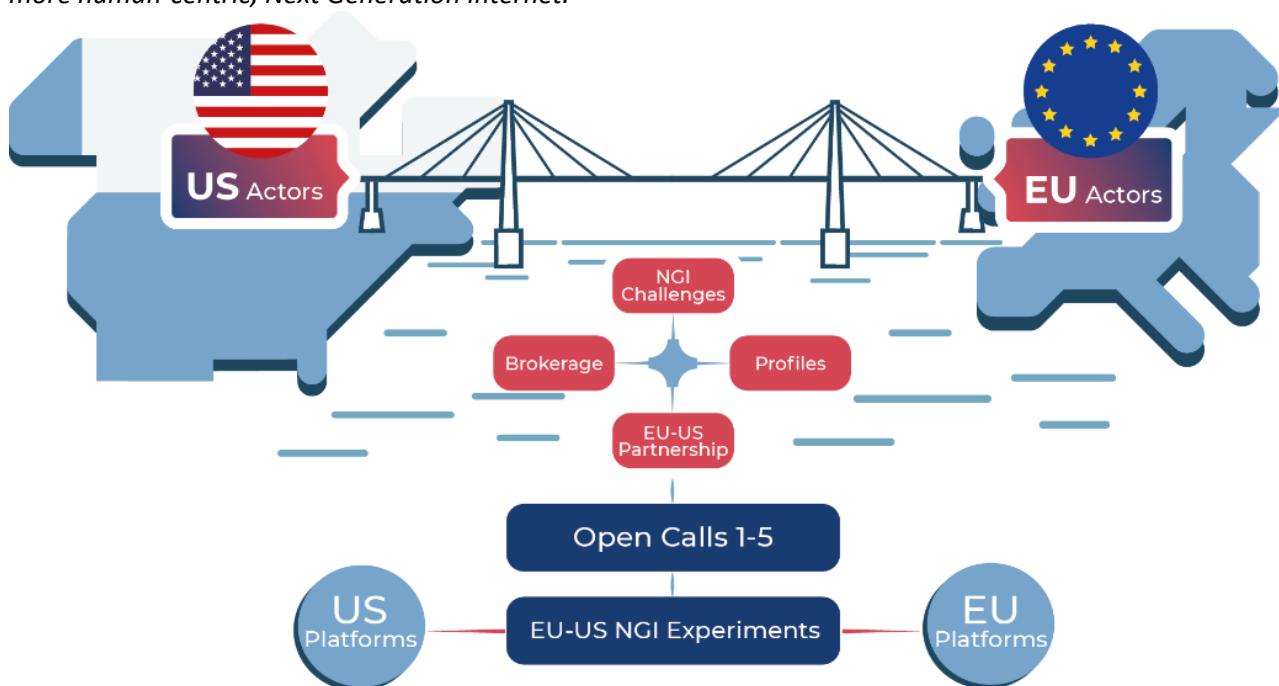


# NGIatlantic.eu bridges EU-US research and innovation on NGI by launching its 1st Open Call for proposals in April, 2020

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Over its lifetime of 30 months, NGIatlantic.eu will launch 5 open calls for proposals, with a total 2.8 million Euros budget for European organisations willing to carry out high-quality research & innovation activities, with a US-based counterpart organisation, on NGI experimental platforms. The purpose is to develop collaborations between EU and US research teams around the technical challenges posed by the vision of a more human-centric, Next Generation Internet.



**Bridging EU-US research in NGI.** [NGIatlantic.eu](https://ngiatlantic.eu) will launch **5 Open Calls for proposals between April 2020 and June 2021, with a total 2.8 million Euros budget.** The calls are for European innovators willing to carry out high-quality research & innovation activities on NGI experimental platforms. The experiments must be performed by a EU-US “twin team”, to strengthen collaboration and exploit synergies around the technical challenges posed by the NGI vision. Proposals addressing the specific published topics of the call will be evaluated by independent experts, and the best ones will be funded. Proposals must have a duration between 3 and 6 months and must be requesting a budget from 50.000€ to 150.000€. **The first open call for proposals will be launched in April 2020.**

**The Twinning Lab.** An essential element of NGIatlantic.eu is fostering and maintaining the collaboration between the EU-based and the US-based teams conducting the proposed NGI experiments. The Twinning Lab facilitates the development of such collaborations, by providing a web space for researchers, innovators and start-ups to discover and connect with suitable transatlantic actors and establish complementary partnerships in addressing NGI challenges across a number of topics (e.g. privacy and trust enhancing technologies, decentralised data governance, new ways of search and discovery, service and data portability, strengthening internet trustworthiness with electronic identities, open internet architecture renovation, and others). [Join the Twinning Lab now](#) and find the ideal counterpart for your NGI experiments.

**Become an External Evaluator for NGIatlantic.eu.** Proposals submitted during the open calls to NGIatlantic.eu will be evaluated by independent experts (working remotely, via the NGIatlantic.eu online platform), as part of NGIatlantic.eu's External Pool of Evaluators (EPE). **The EPE call is open and international experts in the domains spanned by NGI are invited to apply ([here the online form](#)).**

**About the Next Generation Internet vision shared by the EU and the US.** Since 2013, the international cooperation between the EU and US has become a core element within the Future Internet Research and Experimentation (FIRE) and NGI programmes of the European Commission and Internet Core & Edge Technologies (ICE-T) programme of the US National Science Foundation. Since then, a series of EU - US workshops were held to prepare for transatlantic collaborative research in areas of mutual interest to the EU and US research communities concerning scientific and technical innovation in the Internet context. NGIatlantic.eu, the Research & Innovation Action started on 1st January 2020 and funded by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Programme, will push EU-US collaboration a step further by funding EU-based researchers and innovators in carrying out Next Generation Internet related experiments, in collaboration with US research teams.

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#### **About NGIatlantic.eu**

Started on 1 January 2020, over its 30 month lifetime, NGIatlantic.eu aims to promote collaboration between EU and US around the technical challenges posed by the vision of a more human-centric, Next Generation Internet, with a total 2.8 million Euros budget dedicated to funding a set of five 3<sup>rd</sup> party open calls for EU – US proposals. The funding is available for European organisations with a US-based counterpart, willing to bring the results of high-quality research & innovation activities onto NGI experimental platforms.

The whole Open Call process was entirely managed via the [NGIatlantic.eu Trust Grant platform, from the selection of the External Pool of Evaluators \(EPE\)](#) (continuous open here) to the overall **Open call** application process, evaluation assignments, and monitoring of the selected projects.

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