



# Internet Society Norway Chapter

## ISOC Norway Annual Report 2025

This annual report covers the period from March 19, 2025 to March 18, 2026.

### 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 19 2025 (in alphabetic order):

- Tom Fredrik Blenning (2025-2027)
- Maja Enes (2025-2027)
- Steinar Grøtterød (2024-2026)
- Thilina Pathirana (2024-2026)
- Joar R. Rasmussen (2024-2026)
- Espen Ramton (2025-2027)

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 2, 2025:

- Chair ISOC Norway: Steinar Grøtterød
- Treasurer: Steinar Grøtterød
- Chapter Advisory Council Representative: Thilina Pathirana
- Chapter Voting Delegate: Thilina Pathirana

- EURALO Representatives: Steinar Grøtterød og Tom Fredrik Blenning
- Social Media responsible: Thilina Pathirana
- Media contact: Tom Fredrik Blenning
- Chapter AMS Administrators: Thilina Pathirana og Steinar Grøtterød
- Auditor: Bjørn Remseth

## Members of Internet Society Norway

Number of members of ISOC Norway:

Mar 2026: 175

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: 7.

## Chapter Activities, this period

### Member meetings

ISOC Norway has organized three meetings during this period including the GA. All meetings were open for all.

## 18.03.2025: Keynote speech: Norges Rolle i styringen av Internett

IGF 2025 Host Country Co-Chair Ole-Martin Martinsen, Policy Director for Digitalization and Emerging Technologies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway, talked about Internet Governance seen from Norway.

## 25.06.2025: Networking event at Doktorgården, Lillestrøm

With financial support from ISOC Foundation, ISOC Norway held a networking event in connection with the IGF2025. IGF2025 attendees, ISOC Norway members and friends were invited for drinks and food.

## 18.10.2025: Big Tech må vekk - festival for digital motkultur

ISOC Norway participated in the “Big-Tech må vekk - Festival”, arranged by Attac. ISOC Norway presented a short talk about “the history of Internet”, and participated in a panel session about Internet “in the old days”, before social media and silofication from the large tech companies. The “Big tech må vekk-festivalen” is set to be an annual event raising awareness of digital autonomy and independence of large platform companies.

## 29.10.2025: Security in higher education

ISOC Norway organized a seminar on security in higher education on 29 October 2025, together with Elektronisk Forpost Norge, Attac and Venstrekoderne, at the University of Oslo. The seminar addressed issues related to data sovereignty, the storage of research and student data with foreign providers and the importance of the choice of digital platforms for academic independence and institutional control.

## 27.11.2025: IGF2025 er over - hva skjer videre

IGF 2025 Host Country Co-Chair Ole-Martin Martinsen, Policy Director for Digitalization and Emerging Technologies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway summarized the experiences and outcomes of the IGF2025 event held at Lillestrøm in June 2025.

## Political work

### Consultations and policy engagement

- 30.09.2025: Public consultation: Digital Services Act (DSA) in Norwegian law
- 06.10.2025: Public consultation: Disclosure of IP data for the prevention of criminal activity
- 07.10.2025: Public consultation: Proposal for legislation on age limit for use of social media

### Ongoing work

- Internet Society ChAC Steering Committee: Board member Thilina Pathirana was elected as one of the nine members for the steering committee.<sup>1</sup>

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- Tom Fredrik Blenning is working on the CSA Regulation and has coordinated on the DSA implementation in Norway.

## IGF 2025

Norway applied for and was granted the 2025 Internet Governance Forum meeting<sup>2</sup>. IGF 2025 was held in 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.

ISOC Norway was listed with an IGF 2025 Village Booth and shared information about Internet Society and its relationship to Internet governance.

## EURALO

Steinar Grøtterød is selected as board member for EURALO from 2023 AGM to 2025 AGM<sup>3</sup>.

## At-Large Policy Development<sup>4</sup>

- ISOC Norway member Steinar Grøtterød represents At-Large in the [GNSO Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group](#). The GNSO TPR PDP working group has finalized their report. The new Inter-Registrar transfer policy is now in the implementation phase.
- ISOC Norway Board member Steinar Grøtterød is participating 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 2025.

## 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 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](#).

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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/>

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

<sup>4</sup> At-Large is a stakeholder in policy development worldwide. This includes, but is not limited to ICANN policy development and EURALO.

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

## Financial status

All ISOC Norway's recurring costs are fully funded by grant money from ISOC<sup>5</sup>. Other than payments due, ISOC Norway has no liabilities and a stability fund big enough to wind down all recurring costs.

In addition to the Chapter Admin Funding support granted by ISOC Foundation, ISOC Norway received USD 1.000 from EURALO. This CROP<sup>6</sup> was given because IGF2025 was held in Norway.

Minor financial support was also given by local companies.

For the financial report for 2025, the Board decided to add NOK 10.000 to the stability fund. The stability fund is by December 31, 2025, NOK 25.000. 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.<sup>7</sup>

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 14, 2026

Steinar Grøtterød  
Chair ISOC Norway

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<sup>5</sup> Chapter Admin Funding (CAF)

<sup>6</sup> ICANN Community Regional Outreach Program

<sup>7</sup> The aim of the stability fund is to be about 50% of last year's expenses.