

Dear European Commission,

As stated in the paper submitted by Bits of Freedom and EDRi in reaction to the consultation on net neutrality I have to say that:

- An open internet is crucial for fundamental freedoms, innovation, and competition.
- Internet providers, however, have incentives of their own to stifle the open internet.
- Furthermore, governments and private parties attempt to force internet providers to stifle the open internet for the benefit of narrow sectoral interests.
- And in practice, internet providers do indeed stifle the open internet for the above reasons.
- Meanwhile, transparency obligations, competition and minimum guarantees cannot safeguard an open internet.
- Waiting is not an option, as the examples of local loop unbundling and mobile roaming demonstrate.
- Narrowly-tailored regulatory EU measures should therefore safeguard the open internet

Therefore I would ask you please keep the internet open. Don't use filters to hide the nasty things but use crime investigators to remove the illegal content on the sites. Don't block certain services unless people pay more money for it. The internet is an essential instrument for the work people do. Just think about the problems students can experience when their internet doesn't allow skype, so they can't call their teachers when they're at an internship in a foreign country. But more important; blocking and filters do incline strongly to censorship. The internet should be free and for all. The ISP's and/or government shouldn't decide what you can and can't see (with the exception of illegal content of course). Please keep the internet free.

Greetings,  
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