and how to limit the abuse of AI. Should we welcome the prospect of the return of foreign IT companies or focus on protecting our own IT sector. And how do we manage to cope with the challenges of digitalization and ensure data protection at the regional level?

Moderator:

*Anton Nemkin*, Deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, coordinator of the federal party project "Digital Russia"

Participants:

- *Igor Alekseev*, Managing Director for Government Relations at Positive Technologies
- *Sergei Belyakov*, Cyberus Foundation's Partner
- *Stanislav Loginov*, Director of the Department of Informatization of the Tyumen Region
- *Sergey Plugotarenko*, CEO of ANO "Digital Economy"
- *Maxim Sonikov*, Minister of Digital Development, Information Technology and Communications of the Ryazan Region
- *Vladimir Todorov*, Director of Media Development at Rambler&Co, Editor-in-Chief of Lenta.ru
- *Alexey Eteyev*, Ministry of Digital Development of the Republic of Kalmykia

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## Session 2. Technology Without Borders: International Cooperation Mechanisms

In a fiercely competitive global environment, every IT solution is more than just a product; it is a bridge between different cultures and economic realities. Russian IT companies can become key players in this field, because they are able not only to meet the needs of developing markets, but also to enrich these economies with unique technologies based on many years of experience and recent scientific progress.

**Moderator:**

*Vadim Gluschenko*, Director of Center for Global IT-Cooperation

**Participants:**

- *Irina Andreeva*, Executive Director of the East Center for Business and Cultural Development
- *Ivan Dronov*, Digital Attache at the Russian Trade Mission in Indonesia
- *Ilya Massukh*, Director of ANO "Competence Center for Import Substitution in the field of ICT"
- *Maxim Cherepakhin*, Deputy General Director of ANO "METZ"
- *Denis Studentsov*, Director of Business Development, VisionLabs
- *Eduard Shantayev*, CEO of the Federal Center for the Development of the Russian Federation

## Session 3. Children Online: Technology and Safety

How do you teach children not only to use the internet, but also to understand the risks that it carries? Critical thinking is a key tool for being protected in the digital environment. The discussion will focus on ways to foster critical thinking, the right age to start teaching digital hygiene, and online threats the new generation is likely to encounter. The participants will talk about different types of literacy including information, digital and media literacy.

**Moderator:**

*Urvan Parfentyev*, Coordinator of the Safe Internet Center, Director of the "NeDopusti" Foundation

**Participants:**

- *Elizaveta Belyakova*, Chairperson of the Alliance for the Protection of Children in the Digital Environment
- *Olga Bochkova*, Founder and Head of the Olga Bochkova Security Academy
- *Anna Ivanova*, Director of the Content and Technology Department at Rambler&Co, Executive Director of the Rambler portal
- *Ekaterina Starostina*, Director of Corporate Communications at MCloud, Industrial Head of the Department of Information Security and System Administration at IThub College



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### Session 4. In the Digital Orbit: Internet from Space

Satellites do not only provide connectivity in the most remote places. They are a major component of the data economy. How is satellite internet developing in Russia and around the world? What barriers are preventing its greater penetration? How do we harmonize space and internet governance? We will have a discussion on how satellites help promote the data economy.

#### Moderator:

*Mikhail Koryagin*, Director of Information Infrastructure, ANO "Digital Economy"

#### Participants:

- *Andrey Ionin*, Advisor to the General Director of GC Geoscan, Ph.D., member of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy
- *Karen Kazaryan*, Digital Economy
- *Sergey Mardanov*, Deputy General Director for Business Development at SR Space
- *Milana Elerdova*, Deputy CEO, Sputniks Group

### Session 5. Global Dialogue and the Digital Agenda

Twenty years ago, the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) laid the foundations for a digital world that focused on people and the development of society, information and knowledge. WSIS+20 is a time to take stock and assess the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and those of the Internet Governance Forum. We will discuss how the Global Digital Compact, adopted in 2024, can be the key to a more coordinated approach to digital governance, despite the disputes in the international arena.

#### Moderator:

*Maria Bolshakova*, Deputy Director of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC)

#### Participants:

- *Anna Abramova*, Director of the MGIMO Center for Artificial Intelligence, Scientific director of the Master's degree program "Artificial Intelligence"
- *Cynthi Lesufi*, Chair, Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG, ITU
- *Vladimir Minkin*, Chief Researcher at The M.I. Krivosheev National Research Centre for Telecommunication
- *Gitanjali Sah*, ITU Strategy and Policy Coordinator



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## Session 6. Guidelines for Countering Digital Disinformation

How can we effectively address disinformation while maintaining a balance between security and freedom of speech? In this session, we will discuss the measures already taken, their impact on society and the digital environment, as well as possible regulatory approaches that will help make the internet cleaner and safer.

