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With respect to a public consultation on net neutrality in Europe, I would like to take the opportunity to respond.

I fully agree with the conclusions and statements made in the paper submitted by Bits of Freedom and EDRI.

In short, Bits of Freedom and EDRI conclude as follows:

- 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.

Full details can be found in the paper at:

<https://www.bof.nl/live/wp-content/uploads/netneutralityreaction300910.pdf>

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