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EU Regulatory Update

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Key Political Drivers



- New U.S. Administration poses a **significant challenge** for European leaders and influences EU agenda almost in real time
- The **looming trade war and geopolitical tensions** create risks and uncertainty for businesses and governments on both sides
- The **shift towards an 'America First' foreign policy** may reshape the multilateral order and prompt the EU to reassess its internal policies and international alliances



Key Policy Trends



- **Tech sovereignty, economic security and resiliency**
 - Systemic risk management approach
 - Industrial policy (“eurostack”) and supply chain security
- **Competitiveness and regulatory simplification**
 - Response to “compliance shock” experienced by industry
 - Supporting single market, investment and innovation
- **European standardisation and certification**
 - New standards and certificates to support EU policies
 - Push for adoption of Internet security standards





Ongoing

- eIDAS2, NIS2 and CRA implementation
- Preparedness and Cyber Crisis Management (draft EU Blueprint)

Upcoming

- Digital Package and Digital Network Act proposal (Q4 2025, upcoming consultation)
- Revision of Cyber Security Act (CSA) + debate on cloud sovereignty (EUCS)
- EU Cloud and AI Development Act (2026, upcoming consultation)
- Data retention and access to data in context of law enforcement
- Simplification (GDPR, reporting obligations, etc.)

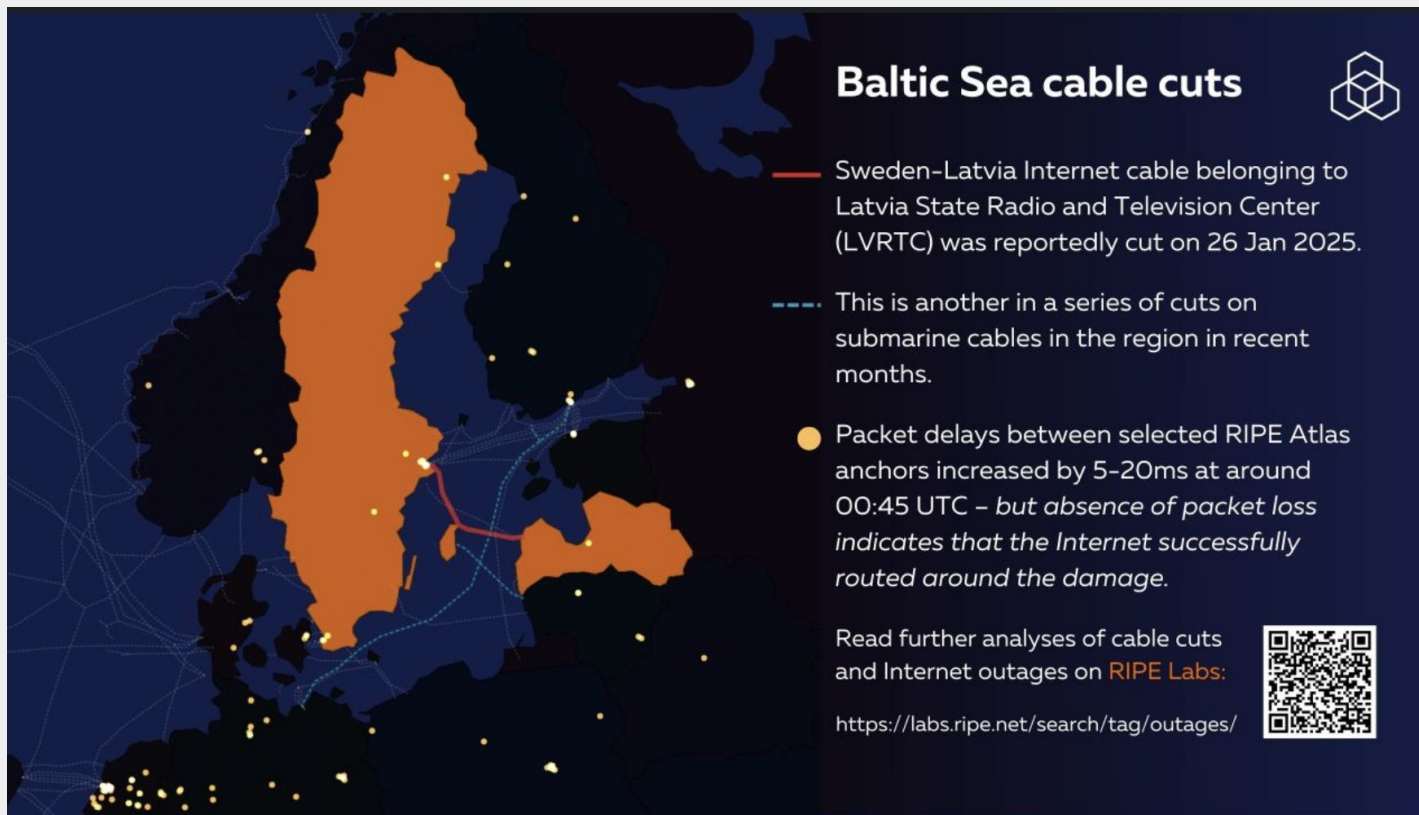


- Consultations following EC White Paper on future of connectivity (2024)
- Digital Network Act proposal and Digital Package (Q4, 2025)
 - Facilitate cross-border consolidation; review merger controls?
 - Security aspects e.g. lawful interception, 5G toolbox?
 - Redefining CAPs and IAPs relationship?
 - BEREC Regulation to be reviewed as part of the package?
- EC commissioned external studies (Access, Spectrum, Universal Service, etc.)
- Debate on IP-Interconnexion and Net Neutrality
 - Conclusions of BEREC Report on the IP Interconnection ecosystem: Internet copes well with traffic growth; peering and transit markets work



- Risk assessment report on Security and resiliency of communications infrastructures and networks (Feb 2024)
 - Raise awareness and promote good practices for the global routing security
- NIS2 Directive extended scope and Implementing Act Recital 8
 - Language on support best practices for DNS security and routing security
 - Multistakeholder forum to promote standards and deployment techniques
- Publication of EU Action Plan on Subsea Cable Security (Feb 2025)

Research into Internet Cable Cuts and Routing Resilience





Council Conclusions on Digital Policy May 2024

- *Develop an EU strategy on the multistakeholder governance of the Internet to set out a common position to uphold in international fora*

Next steps

- Conclusions of the Global Multistakeholder High Level Conference on Governance of Web 4.0 and Virtual Worlds held on 31 March-1 April
- Draft Communication on International Digital Strategy – expected to include positions on digital diplomacy and WSIS (adoption planned H2 2025)



RIPE NCC input and recommendations

- Fragmentation of the digital and Internet governance landscapes poses a significant risk of fragmenting the Internet itself
- Misaligned policies, conflicting standards, and uncoordinated frameworks threaten the seamless interoperability and global nature of the Internet
- EU should strengthen the multistakeholder approach in Internet governance, aim for regulatory simplification and enhance collaboration with established Internet standards and policy development bodies (eg ICANN, IETF, RIRs)



Questions & Comments



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THANK YOU!