



## NGI @ 4YFN

### PRESS RELEASE

## Next Generation Internet initiative to celebrate continuing success in BCN

**NGI is preparing to make an impactful appearance in Barcelona at 4YFN, the start-up event of the upcoming GSMA Mobile World Congress. Highlights will include the NGI Awards Ceremony, workshops to re-imagine and re-engineer the Internet for the third millennium and beyond, as well as NGI Open Calls with €75 million of funding available for innovators.**

### Celebrate Next Generation Internet excellence

The eight winners of Phase One of the prestigious NGI Awards (Categories: Research & Education, Culture and Start-up) will be presented at a ceremony at 4YFN, receive their trophies and be given the spotlight they richly deserve. Their outstanding contributions to a better digital life according with the NGI vision, were selected by a jury from amongst a host of high-quality submissions.

NGI is a Europe-wide European Commission initiative to create a more human-centric internet. The aim is to create an internet of human values, that is simultaneously resilient, trustworthy and sustainable. NGI is moreover inclusive by inviting citizens and communities striving for values like openness, inclusivity, transparency, privacy, cooperation, and data protection to provide input, and thus to help to guide the European Next Generation Internet funding agenda.





## Meet the winners of the 2019 NGI Awards

### Research & Education

A celebration of the brightest minds and most innovative teachers and educational institutions in Europe.

- + **Brilliant early career researcher: Christopher Frauenberger**
- + **Brilliant PhD / Masters Students: Masako Kitazaki**
- + **Masters and Bachelors Courses: Fabian Geier CODE Berlin**

### Culture

A celebration of the most impactful European initiatives and individuals shaping a new culture around NGI.

- + **MyData – A Nordic Model for human-centered personal data management and processing**
- + **Bridgit – Internet of Ideas**
- + **Global Citizens' Debate on the Future of Internet**
- + **The Things Network – Building a global Internet of Things network together**

## Start-up

The NGI Start-up Awards recognize Europe's most disruptive entrepreneurs who are advancing revolutionary products, solutions and services destined to have a major impact on the internet of the future.

**+ CryptPad: End-to-end-encrypted real-time collaborative editing**

**+ HypeLabs: SDK that connects everything, even without internet**

**All the project descriptions and more background information**

<https://awards.ngi.eu>

## €75 million European funding available

The EC has already invested more than €250 million in its digital research and innovation programme up until 2020. New NGI Open Calls are now available for all innovators and the ideal way to fund your ambitious ideas. The calls provide funding opportunities for cutting-edge Research and Innovation in Next Generation Internet (NGI) technologies. The topics covered in the NGI Open Calls include Privacy & Trust Enhancing Technologies, Decentralised Data Governance and Next Generation Search & Discovery. Roberto Viola, the European Commission's Director General of DG CONNECT, claims:

*"With these first open calls, we invite top European internet talents to engage in NGI and contribute with their ideas to building a better internet."*

**Read more from Roberto Viola**

<https://www.ngi.eu/news/2019/02/07/ngi-open-calls-for-digital-innovation-roberto-viola-ec/>

The NGI team will be available at the NGI Booth near the entrance of 4YFN to answer all questions and connect innovators with European leaders and outstanding EU projects.

## Not to miss: All NGI highlights in Barcelona

25/2/2018 | 12:00 - 12:45 - **Workshop at 4YFN: NGI as a catalyst for Europe**

25/2/2018 | 17:30 - 18:15 - **NGI Award Ceremony - Garden Stage at 4YFN**

26/2/2018 | 14:00 - 17:00 - **NGI Salon at CaixaForum Barcelona - THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF (Y)OUR INTERNET - A millennials' portrayal of the Next Generation Internet**

27/2/2018 | 10:30 - 11:00 - **MWCapital stage at 4YFN - The future of the Next Generation Internet**

**Find out more about the different events**

<https://www.ngi.eu/events/>