**Moderator:**

*Timofey Vi*, Expert of the Global Fact-checking Network (GFCN)

**Participants:**

- *Lidiya Vitkova*, PhD, Head of the Analytical Center for Cybersecurity Gazinformservice, Senior Researcher at the St. Petersburg Federal Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- *Anton Gorelkin*, First Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Information Policy, Information Technology and Communications, Chairman of the Board of ROCIT
- *Ilya Emelin*, Director of Content Management at RUTUBE
- *Yuri Kolotaev*, PhD in Political Science, Senior Lecturer, Department of European Studies, Faculty of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University
- *Lily Ong*, Specialist in geopolitics and cybersecurity, journalist at Geopolitics360 (Singapore/USA)

# VIRTUTI INTERNETI AWARD

RIGF 2025 hosted the Virtuti Interneti award ceremony (For Internet Merit) established by the Coordination Center for TLD .RU/.РФ in 2010. This year, it was won by *Pavel Khramtsov*, one of the oldest figures in the Runet, who stood at the origins of the internet in Russia, and later trained several generations of IT specialists working today in the largest domestic companies.

Pavel Khramtsov graduated from the Moscow Engineering Physics Institute and began his career at the Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy. Among his first tasks was relieving the outcome of the accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant: information systems he designed were used to track radiation levels within the 30- and 60-kilometer zones surrounding the plant, as well as to model the release of radioactivity from the fourth damaged unit of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. After that, as an expert he took part in the JSP1 and JSP2 international projects held as part of the Commission of the European Communities' program for the development of information systems helping relieve the consequences of nuclear accidents.

Virtuti Interneti is awarded to representatives of the internet community, businesspeople, scientists and officials who have made a significant contribution to the development of the Runet and the global internet. In previous years, it went to *Steve Crocker*, inventor of the RFC Internet policy format, a founder of the technical community of global internet builders; *Wolfgang Kleinwachter*, honorary professor of internet policy and regulation at the Department of Media and Information Studies at Aarhus University; *Jovan Kurbalija*, author of the Internet Governance book; *Alexei Platonov*, one of the founders of Runet, former director of RosNIIROS and director of MSK-IX; *Sergei Plugotarenko*, director of the Digital Economy autonomous non-profit organization; and *Elena Voronina*, director of the Indata Network Technology Development Fund, among many others.



## OPENING OF THE FORUM

**Andrey Vorobyev**, Director of the Coordination Center for TLD .RU/.РФ, welcomed participants and emphasized that RIGF is traditionally held on the same day the .RU domain was established. He noted that this year's forum would address the most pressing and important issues in internet governance.

*"RIGF is one of the oldest national forums in the global IGF system, and 2025 is a special year for us. May 12 marks the 15th anniversary of the Cyrillic domain .РФ, which was launched at the first RIGF in 2010 and became a significant milestone in the development of Runet," Andrey Vorobyev remarked.*

**Tatyana Matveyeva**, Chief of the Presidential Directorate for the Development of Information and Communication Technology and Communication Infrastructure, highlighted Runet's importance as a tool for the country's technological, social, and cultural progress.

Tatyana Matveyeva also reported that the economic value of the Russian internet sector reached about 23 trillion rubles by the end of 2024, a substantial increase from 17.1 trillion rubles in 2023, reflecting nearly 20% growth. She anticipates even stronger growth in 2025, driven primarily by software and digital content, rather than e-commerce. Additionally, she invited participants to join the Global Digital Forum, scheduled to be held on June 5-6 on the sidelines of the Digital Industry of Industrial Russia (DIIR) conference in Nizhny Novgorod. This event will serve as a platform for discussing the global development of digital technologies with international partners and creating conditions for business dialogue and potential agreements on mutually beneficial digital cooperation.

Deputy Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media **Alexander Shoitov** acknowledged the progress Runet and RIGF have made over the years but also pointed out that serious challenges remain.

**Artyom Sheikin**, First Deputy Chair of the Federation Council Committee on Constitutional Legislation and State Building, noted that the forum has become an essential platform for discussing key issues related to digital infrastructure, technologies and legal regulation in Russia.

