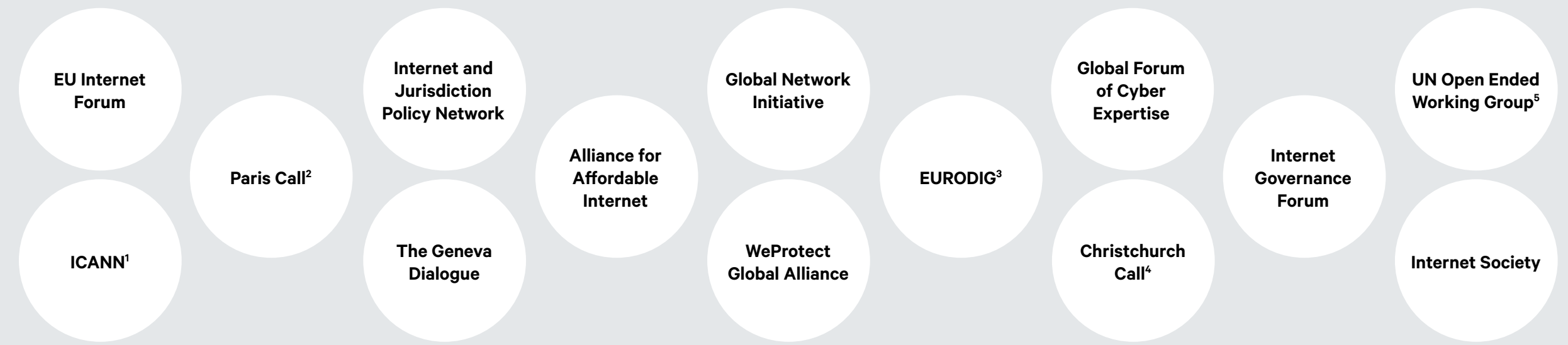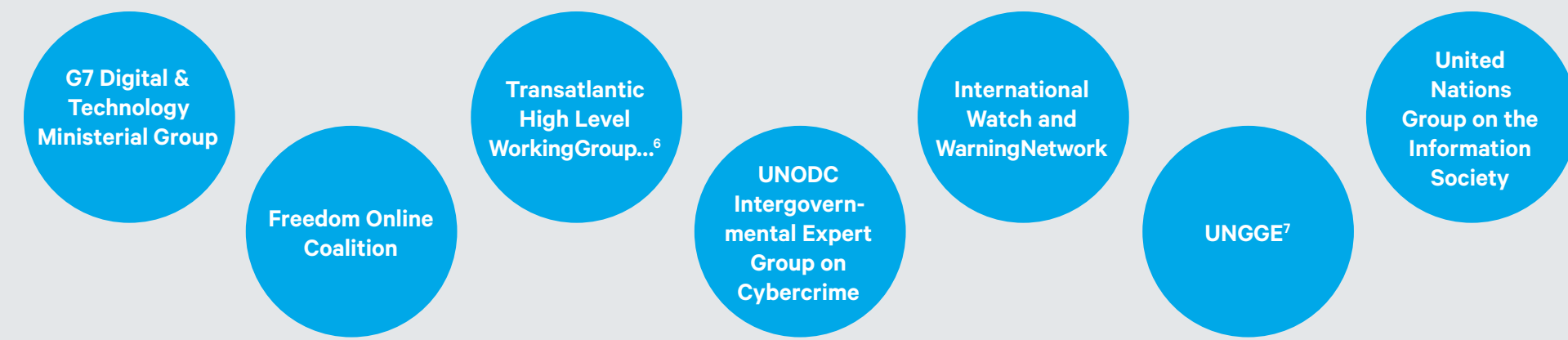# Governing the internet – actors and initiatives

An illustration of the diversity of actors and initiatives influencing the rules, norms, principles and decision-making processes governing the use of the internet globally.*

