

Digital Single Market

Meetings

Digital Champions meet at least twice a year and more often virtually. Agendas and reports are available in this section

13th meeting - 28 March 2017

The Digital Champions Expert Group held its 13th meeting on the 28th of March. The group continued their discussion on digital skills and jobs. The minutes of the meeting are available [here](#) [1].

12th meeting - 2 December 2016

The Digital Champions (DC) Expert Group held its 12th meeting on 2nd of December. The group exchanged views on digital skills and jobs.

The Champions also participated in the launch of the [Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition](#) [2] on the 1st of December in Brussels.

The minutes of their meeting are available [here](#) [3].

11th meeting - 29 September 2016

The Digital Champions (DC) Expert Group held its 11th meeting on 29th of September. The group exchanged views on the Digital Single Market (DSM) Strategy.

The Champions also participated in the [Digital Assembly](#) [4] organised by DG CONNECT and the Slovakian EU Presidency on 28-29 September in Bratislava.

The minutes of their meeting are available [here](#) [5].

10th meeting - 20-22 October 2015

The Digital Champions (DC) Expert Group met for the 10th time on 20-22 October 2015 in the margins of the [ICT 2015 conference and exhibition](#) [6]. The group discussed the Digital Single Market with Commissioner G H Oettinger and Roberto Viola, Director General of DG Connect.

The agenda and minutes of their meeting are available [here](#) [7].

9th meeting - 17-18 June 2015

The Digital Champions (DC) Expert Group held its 9th meeting on 17-18 June. The group was briefed and exchanged views on the Digital Single Market (DSM) Strategy and on DSM governance.

The Champions also participated in the [Digital Assembly](#) [8] organised by DG CONNECT on 17-18 June in Riga.

The agenda and minutes of their meeting are available [here](#) [9].

8th meeting - 25 February 2015

The Digital Champions (DC) Expert Group held its [8th meeting in Brussels on 25 February](#). [10] The group exchanged views with VP Ansip and Commissioner Oettinger and was briefed on the Juncker investment plan, internet governance and Latvian Presidency priorities.

The Digital Champions also participated in the [#Digital4EU Stakeholder Forum](#) [11] organised by DG CONNECT on 24 February.

The minutes of their meeting are available [here](#) [12].

7th meeting - 29 September 2014

The Digital Champions (DC) Expert Group held its [7th meeting in Brussels on 29 September 2014](#) [13]. The meeting with VP Neelie Kroes took place from 8:45h to 9:45h.

The Digital Champions also participated in the [Digital Action Day](#) [14] organised by DG CONNECT on the same date.

6th meeting - 19-20 March 2014

The Digital Champions expert group [6th meeting](#) [15] was held in Brussels on the 19-20 March 2014. The two-day meeting included workshops on the Grand Coalition, EU Code Week and with the Young Advisers to former VP Neelie Kroes.

6th Digital Champions Meeting - Agenda Brussels

Wednesday 19 March

- 10:30** Registration
- 12:45-13:45** Networking Lunch
- 13:45-16:00** **Grand Coalition workshop continued**
Chaired by Lucilla Sioli Head of the Knowledge base Unit (F4), DG CONNECT
- 16:00-16:15** Coffee break
- 16:15-18:00** **Young Advisors+ Digital Champions EU Code Week brainstorming**
Chaired by Linda Corugedo Steneberg, Director Cooperation, DG CONNECT
- 18:00** Informal Networking

Thursday 20 March

- 09:00-10:30** **Digital Champions meeting with Neelie Kroes**
Chaired by Linda Corugedo Steneberg, Director Cooperation, DG CONNECT VP Kroes top priorities for 2014 and discussion
- 10:30-11:00** Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00** **Kick-starting the Startup Europe Manifesto**
Chaired by Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva, Stakeholders Unit and Isidro Laso Ballesteros, Startup Europe sector, DG CONNECT External stakeholders: **European Digital Forum** (Ann Mettler, Lisbon Council Think-tank) and the **Startup Europe Partnership** (Alberto Onetti, Mind the Bridge)
- 13:00-14:00** Lunch break
- 14:00-15:00** Digital Champions discussion
- 15:00** Conclusions and Departure

5th meeting - 25-26 November 2013

The Digital Champions expert group (read the [report of the meeting](#) [16]) was held in Brussels on the 25-26 November 2013, to discuss the Champions' priorities for 2014 and to find synergies with those of the then Vice-President Kroes and DG CONNECT. A second aim of the meeting was to inform the DCs about available funding, such as the Structural Funds and to ensure that they were up-to-date with the latest policy developments.

5th Digital Champions Meeting - Agenda

Brussels

Monday 25 November

12:30-13:30	Arrival and Registration
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13:30-15:30	Meeting with Vice-President Neelie Kroes Chaired by Linda Corugedo Steneberg, Director Cooperation, DG CONNECT
13:30-13:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Presentation of the three new DCs (IT, LV, HR) • European Council on Digital Economy update • EU Start-Up Manifesto / Leaders Club
13:50-14:40	Tour de table <i>What are Digital Champions' plans for 2014 and how they use the European Council conclusions to push their agenda forward?</i>
14:40-15:25	Discussion
15:25-15:30	Wrap up
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-18:00	Operational meeting chaired by Linda Corugedo Steneberg, Director Cooperation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates since previous meeting • Presentation of Coding Week by Alja Isakovic, Young Advisor from Slovenia
16:00-17:00	Information and discussion points
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural Funds by representative from DG Regio • H2020, including funding and CAF (Carlos Oliveira, F3) • Grand Coalition (Martin Ulbrich, F4) • Scoreboard and statistics (Lucilla Sioli, HoU F4)
17:00-18:00	Meeting with Robert Madelin, Director-General DG CONNECT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for 2014 • Discussion and feedback
18:15	Get-together with the Young Advisors

Tuesday 26 November

09:30-12:30	Meeting with DG CONNECT - Opening Up Education and You hosted by Pat Manson, Head of the Inclusion, Skills and Youth Unit., DG CONNECT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building on the discussion at the DAA and the webinar on Opening Up Education, this part of the meeting will focus on discussing challenges/drivers and best way forward in the respective countries.
12:30	Meeting ends

4th meeting - 18 June 2013

The [Digital Champions expert group 4th meeting](#) [17] was held in Dublin the 18 June 2013. The meeting focused on the three priorities of DG Connect: the Single Telecom Market, The Grand Coalition for Jobs and Skills and the Web Entrepreneurship. You can read the [presentations](#) [18] of the champions at the sessions for more information.