**Anton Gorelkin**, First Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Information Policy, Information Technologies and Communications, and Chairman of the Management Board of the Regional Public Center of Internet Technologies (ROCIT), emphasized that RIGF has become a platform for shaping the future of Runet. He stressed that any powerful and independent state now strives to establish clear, transparent rules for online operations and meet the public demand for a safe and user-friendly internet environment.

Rucenter CEO **Andrey Kuzmichev** reminded the audience of last year's completion of an ambitious project to identify hosting and domain service owners through the Integrated Identification and Authentication System.

## OPENING OF THE FORUM

Among the distinguished guests attending the opening ceremony were *Chengetai Masango*, Head of the United Nations Secretariat for the Internet Governance Forum; *Alexei Goreslavsky*, General Director of the Internet Development Institute; *Vadim Glushchenko*, Director of the Center for Global IT Cooperation Competences; and *Kirill Izotov*, Director of the Russian Scientific Research Institute for the Development of Public Networks (RosNIIROS).





## THE PLENARY SESSION. RUNET DIGITAL SECURITY: BETWEEN SOVEREIGNTY AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES

At the plenary session, moderator *Anton Nemkin* – a member of the State Duma and coordinator of the federal party project Digital Russia – noted that phishing remains the most prevalent type of fraud in Russia. Last year alone, the Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technology and Mass Media (Roskomnadzor) blocked access to nearly 70,000 phishing websites based on court rulings and requests from the General Prosecutor's Office.

Participants also debated whether to support the return of foreign IT companies or prioritize protecting the interests of Russia's IT sector. Representatives of regional authorities shared experiences transitioning to domestic state information systems, establishing regional cybersecurity threat response centers, and ensuring the protection of users' personal data.

The discussion included *Igor Alekseyev* (Positive Technologies), *Sergey Belyakov* (Cyberus Foundation), *Stanislav Loginov* (Department of Informatization, Tyumen Region), *Sergey Plugotarenko* (ANO Digital Economy), *Maxim Sonikov* (Ministry of Digital Development, Information Technologies, and Communications of the Ryazan Region), *Vladimir Todorov* (Rambler&Co, Lenta.ru), and *Alexey Eteyev* (Government of the Republic of Kalmykia).



## TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT BORDERS: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MECHANISMS

Another key topic of RIGF 2025 was international cooperation in internet governance and development, including at the space level. During the session titled Technology Without Borders: International Cooperation Mechanisms, experts, alongside moderator *Vadim Glushchenko*, Director of the Center for Global IT Cooperation, explored opportunities for international collaboration. They shared their own experiences and discussed popular products and successful programs aimed at supporting the export of domestic digital solutions.

The discussion was joined by *Eduard Shantayev*, General Director of the Federal Center for the Applied Development of Artificial Intelligence; *Ivan Dronov*, Digital Attaché at the Russian Trade Mission in Indonesia; *Maxim Cherepakhin*, Deputy General Director of the Moscow Export Center; *Irina Andreyeva*, Executive Director of the Vostok Center for the Development of Business and Cultural Relations; *Ilya Massukh*, Director of the Competence Center for Import Substitution in ICT; and *Denis Studentsov*, Director of Business Development at VisionLabs.



## CHILDREN ONLINE: TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY

Child online safety was addressed at the session Children Online: Technology and Safety, moderated by **Urvan Parfentyev** (Safe Internet Center, Nedopusti Foundation). Experts discussed key online threats and debated strategies for fostering critical thinking and digital hygiene skills in children. Practical recommendations for verifying online information and identifying potentially dangerous content received particular attention.

**Yelizaveta Belyakova**, Chair of the Alliance for the Protection of Children in the Digital Environment, highlighted that Russian children may only register on social networks from age 14.

*"If a child registers earlier, parents bear responsibility. They must implement parental controls and decide what content their child accesses online. Due to their age, children lack developed critical thinking and cannot distinguish reliable information from falsehoods – they believe everything they see online. Thus, it's crucial to recognize that social responsibility extends not only to businesses and the state but first and foremost to parents," she stated.*

**Olga Bochkova**, founder and head of the Olga Bochkova Security Academy, underscored the importance of cultivating critical thinking in young people.

The session also featured **Anna Ivanova** (Rambler&Co) and **Yekaterina Starostina** (M1Cloud, IThub College).



