

Dear reader,

I strongly urge the EC to encourage and enforce netneutrality in any legally possible way. The basis of the internet, its power for and speed of change and innovation, and its huge economical and societal spin-off are deeply rooted in the neutrality of the platform. Netneutrality is what makes the Internet a powerful extension of the Public Domain and any way to diminish this will tamper with its fundamentally open and egalitarian basis. The potential monetary benefits of letting go of netneutrality for a few, near-monopoly partners will be a burden to its manifold users; it will strengthen existing powerhouses and limit innovation and growth. If the EC wants to play its role in building a new common ground for Europeans to meet and do business, protecting the base of the internet is the only way to go. This challenge provides a unique opportunity for the EC to show its leadership and strengthen the Public Domain for the good of the Economy and Society as a whole.

I look forward to your decision, may it be wise.

Best regards,

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