

Answer to the questionnaire on Net neutrality

Comments on this answer to the questionnaire

Using data gathered over several months by the RespectMyNet.eu signaling website, La Quadrature du Net submits this answer to the questionnaire, aiming to give a better overview of the variety of Net neutrality violations and how common and widespread these are.

These reports have been submitted by citizens and confirmed by at least another person. They are meant to be indicative, and should pave the way for further inquiry to assert the veracity of the infringements.

RespectMyNet has proceeded to technical verification of the cases submitted whenever possible.

As of today, RespectMyNet includes 144 confirmed reports of breaches to Net neutrality, spread among 44 operators in more than 14 Member States who engage in violating their users' freedom of communication by blocking or throttling specific content, applications or services available on the Internet. These 14 countries with confirmed reports taken together account for the majority of the EU population.

Related questionnaire spreadsheet file: LQDN-20120120-ec_berec_tm_questionnaire.xls

About La Quadrature du Net

La Quadrature du Net is a France-based **advocacy group that promotes the rights and freedoms of citizens on the Internet**. More specifically, it advocates for the adaptation of French and European legislations to respect the founding principles of the Internet, most notably the free circulation of knowledge. As such, La Quadrature du Net engages in public-policy debates concerning, for instance, freedom of speech, copyright, regulation of telecommunications and online privacy.

In addition to its advocacy work, the group also aims to foster a better understanding of legislative processes among citizens. Through specific and pertinent information and tools, La Quadrature du Net hopes to encourage citizens' participation in the public debate on rights and freedoms in the digital age.

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About RespectMyNet.eu

RespectMyNet.eu is an online platform enabling citizens to become the watchmen of the Internet by reporting Net Neutrality violations. Citizens are invited to report undue blocking or throttling of their Internet access, and help bring to light operators' harmful practices.

This platform is a joint project by La Quadrature du Net, Bits of Freedom and individual contributors. It was launched on September 22nd, 2011

You can visit the site and the cases submitted at: <u>http://respectmynet.eu</u>