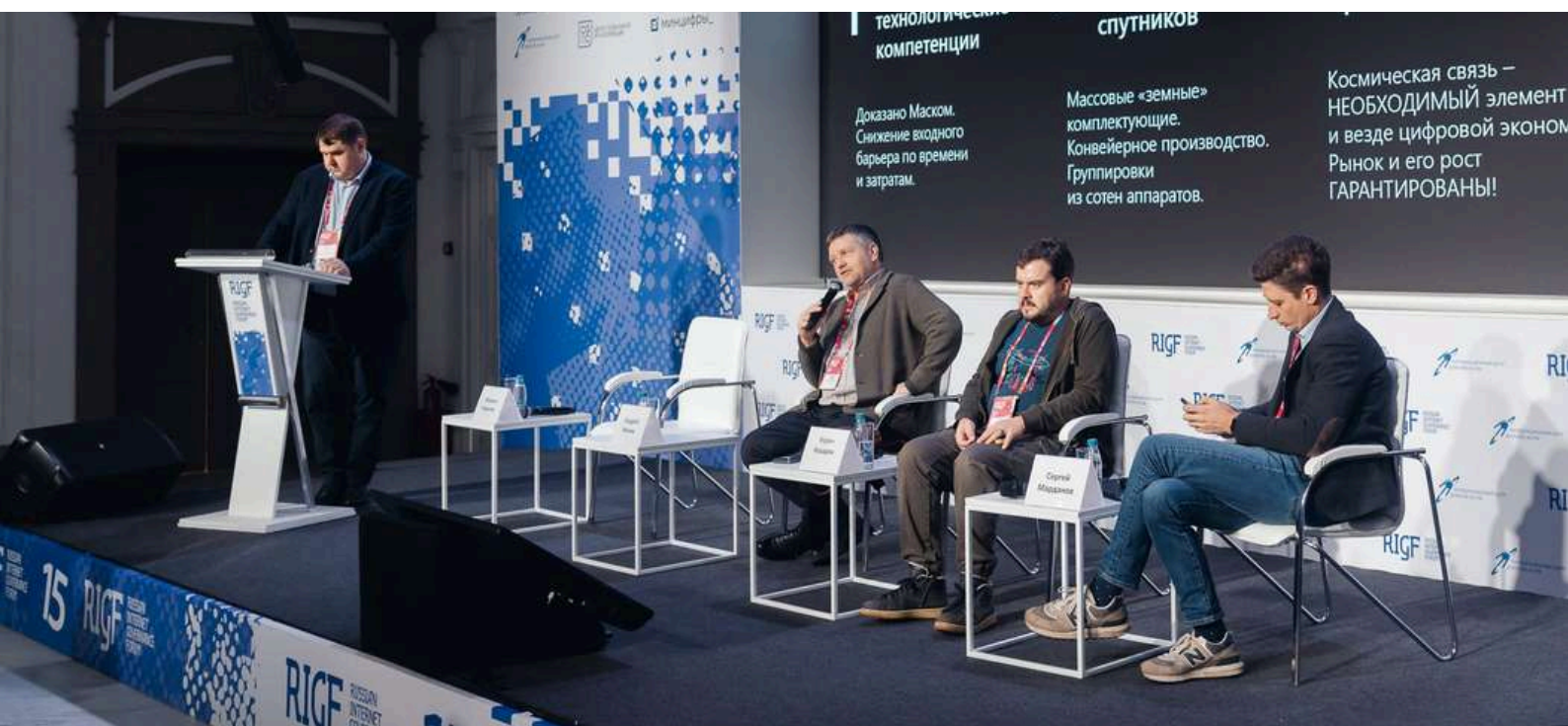


## IN THE DIGITAL ORBIT: INTERNET FROM SPACE

During the session titled In the Orbit of Digitalization: Space Internet, moderated by **Mikhail Koryagin**, Director of Information Infrastructure at Digital Economy, participants explored the opportunities presented by the development of satellite internet in Russia, as well as the key challenges facing the growth of space communications.

**Andrey Ionin**, Advisor to the General Director of Geoscan Group of Companies and member of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy, stated that a true revolution is currently unfolding in the field of space communications. He explained that while high satellite costs, limited technology access, and low internet penetration were once major barriers to entering the space communications market, all three obstacles have now been successfully overcome. Ionin highlighted that just a few years ago, the creation of the Starlink system would have faced significant challenges; for example, one Iridium satellite cost \$70 million (excluding launch costs), and there are 70 satellites in total. Today, Starlink has already deployed 7,000 satellites, and thanks to advancements in low-orbit technologies, modern ground-based microelectronics have proven sufficient, replacing components previously designed for rocket and space technologies.

