



Internet Society Norway Chapter

ISOC Norway Annual Report 2024

This annual report covers the period from March 13, 2024 to March 19, 2025.

Introduction

The Norway Chapter of the Internet Society (“ISOC Norge”) was formally reinstated in 2013.

ISOC Norway bylaws were approved by the Internet Society on May 8, 2013. The bylaws were modified and approved at the GA on March 13, 2024.

NORWAY CHAPTER OF THE INTERNET SOCIETY (ISOC NORGE) is registered in The Brønnøysund Register Centre with registration number 912 347 664.

Board Members in this period

The following Board members were elected at the Annual Meeting, March 13 2024 (in alphabetic order):

- Tom Fredrik Blenning (2023-2025)
- Steinar Grøtterød (2024-2026)
- Thilina Pathirana (2024-2026)
- Joar R. Rasmussen (2024-2026)
- Espen Ramton (2023-2025)

In addition, Thomas Gramstad was elected as deputy representative for one year. A deputy representative is not required in the bylaws.

Steinar Grøtterød has served as Chair and Treasurer for the Chapter.

The board distributed responsibilities and roles at the Board meeting on April 10, 2024:

- Chapter Advisory Council Representative: Thilina Pathirana
- Chapter Voting Delegate: Thilina Pathirana
- EURALO Representatives: Steinar Grøtterød and Tom Fredrik Blenning
- Sosial Media responsible: Thilina Pathirana

- Media contact: Tom Fredrik Blenning

Norid has terminated the NORPOL function, hence no ISOC Norway representative to this function.

Members of Internet Society Norway

Number of members of ISOC Norway

Mar 2025: 166

Mar 2024: 164

Feb 2023: 158

Feb 2022: 147

Feb 2021: 142

Dec 2019: 133

Dec 2018: 177

Mar 2017: 150

Mar 2016: 139

Aug 2015: 116

There is no personal membership fee.

Internet Society Ranking

ISOC Norway is ranked as a "Gigabit Chapter" by the Internet Society. Gigabit Chapter is the highest ranking set by ISOC.

Board Meetings in this Period

The Board meetings are scheduled for once a month, with the exceptions of July and August.

The Board meetings are normally organized by remote participation (Zoom) but - when possible, physical meetings are held at Rebel. Oslo.

Minutes from the board meetings can be found on [ISOC.no](https://isoc.no).

Total number of board meetings for this period: 10.

Chapter Activities, this period

Member meetings

ISOC Norway has organized one meeting during this period. The meeting was open for all.

23.09.2024: 3xNIS2 - Tre eksperter med tre perspektiver på EUs NIS2 Direktiv

The EU NIS2 Directive will create responsibilities for areas within ISOC areas of interest. The experts (Bjørnar Simonsen - Security Compliance Manager, Orange Business, Torgeir Waterhouse - Partner, Otte and Jens Christian Gjesti - Partner / Head of Tech & IP at Kvale Advokatfirma DA) discussed the NIS2 Directive from their angles.

External meeting

24.09.2024: NONOG-6

ISOC Norway was responsible for a keynote session at NONOG-6. ISOC Norway held both stands at the event.

Political work

Written support and lobby activity

- ISOC Norway signed the [ISOC Letter for Open Internet](#).
- ISOC Norway signed [eIDAS Joint Statement Technical Implementation ARF 1.4-1](#).
- ISOC Norway signed the [Global Encryption Coalition Joint Statement](#) on the dangers of the May 2024 Council of the EU compromise proposal on EU CSAM.

IGF 2025

Norway applied for and was granted the 2025 Internet Governance Forum meeting¹. IGF 2025 will be held in the June 2025 in Lillestrøm.

ISOC Norway was asked to appoint a member to an expert group planning the event. ISOC Norway appointed Tom Fredrik Blenning.

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<https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/norway-to-host-igf-the-worlds-largest-forum-for-the-future-of-the-internet/id3073875/>

EURALO

Steinar Grøtterød is selected as board member for EURALO from 2023 AGM to 2025 AGM².

At-Large Policy Development³

- ISOC Norway member Steinar Grøtterød represents At-Large in the [GNSO Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group](#)
- ISOC Norway Board member Steinar Grøtterød is participating in EURALO and At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG).
- Steinar Grøtterød attended the ICANN80 and ICANN81, representing At-Large.
- Several members of ISOC Norway attended the “Internetforum” in November 2024.

Networking focus

ISOC Norway has started exploring what it takes to attend “Arendalsuka”. Arendalsuka is an annual event held in Arendal for political parties and NGOs.

ISOC Norway board members visit Arendalsuka for 3 days in August 2024 with the purpose to investigate what costs and resources are needed to attend.

ISOC Norway believes this event is a great opportunity for networking and informing about our activities. Due to estimated intensive work connected to IGF 2025 in Lillestrøm/Oslo, the Board decided to postpone attendance to 2026.

Outreach

ISOC Norway maintains a homepage for the chapter; <https://isoc.no>. [X](#), [Facebook](#) and a [Meetup.com](#) group are used to communicate with the public. We have also established a presence on [Mastodon](#).

In addition, ISOC Norway operates a Telegram “[Policy channel](#)”.

Financial status

All ISOC Norway's recurring costs are fully funded by grant money from ISOC⁴. Other than payments due, ISOC Norway has no liabilities and a stability fund big enough to wind down all recurring costs.

For the financial report for 2023, the Board decided to mark NOK 10.000 as a stability fund. Based on the financial report for 2024, NOK 5.000 is proposed to be added to the stability fund.

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<https://community.icann.org/display/EURALO/EURALO+ALAC+Representatives%2C+Board+Members+and+Officers>

³ At-Large is a stakeholder in policy development worldwide. This includes, but is not limited to ICANN policy development and EURALO.

⁴ Chapter Admin Funding (CAF)

The objective with a financial fund is to have sufficient financial resources to pay running costs. The financial fund will be placed on an interest-bearing account.⁵

Having more income would enable us to do more, but the board can see no foreseeable change in the financial situation which can threaten ISOC Norway as an ongoing concern.

Haslum/Oslo: Februar 8, 2025

Steinar Grøtterød
Chair ISOC Norway

⁵ The aim of the stability fund is to be about 50% of last year's expenses.