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Since the 'Bled declaration' during the Slovenian EU Presidency in 2008, a large community of researchers and other stakeholders has worked tirelessly to drive forward the vision for Europe's internet-enabled future. "A significant change is required," the declaration stated, "and the European Internet scientific and economic actors, researchers, industrialists, SMEs, users, service and content providers, now assert the urgent necessity to redesign the Internet, taking a broad multidisciplinary approach, to meet Europe's societal and commercial ambitions." In the warm spring sunshine of Budapest this dialogue was continued. The technical issues of the future internet were firmly placed within their political and societal context. Concerns and challenges were shared, ideas voiced, suggestions debated. Europe is still a hotbed for internet research and the FIA is the place to discover the cutting edge of this endeavour.

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