The session was also attended by **Karen Kazaryan**, Director of Analytics at Digital Economy; **Sergey Mardanov**, Deputy General Director for Business Development at SR Space; and **Milana Elerdova**, First Deputy General Director of the Sputnix Group.



## GLOBAL DIALOGUE AND THE DIGITAL AGENDA

The session titled Global Dialogue and the Digital Agenda was moderated by **Maria Bolshakova**, Deputy Director General of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC). Participants reviewed the outcomes of 20 years of implementing the decisions from the World Summit on the Information Society and explored whether the Global Digital Compact could serve as a platform for constructive dialogue among participants with differing perspectives on the future of the internet. The session also addressed the role of new and emerging technologies in shaping an open, free, and secure digital future for all.

The session was attended by **Anna Abramova**, Director of the MGIMO Center for Artificial Intelligence and Academic Supervisor of the Master's program in Artificial Intelligence; **Cynthia Lesufi**, Chair of the ITU Council Working Group on the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (WGS-WSIS&SDGs); **Vladimir Minkin**, Chief Researcher at the Telecom Research Center; and **Gitanjali Sah**, ITU Strategy and Policy Coordinator.





## GUIDELINES FOR COUNTERING DIGITAL DISINFORMATION

At the session Guidelines for Countering Digital Disinformation, moderated by *Timofey Vi* – an expert at the Global Fact-Checking Network (GFCN) and head of strategic development at ANO Dialog – participants discussed the rapid growth of fake content, potential mechanisms to curb it, and balancing cybersecurity with free speech and self-expression.

Timofei Vi cited data from a GFCN study: over three months in 2025, Russia detected 61 unique deepfakes and 2,300 copies, equaling 67% of all deepfakes identified in 2024 and 2.6 times the total recorded in 2023. The study also revealed key trends in fake content creation and distribution. Compared to 2024, socially and economically themed misinformation rose by 11% in 2025.

*Ilya Yemelin*, Director of Content Management at RUTUBE, emphasized the need for joint efforts by the state and businesses to combat fakes. Other session participants included *Lidia Vitkova* (Gazinformservis Cybersecurity Analytical Center, St. Petersburg Federal Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences), *Anton Gorelkin* (State Duma of the Russian Federation, ROCIT), *Yury Kolotayev* (St Petersburg State University), and *Lily Ong* (Geopolitics360, Singapore/USA).



## RIGF 2025 YOUTH SPECIAL COURSE

On April 3, the final seminar of the Special Course for Youth took place, where its participants discussed the main problems identified during the lectures, and then developed approaches to solving them. Their work concluded on April 5: together, the participants finalized the document, thus working out the final youth points to be presented at the forum's closing ceremony on April 7.

As part of the Special Course program, the participants listened to six lectures, and also joined two seminars, where they brainstormed the youth message.

Lectures at the special course were delivered by RIGF 2025 speakers and invited experts: *Mikhail Anisimov* (ICANN), *Alexei Lukatsky* (Positive Technologies), *Andrei Goncharov* (Skoltech), *Yury Kolotaev* (St. Petersburg State University), *Maria Bolshakova* (Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications) and *Yekaterina Starostina* (M1Cloud).

After the lectures, the course participants started working on the main points: they interacted on a group work platform in asynchronous mode and also discussed ideas at seminars, where they were joined by course curator *Anastasia Savelyeva* (St. Petersburg State University of Telecommunications) and the invited expert, *Arevik Martirosyan* (Diplomatic Academy of the Foreign Ministry, International Cybersecurity School).

The points worked out by the course participants were presented at the RIGF 2025 closing ceremony on April 7. They offered a youth perspective on the current internet governance agenda. The full and short versions of the final points of the RIGF 2025 Special Course are published on the official webpage of the event.

The next project in the Coordination Center's educational initiative ecosystem was announced at the RIGF 2025 closing ceremony: Internet Governance Summer School 2025. The summer school will continue the educational track on internet governance and provide participants with a unique opportunity to systematize their knowledge, exchange experiences, and gain group work skills.



## INTERNATIONAL INTERNET GOVERNANCE BOOK

On April 7, the International Internet Governance book, published by the Coordination Center jointly with the Department of World Politics at MGIMO University, was presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Russian Internet Governance Forum.

