Speakers' bios

Name, Surname, position Hrafnkell V. Gíslason Managing Director Electronic Communications Office of Iceland



Bio

Hrafnkell V. Gíslason was appointed the Director General of the Electronic Communications office of Iceland (ECOI) in 2002. The ECOI is responsible for regulating communications markets as well as serving as a national CERT and a coordinator for security measures based on the NIS directive. During this time, Hrafnkell has served as a BEREC vice-chair in 2011, 2017 and in 2024.

Prior to his appointment at the ECOI he worked in the ICT sector in Iceland for over 2 decades in various management positions, including head of services at the State and Municipal Data processing Centre in Iceland and a CTO at an international software company specialized in solutions for the mobile data market. Hrafnkell has a BSc and a MSc in computer science.

Njörður TómassonSpecialist and Project Manager
"Robust and Reliable Networks in
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ECOI



Njordur Tomasson serves as a Network specialist working for the Infrastructure Division in the Electronic Communications office of Iceland (ECOI). ECOI holds the administration of electronic communications and network security in Iceland. Mr. Tomasson is responsible for defining network strategy for robust and resilience networks and definition of measurement goals. This is a long-term project in the field of Transmission and Access Networking, Mobile broadband networking, Hosting, colocation and Data Center skills, Network Security and Project Management.

Prior to ECOI or for the last 25 years Tomasson has been involved with different projects and companies within the Icelandic telecom, IT and energy sectors. Tomasson served as a CEO in a company called "Energy Telecom" for about ten years building and operating a nationwide fiber optic transport network. Njordur worked for the wholesale unit in Iceland Telecom and its subsidiary Mila and The Reykavik Fiber company but they together own and operate fiber and copper systems to every household in the country. On top of that, Njordur has worked for Vodafone Iceland among other companies, developing Mobile broadband products, Cloud network products, Datacenter and Internet related services. Tomasson holds a Bachelor degree in Psychology and an e-Management MBA degree.

Johan Foldoy Head Engineer, Nkom, Norway



Johan Foldøy works as a Chief Engineer in the Security Department at Nkom (Norwegian Communications Authority) and holds a Master of Science degree in Data Communication and Mobile Radio. Johan has worked at Nkom for 17 years, primarily focusing on communication solutions, architecture, and service platforms within internet and mobile technology. The intersection of regulations and technology development – both nationally and internationally – is of particular interest, especially with a focus on the responsibilities of the Security Department.

Gina BaikenyczPrincipal Technology Advisor,
Ofcom, United Kingdom



Gina Baikenycz is a Principal Technology Advisor in Ofcom, working in the areas of telecoms resilience, within the Network and Communications Technology team. She is responsible for ensuring that Ofcom maintains an understanding of the resilience issues facing the telecommunications industry and encouraging providers to consider robust and resilient solutions when building their networks and services.

Prior to joining Ofcom, Gina worked in the telecoms industry for many years, specialising in forensic troubleshooting systems and OSS.

Špela Dekleva, Regulatory expert, operator A1, Slovenia



Luka ŠušteršičCSN, IT Infrastructure and TV Services
Director), operator A1, Slovenia



Špela Dekleva is a lawyer by profession, who has successfully incorporated legal knowledge into understanding the regulation of electronic communications. For more than two decades, she specialized in the regulation of fixed networks. Because of her interest in big numbers and technology, she found herself not so much in legal matters as in wholesale and technically oriented areas. Špela Dekleva focuses on the security of telco networks and services, critical infrastructure, operator business resilience, and intervenes wherever these topics are discussed (from both the perspective of regulation and legislation itself and implementation). She fiercely advocates for applicable legislation so that legislation is not just something that exists on a theoretical level, but must be applicable and enforceable in practice (in order to bring certain benefits).