4th Digital Champions Meeting - Draft Agenda

Dublin, Dublin Castle

17:00	Welcome by Linda Corugedo Steneberg
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Welcome to new DCs;</i>• <i>Update since previous meeting;</i>• <i>Brief overview of the various activities in the margins of DAA and DC participation and involvement.</i>
17:10	Highlights from 2013 & future challenges for DG CONNECT by Robert Madelin, Director-General
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Preparation for the October European Council (EU Single market for electronic communication);</i>• <i>Grand Coalition on Jobs;</i>• <i>Q&A</i>
17:30	Elevator-pitch style presentation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>ideas on How to Overcome the Obstacles in Completing the Digital Single Market in Order to Stimulate Economic Growth and Jobs</i>• <i>Tour de table. Presentation of on an interesting idea, initiative or project that the DC is developing or is involved in their country.</i>
18:15	Short reaction/discussion on the initiatives/ideas presented
18:25	Summary of ideas to be presented to Neelie Kroes
18:30	Meeting ends

3rd meeting - 18 December 2012

3rd Digital Champions Meeting

[Summary of the meeting here.](#) [19]

[Minutes of the meeting](#) [20] (pdf).

Draft Agenda

Brussels, Berlaymont Building

08:30	Arrival and Registration
09:00	Welcome from Chairperson: Linda Corugedo Steneberg <i>Director for Cooperation, DG CONNECT, European Commission</i>
09:15	Priorities for DG CONNECT in 2013 and beyond <i>Robert Madelin, Director General DG CONNECT</i>
10:00	Coffee Break
10:15	Connecting Europe Facility and the regulatory framework, Q&A <i>Gerard de Graaf, Director, DG CONNECT</i>
10:45	The grand coalition on jobs and Horizon 2020, Q&A <i>Megan Richards, Director, DG CONNECT</i>
11:15	Sustainable and secure future (E-government, e-health, e-sustainability, security), Q&A <i>Paul Timmers, Director, DG CONNECT</i>
11:45	DG CONNECT Futures 2050 <i>Franco Accordini, Coordinator Digital Futures, DG CONNECT</i>
12:15	Speed Dating Presentations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Startup Weekend -Deborah Rippol - European Coordinator • Telecentres Europe - Mara Jakobsonsone, Chair, Telecentre-Europe • Digitalmuse.org - Cheryl Miller, Founder
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Discussion with Vice-President Kroes and Digital Champions

	Discussion: Rebuilding Europe's economy by getting every European Digital in 2013 - what more can we achieve together?
16:00	Conclusions and departure

2nd meeting - 19 September 2012

DIGITAL CHAMPIONS 2nd MEETING - SOFIA Working Dinner, 20:00

 [Summary of the meeting](#) [21] (pdf 91 Kb)

Welcome from Gergana Passy
Digital Champion Bulgaria

Welcome from Linda Corugedo Steneberg
Director for Cooperation, DG CONNECT, European Commission

Discussion: Planning for 2012 -2013:
Exchange of views on different steps being taken to develop Digital Champion plans, identification and involvement of resources (financial and human) to help implement the plans
Chair: Linda Corugedo Steneberg, Director for Cooperation, DG CONNECT, European Commission

Update and discussion on Going Local activities and how Going Local can help the Champions work

Any other business

1st meeting - 25 June 2012

DIGITAL CHAMPIONS MEETING

See the  [summary report of the meeting of the 25 of June 2012](#) [22] (pdf 138KB).

High level meeting with the Digital Champions

10:30 Arrival and registration

11:00 Welcome message
Neelie Kroes, Vice President European Commission, responsible for Digital Agenda

- 11:20 The UK situation
Martha Lane-Fox, UK Digital Champion
- 11:20 The Digital Agenda in Europe
Megan Richards, Acting Deputy Director-General, DG CONNECT
- 11:30 My big idea
Chris Conder, B4RN , Community representative , United Kingdom
- How can Digital Champions help deliver jobs and growth in Europe?
Moderator: Linda Corugedo Steneberg; Director DG CONNECT
- Conclusions and next meeting
- 13:00 Networking Lunch with the DG CONNECT Going Local Ambassadors

Operational Workshop with Digital Champions

- 14:00 Working together: DG CONNECT and the Digital Champions
Robert Madelin, Director General DG CONNECT
- 14:30 Introducing the workshop
Linda Corugedo Steneberg, Director DG CONNECT
- 14:45 Personalizing the Digital Champion Role in EU Member States
Graham Colclough, Vice President - Global Public Sector, Capgemini
- Graham will talk about the newly published report on Digital Champions commissioned for the UK Digital Champion, Martha Lane Fox. Capgemini Consulting was commissioned to undertake an independent evaluation of the work of the UK Digital Champion and team over the last two and a half years.
- Breakout Discussion: Personalising the DC role in your Country
- Plenary Feedback and discussion: Operationalising the DCs across Europe
- 17:00 end of the meeting

Team responsible

[DG CONNECT](#) [23]

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