The book was edited by *Yelena Zinovyeva*, professor at the MGIMO Department of World Politics, Ph.D. in Political Science. In her remarks, she thanked the Coordination Center for cooperation and emphasized that the book would be useful not only for the scientific community and students, but also for anyone interested in global internet governance issues.

Yelena Zinovyeva noted that the book brought together a strong team of Russian authors, experts from various scientific schools and universities such as MGIMO, HSE University, the Diplomatic Academy of the Foreign Ministry, St. Petersburg State University, and RANEPa, which systematically address internet governance issues.





## SUMMING UP THE FORUM

At the closing session, *Olga Rubtsova*, Rector of the Academy of Innovative Education and Development, presented joint educational initiatives between Academy and the Coordination Center for TLD .RU/.РФ.

*Andrey Ignatyev*, Head of Analytics at the Center for Global IT-Cooperation, introduced the expert publication "The Internet Today and Tomorrow," specially prepared for RIGF 2025. Now in its fifth consecutive year, this annual collection brings together leading industry experts to examine key issues in digital economy and information space development, with particular focus on implementing cross-cutting technologies, strengthening Russia's Internet segment, and ensuring sustainable IT industry growth. The publication serves as a platform for interagency dialogue, facilitates professional discussion of pressing digitalization challenges, and promotes balanced approaches to Russia's international cooperation during this period of global transformation.



## TRADITIONAL RIGF EDUCATION DAYS

The Russian Internet Governance Forum held its now traditional education days. On April 8 and 9, RIGF 2025 speakers and experts met with students enrolled in Moscow and St. Petersburg universities.

**Maria Kolesnikova**, Senior Analyst at the Coordination center for TLD .RU/.РФ, and Coordination Center Director, **Andrey Vorobyev**, delivered a lecture at the Russian People's Friendship University. They talked about creating a multilingual environment online and the role language diversity can play in the digital realm. They titled their lecture "Preserving multilingualism online," and focused on the role the Russian language has been playing online compared to other languages, as well as its importance for online users.

At the Foreign Ministry's Diplomatic Academy, Vice Rector for Development, Innovation and Digital Transformation **Alexander Ulanov** delivered a talk on data management in state institutions. In his lecture, he offered a definition of data and their types, and went on to cover the topic of big data, data life cycles and the key data-related processes.

Students at the Diplomatic Academy also benefited from a lecture on the international ICT agenda by **Arevik Martirosyan**, who is a research fellow at the Diplomatic Academy's Institute of International Studies and heads the International Information Security School within this institution. Her lecture focused on global ICT governance and cooperation, with a special emphasis on the relevant institutions, including the UN Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of ICTs.

At Bonch-Bruевич Saint Petersburg State University of Telecommunications, **Anastasia Savelyeva**, Senior Faculty Member at the Information and Communications Systems Department and curator of the RIGF 2025 course and the summer internet governance school, delivered a lecture on the latest developments in information and communications sectors. She focused on the notion of internet governance by describing it in various aspects, including technical, legal and social matters. The lecture also covered the theory and practice of internet governance with a focus on digital, informational and technological sovereignty, as well as the way major tech companies use their digital platforms for shaping the way information can be accessed online.





## TRADITIONAL RIGF EDUCATION DAYS

As part of RIGF 2025's educational day, *Pavel Khramtsov* — Head of DNS Projects at MSK-IX, Scientific Supervisor of Educational Projects at the Indata Foundation for the Development of Network Technologies, and 2025 laureate of the *Virtuti Interneti* (For Merit in the Internet Sphere) Award — delivered a lecture at Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics (MTUCI) on the architecture of modern internet infrastructure.

During his presentation, Khramtsov elucidated the Domain Name System (DNS) hierarchy, the role of local DNS root servers in bolstering the reliability of national root zone nodes, and shared practical case studies illustrating the implementation of DNS solutions within Russian corporate and academic networks. He also outlined contemporary trends and challenges confronting global internet infrastructure.

“A local DNS root is not merely a technical measure but a critical strategic tool for improving the efficiency and security of internet operations. It reduces access latency to authoritative servers and optimizes traffic routing, which is particularly vital for corporate and national DNS systems. Leveraging anycast technology and deploying local DNS root nodes at internet service providers unlocks new opportunities to enhance service quality and ensure network stability,” Khramtsov emphasized.





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