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First re:publica in Dublin: A Resounding Success

+++ 1 Day, 200+ participants at three stages +++ Next Stop: Berlin with "Love out Loud"

Dublin/Berlin, 21 October 2016 – The very first re:publica Dublin has ended in success. More than 200 participants from Ireland and Germany gathered on 20 October to discuss current themes and topics within the digital society.

Spread across separate stages in three unique locations, talks and discussions were held on topics such as surveillance, data protection, hate speech, and FinTech. Our audiences were joined by 33 speakers from Ireland, Germany, and other countries.

"The first international re:publica had a similar feeling to the very first re:publica in Berlin," says Andreas Gebhard, one of the founder and CEO of re:publica. "There was plenty of room for discussions and fantastic exchanges with the Irish digital community."

re:publica 2017: Love out Loud [LoL]

The re:publica founders also used Dublin to announce the motto for re:publica 2017: Love out Loud – LoL! The topic of hate speech was a prominent feature at rpTEN. Now it's time to offer a stronger focus on the positives in our community and to highlight projects and individuals, who are engaging with problems in our society in a constructive, open, and tolerant manner. re:publica is the voice of the community and commits to the motto #rp17: **Love Out Loud [LoL]**

re:publica presents the Wissenschaftsjahr 2016*17 - Seas and Oceans (www.wissenschaftsjahr.de) as its first main partner. Climate and marine research in general, the exploration of deep sea with high-tech equipment as well as the contemporary communication of societal-relevant sea themes in particular are hardly conceivable without orientation towards the digital.

At re:publica 2017 this topics will be a major focus. It will feature the "sub:marine" sub-conference, which will enable international exchange of ideas and knowledge and provide a platform to discuss projects and research, with the aim of creating tangible recommendations and requests. Along with renown speakers, November 1 2016 will see the start of our "Call for Participation", which will also extend into the Wissenschaftsjahr's participating projects. Through installations and practical workshops, the topics and themes of "Seas and Oceans" will be brought closer to the audience. More at www.re-publica.lol/en/17.

re:publica Dublin facts & figures

- 200+ participants
- 3 stages
- 20 sessions and workshops
- 20 journalists from Ireland and Germany

Speakers:

- 33 (18 men, 15 women)
- 9 from Germany
- 17 from Ireland
- 7 from other countries
- 23 new speakers
- Speakers at at previous re:publica event:10
- Oldest speaker: internet pioneer Dennis Jennings

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About re:publica:

re:publica is the largest conference about the Internet and Digital Society in Europe. It brings together more than 8,000 participants to discuss the issues of the contemporary digital society. Here bloggers meet with politicians, scientists with entrepreneurs, artists with activists. The shareholders of republica GmbH, newthinking communications and Spreeblick Verlag, have been active in the field of net politics and digital culture and society for more than a decade. They run two of the most well-known blogs in Germany: netzpolitik.org and spreeblick.com. The next re:publica will take place in Berlin, on May 8-10, 2017.

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