Luka Šušteršič is a seasoned manager with over 25 years of expertise in the ICT sector, specializing in telecommunications, IT infrastructure, and digital transformation and with a proven record of accomplishment of leading diverse teams and delivering complex projects, optimizing operations, and achieving business growth. His focus is strategic thinking, adaptability, and a results-oriented approach. Luka Šušteršič is passionate about leveraging technology to create value and ensure organizational success in an ever-evolving industry.

Ettore Genta

Energy & Policy manager Technology Center Design & Resilience Architect L5

Network Strategy and Architecture at Vodafone Group



Ettore is an ICT Engineer with 26 years of experience in telecoms at Vodafone. As the Energy and Policy Manager at group level, he has the responsibility of shaping strategic initiatives on energy efficiency, carbon transition as well as many other policies including resilience aspect of Vodafone networks. Previously, he served as the technical authority for resilience, where he developed and implemented the "Technology Resilience Policy" and the "Always On" absolute rule, ensuring continuous service reliability to Vodafone customer.

Over the years, he has led an international team of experts to identify gaps and enhance the resilience of Vodafone's network, ensuring it remains the most "Stable and Unstoppable" Network.

Ettore is a member of the Vodafone Technology Expert Group, Level 5

Cristina Lumbreras
Technical Director
European Emergency Number
Association – EENA



As the Technical Director at the European Emergency Numbers Association (EENA), Cristina Lumbreras coordinates the technical and emergency services' operations activities of the association. As Chair of the Emergency Telecommunications Technical Committee at ETSI, she leads efforts to standardise and improve communication systems for better disaster response, focusing on interoperability, resilience, and efficiency. Prior to EENA, she was the IT Manager at the 112 Centre in Madrid.

Jo DewaeleMarketing Strategy Team Leader, Astrid, Belgium



Jo Dewaele has been a key contributor to A.S.T.R.I.D. for over 27 years, playing a pivotal role in shaping the organization's success. Since January 2021, he has been serving as Marketing Strategy Team Leader, where he develops and implements innovative strategies to align technical solutions with market trends and stakeholder needs. In 1994, he began his involvement as a representative of the Judicial Police and the Ministry of Justice, defining user requirements for A.S.T.R.I.D. Following the company's establishment in 1998, he led the rollout of the TETRA radio network in the pilot province. Over the years, Jo has held diverse roles, including ETSI and 3GPP standardization, customer technical advisor, product development, project portfolio management, and enterprise architecture. His extensive experience spans strategic innovation, technical expertise, and stakeholder collaboration, making him a valuable leader in public safety communication and ICT strategy.

Georgia Bafoutsou Cybersecurity Officer, The European Union Agency for Cybersecurity – ENISA



Georgia Bafoutsou holds a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering with expertise in electronic communications security and privacy. From 2006 to 2020, she worked at the Hellenic Authority for Communications Security and Privacy, where she investigated security incidents on providers' networks, audited the implementation of proposed security measures, and promoted best practices in cybersecurity.

Since 2020, she has been a cybersecurity expert in the Policy Development and Implementation Unit of the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), focusing on the security of telecommunications and digital infrastructure. She specializes in NIS2, working on both technical and policy topics.

Additionally, she is a member of ENISA's Awareness Raising and Education Team, dedicated to helping citizens, businesses, and organizations adopt a cybersecurity-focused mindset and drive behavioural change.

Dr. Marnix Dekker,

Deputy Head of unit Resilience of Critical Sectors, at ENISA, the EU Agency for Cybersecurity



Marnix is the Deputy Head of unit for Resilience of Critical Sectors, at ENISA, the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity. He leads a team of experts supporting the EU Member States with the implementation of the NIS Directive. His team focuses on increasing the cybersecurity and resilience of the EU's critical sectors, by working on technical issues, such as mobile network interconnections, on strategic issues, such as the EU's 5G toolbox, and on EU policies for resilience, such as the NIS2, DORA, and the electricity network code.

In the past he was the deputy CISO of the European Commission, and he worked as an IT architect for the Dutch national digital identity systems.

Marnix has a Ph.D. degree in Computer security and a Master degree in Quantum Physics.