

The right merging of the worlds

As CECUA President Dr Jon Thorhallsson stated in his remarks about "Cyber Security Strategy for the European Union," the OFF-LINE and ON-LINE WORLD are merging and digitally stored knowledge will become the status of reality and THEREFORE its personal possession is indispensable.

For this reason, the unlimited availability of the Internet and the independent NETWORK NEUTRALITY for all people is essential, as it has always been maintained by CECUA. It becomes dangerous when providers or large enterprises have the power over it. These would try to market the internet access as a scarce resource and make money with guaranteed and fast data lines of their own and giving preference to own services. The provider would have no commercial interest in making Internet access faster as a whole. So would everyone have to buy additional and guaranteed speed. This goes against the principle of openness, however. The Internet must be considered as a public commodity. Beyond commercial interests and being the space for services and goods from businesses it must also be a space for culture and education. The principle of openness must therefore be written in the form of a law.

In Germany, it is a good reason to do so because the TELEKOM group with close to monopoly wanted to make the first attempt with new contracts for a limitation of speed after 75 GB per month were reached. It is not about technical details, but the basic principle of net neutrality, because each restriction can very quickly lead to censorship of content.

For this reason, at the instigation of a German student a group has been established that seeks to impose through the submission of a PETITION to the German Parliament, that the network neutrality on the Internet is to be determined by law. Because the commitment to net neutrality has long been known as one of CECUA's fundamental issues CECUA joined the group and is one of the supporters and signatory to the petition. For the petition to be accepted by parliament at least 50,000 signatories had to be found within only four weeks. In fact, this petition has found a great resonance and was signed within three days by 80.000 people. As confirmed by leading US political scientists the United States does not intend to introduce the same, but is clearly watching the EU in Brussels and EU is watching Berlin as are all serious Internet users doing. A lot depends on it for the whole developed world.

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