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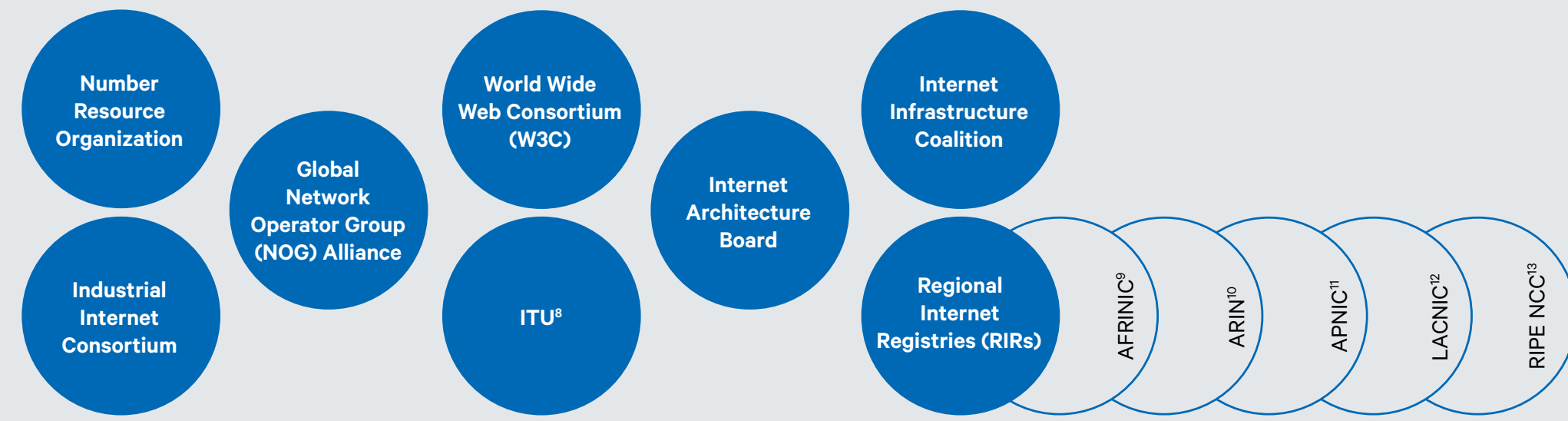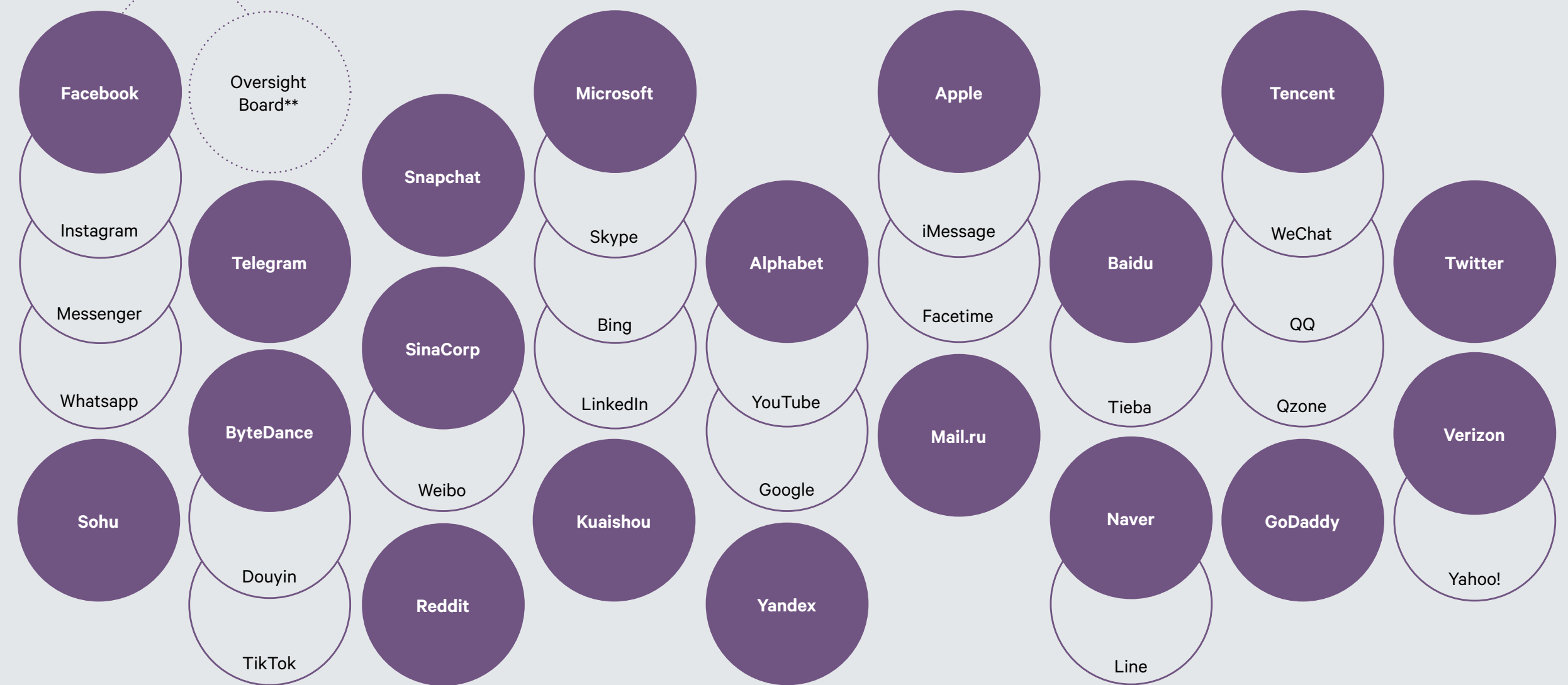
Multi-stakeholder

