



#### the future Internet:

### what will it look like?





How to shape a better Internet?

#### **Future Internet dimensions**

### distributed, grassroots

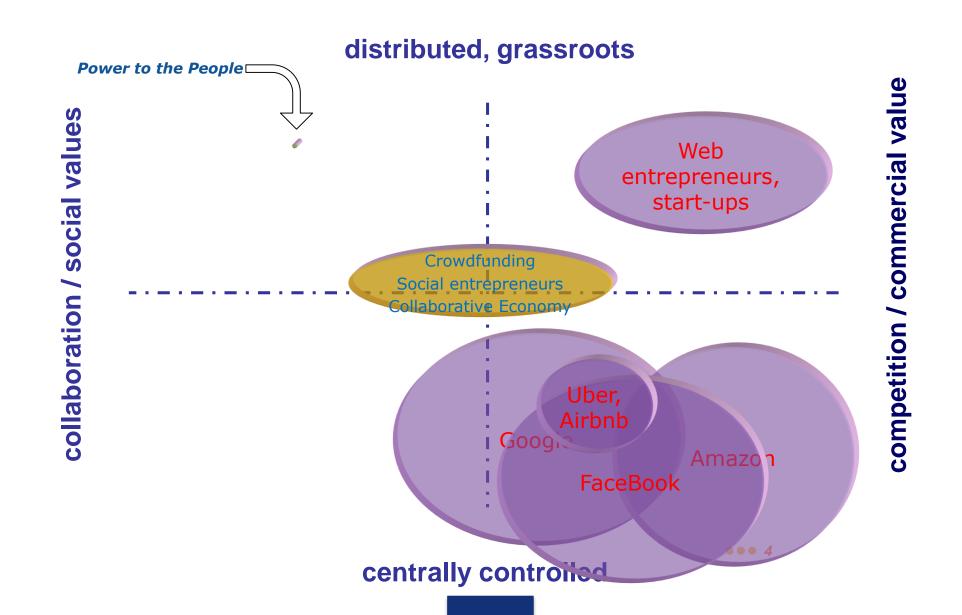
social values collaboration / Power to the People:
(user-gen. knowledge)
P2P, wiki(-leaks), social nets, blogs, e-democracy

Big Brother(s):
commercial services/
political interests
Entertainment
DRM-heavy

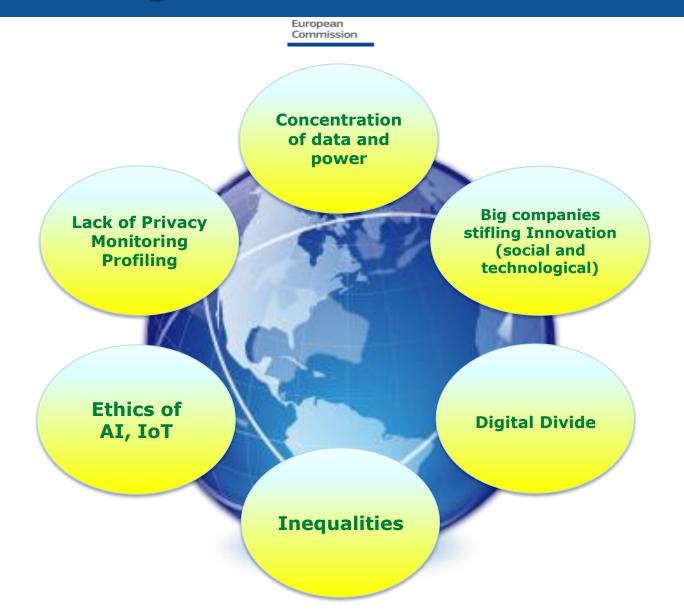
centrally controlled

commercial interests competition /

### ...and today?



#### **Challenges for the future Internet**





### more digital = more inequality?

#### **INCOME INEQUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES, 1910-2010**



### Why decentralisation?

Privacy

(decentralised data governance)

Disintermediation

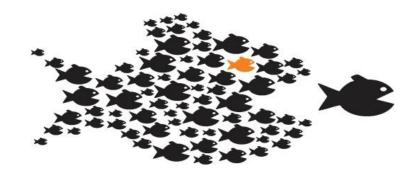
(open standards, open source, open innovation)

\*Enabling Collective Intelligence

(collective awareness platforms)



# Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation



Bottom-up collaborative solutions to sustainability challenges

Harnessing ICT networks, network effects and collective intelligence

Grounded on real communities of people

Supporting new economic models beyond GDP

Based on participatory innovation paradigms: open data, open source and open hardware

Requiring participation of at least two non-ICT partners

Appealing to new grassroots actors: social entrepreneurs, students, hackers, civil society

### **CAPS** projects



**Projects started in 2018** 

<u>https://youtu.be/lBzdmbV0Yug</u>

## EIC Prize on "Blockchains for Social Good"

European Commission

- "To develop scalable, efficient and high-impact decentralized solutions to social innovation challenges leveraging Distributed Ledger Technology (DLTs), such as the one used in blockchains"
- "Targeting social innovations in which decentralized solutions based on DLTs have shown clear benefits over conventional centralised platform solutions"
- 5 awards of €1 Million each, corresponding to different social application areas
- Deadline for registration of interest: 2 April 2019
  - at <u>ec-bc4good-prize@ec.europa.eu</u>
- Deadline to **submit** applications: **3 September 2019** at 17:00 CET

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#### **Application areas:**

- a) demonstrating the **origin** of raw materials or products and supporting fair trade and the fair monetization of labour;
- b) allowing for a greater visibility of public spending and a greater transparency of administrative and production processes;
- c) participation in **democratic decision-making** by enabling accountability, rewarding of participation and/or anonymity;
- d) enabling the development of **decentralized social networks or clouds**, or of decentralized platforms for the collaborative economy;
- e) managing property, land registry or other public records;
- f) contributing to **financial inclusion**;
- g) any other area not listed above.

