

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE OPEN INTERNET AND NET NEUTRALITY IN EUROPE

Question 1: Is there currently a problem of net neutrality and the openness of the internet in Europe? If so, illustrate with concrete examples. Where are the bottlenecks, if any? Is the problem such that it cannot be solved by the existing degree of competition in fixed and mobile access markets?

And

Question 2: How might problems arise in future? Could these emerge in other parts of the internet value chain? What would the causes be?

The main problem is the openness of the infrastructure itself. As long as the network owner and the ISP is the same person there will be no competition what comes to the end users possibilities to freely choose ISP.

In a net where the network owner at same time is in the role of ISP there are very small possibilities for a competitive ISP coming from outside to have a competitive ISP-service.

Today the bottleneck is in the last mile because traditional Telcos mostly offer Internet over the old existing copper network.
If we want real Open Access for both the end users and for the content/service providers in the fixed networks all the premises must be connected with symmetric connections from 100 Mbi/s to 1 Gbit/s.

Mobile networks are built for mobility and can never replace fixed networks with critical ocg quality demanding services.

Question 3: Is the regulatory framework capable of dealing with the issues identified, including in relation to monitoring/assessment and subsequent enforcement?

No.

Question 10: Are the commercial arrangements that currently govern the provision of access to the internet adequate, in order to ensure that the internet remains open and that infrastructure investment is maintained? If not, how should they change?

There is no problem with the openness in the internet itself. The problem is how to access the Internet-service and other services as IPTV in an environment where the end user has the freedom to choose provider among tens and hundreds of providers.

Best regards

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