- EU Internet Forum
- Paris Call[2]
- Internet and Jurisdiction Policy Network
- Alliance for Affordable Internet
- Global Network Initiative
- EURODIG[3]
- Global Forum of Cyber Expertise
- Internet Governance Forum
- UN Open Ended Working Group[5]
- ICANN[1]
- The Geneva Dialogue
- WeProtect Global Alliance
- Christchurch Call[4]
- Internet Society

Intergovernmental

- G7 Digital & Technology Ministerial Group
- Freedom Online Coalition
- Transatlantic High Level WorkingGroup...[6]
- UNODC Intergovernmental Expert Group on Cybercrime
- International Watch and WarningNetwork
- UNGGE[7]
- United Nations Group on the Information Society

Actors

- ■ Governments
- ■ International Organisations (including regional)

Technical communities

- Number Resource Organization
- Global Network Operator Group (NOG) Alliance
- World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
- ITU[8]
- Internet Architecture Board
- Internet Infrastructure Coalition
- Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)
  - AFRINIC[9]
  - ARIN[10]
  - APNIC[11]
  - LACNIC[12]
  - RIPE NCC[13]
- Industrial Internet Consortium

Multinational companies

Online platforms

- Facebook
  - Instagram
  - Messenger
  - Whatsapp
- Oversight Board**
- Telegram
- Snapchat
- SinaCorp
- ByteDance
  - Douyin
  - TikTok
- Sohu
- Weibo
- Reddit
- Microsoft
  - Skype
  - Bing
  - LinkedIn
- Kuaishou
- Alphabet
  - YouTube
  - Google
- Yandex
- Apple
  - iMessage
  - Facetime
- Mail.ru
- Baidu
  - Tieba
- Naver
  - Line
- Tencent
  - WeChat
  - QQ
  - Qzone
- GoDaddy
- Twitter
- Verizon
  - Yahoo!

- E-commerce platforms
- Network providers, internet service providers, cloud service providers

- ■ Industry associations

Civil society

Nongovernmental organisations

- Diplo Foundation
- Centre for Internet and Society
- Bolo Bhi
- Electronic Frontier Foundation
- Global Partners Digital
- Access Now
- Association for Progressive Communications
- Inhope
- Social Media Exchange
- Internet Commission
- Derechos Digitales
- CyberPeace Institute
- Digital Empowerment Foundation
- Red en Defensa de los Derechos Digitales
- Center for Democracy and Technology
- Internet Watch Foundation
- Cipesa
- Internet Sans Frontières
- Ipandetec
- Fundación Karisma
- Privacy Coalition
- Netblocks
- Article 19
- European Digital Rights

- Academic and Policy Institutes
- Foundations
- Media organisations and associations

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