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Open to any legal entities (i.e. natural or legal persons, including international organisations) or groups, worldwide:

- Individuals
- Social entrepreneurs
- Civil society organisations
- Academia/research centers (in humanistic and life sciences)
- Creative industries
- Start-ups
- SMEs

Participants are required to release their source codes under an **Open Source Licence** 

#### **Award criteria:**

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- **Positive social impact**: both potential and already achieved (e.g. size of the community of users, TRL7 or more)
- Decentralization and governance: improvements in transparency (respecting privacy) compared to centralised solutions, based on multidisciplinary considerations across technological (computing, programming, etc.), social (sociology, psychology, art, etc.) and economic (innovation, new economic models, etc.) sciences
- □ **Usability, inclusiveness**, affordability, in order to **engage** and include citizens at large irrespective of their gender, background, financial capabilities or computer skills
- Viability at large scale: cost-efficiency (including energy consumption), scalability, security, sustainability
- ☐ Clear added value for European citizens: novelty, effectiveness compared to existing centralised solutions, other societal, environmental or economic aspects

### Rules of contest for the EIC Prize on "Blockchains for Social Good"

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The **best 5** applications in each application area will be invited as finalists to demonstrate and discuss their solution during a **hearing** with the jury

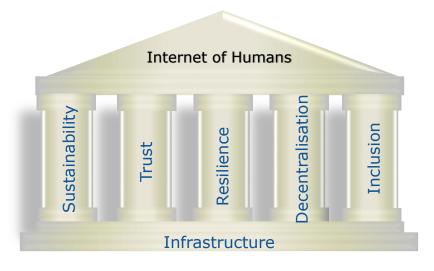
The finalists should be available to **demonstrate and discuss their applications during a public event** expected to take place in the last quarter of 2019 in Brussels

The prizes will be awarded (at latest in February 2020) to the **best 5 solutions which address different application areas** (each prize in a different area)

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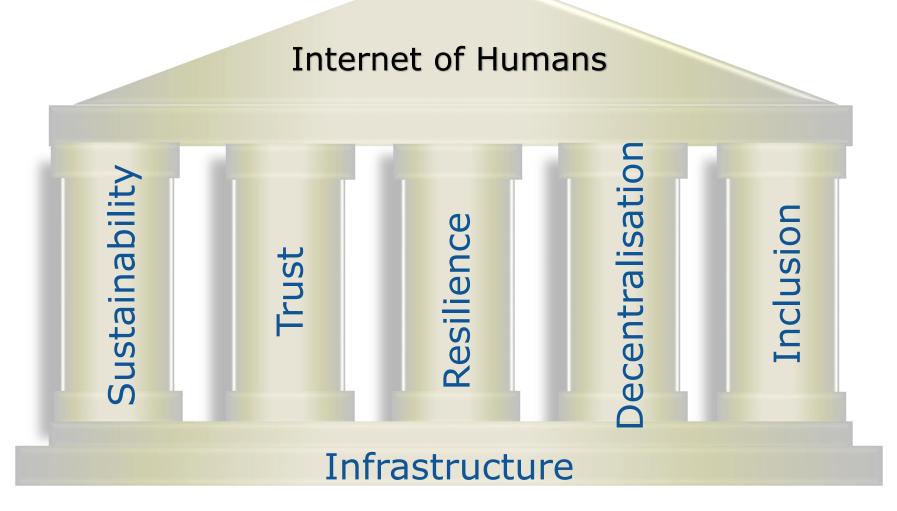
- Engage real communities of citizens as active drivers of innovation: develop their skills to design the digital society (not just to live in it)
- Increase citizens' trust in Internet: concrete use cases addressing sustainability and ethical concerns
- Pioneer decentralization: both in infrastructure and governance
- Leveraging on open data and open source
- Building on successful models and architectures (e.g. DECODE)
- Defining open mechanisms for small scale funding of innovators
- Building on a multidisciplinary view of Internet



### **NGI** (Next-Generation



### Internet) Vision



# NGI Open Internet initiative @NGI4eu, www.ngi.eu Research projects (cascading grants) launched in 2018

- a) **Privacy and trust enhancing technologies**: to help users achieve greater control when sharing their personal data
- b) Decentralized data governance: explore new distributed data management systems based on P2P and Blockchains, paying attention to ethical, legal and privacy issues
- c) Discovery and identification technologies: to access heterogeneous data sources, services, objects and sensors, devices, content, etc.

### Manifesto for Digital Social Innovation sign at <a href="https://www.dsimanifesto.eu">https://www.dsimanifesto.eu</a>

#### 1. Openness and Transparency

- Mandate Open-Source, Promote Open Data, Sustain Open Knowledge
- 2. Democracy and decentralization
- Accelerate democracy projects, Showcase open democracy, Promote awareness
- 3. Experiment and adopt
  - Bring together, Set technological priorities, Public adoption
- 4. Digital skills and multi-disciplinarity
- Promote digital skills, More ICT curricula, Incentives for multidisciplinarity
- 5. Sustainability
  - Shift funding governance (from lobbies to bottom-up), Methodology, Additional sources