

## La Quadrature's dossiers

LQDN focuses among others, on the following issues:

### ACTA

ACTA, as the multi-lateral Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, creates new criminal sanctions and measures that turn Internet technical intermediaries into a private copyright justice and police force. Democracy is bypassed at the expense of our freedoms.

### Net Neutrality

Net Neutrality ensures everyone has access to the same Internet, and hence, it is the only way to guarantee freedom of expression and innovation online. This founding principle of the Internet, Net Neutrality, is now under attack by companies which would benefit from its demise.

### IPRED

Revision of the European directive may call for "measures" such as filtering, in order to fight against the sharing of culture online; this threatens our fundamental freedoms and organizes the repression of all who share knowledge over the Net, who make the Internet creative: file sharers, remixers, coders, and inventors of all sorts.

### Net filtering

The UN Special Reporter for Free Speech has condemned Internet filtering as a useless, inefficient and dangerous measure. But governments and companies are seeking to intensify the deployment of filtering schemes through legislative and political Trojan horses.

### HADOPI Three-Strike Law

The "three strike" scheme, embodied by French agency HADOPI, has been condemned by LQDN since its very inception as inefficient, useless and dangerous to fundamental freedoms. HADOPI has not yet disconnected anyone from the Internet, and probably never will, but it remains a costly and dangerous intimidation campaign.

*"I support La Quadrature du Net  
because they defend our freedom  
against governments that are fighting  
a war on sharing against the public.  
I hope you'll support them too."*

— **Richard Stallman**



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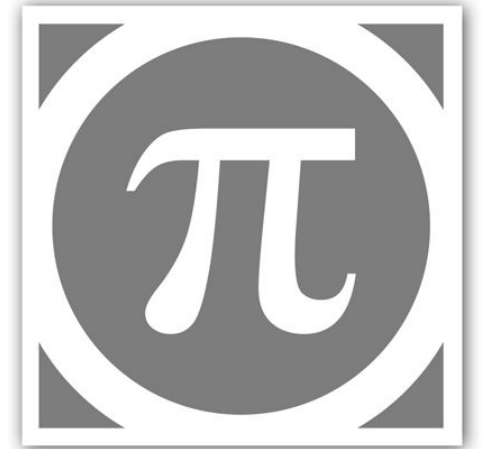
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**LA QUADRATURE DU NET**

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## Who are we?

La Quadrature du Net is an advocacy group promoting citizens' rights and freedoms on the Internet. More specifically, it advocates 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 expression, 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 seeks to encourage citizens' participation in the public debate on rights and freedoms in the digital era.

### Ensuring the Internet remains universal

Net Neutrality is a founding principle of the Internet. It prevents any discrimination of transmitted information, be it based on origin, destination or content. It is this freedom from one end of the communication architecture to the other that makes the Internet universal places all Internet users on a level playing field, enabling anyone and everyone to send, receive information, services and applications of their choice.

Today, Net Neutrality is under attack by telco operators who want to develop business models based on information discrimination.

## Copyright used against the public

ACTA, IPRED, "three strike" policies are all projects that, behind the mask of "protection" for authors and artists, directly attack the public. They aim at banning sharing through surveillance and control.

These artificial attempts to breathe life into obsolete business models, which only serve a handful of industrial players, can only harm our fundamental freedoms.

We must organize and make ourselves heard to fight against these attacks, and impose a copyright reform taking full account of 21st century practices, technological realities, and the public's rights.

### Focus on ACTA

ACTA is an agreement secretly negotiated between 2007 and 2010 by 39 countries, most of them members of the OECD.

Posing as a "mere" anti-counterfeiting and trade agreement, ACTA introduces new broad and loosely-defined criminal sanctions applying to all Internet players, easily considered suspect of "aiding and abetting infringement on a commercial scale".

In this war against sharing, "cooperation" being imposed to Internet access and service providers, the latter will be transformed into a private copyright police force and parallel justice. The consequences for our freedom of speech, our right to privacy, and the right to a fair trial will be devastating.

ACTA could alter the neutral and universal architecture of the Internet in radical ways.

Some time after the summer break, the European Parliament will have the opportunity to vote on ACTA, either to accept or reject it entirely. It is our duty to help rejecting it by contacting our European representatives and informing the public at large about ACTA's dangers.

## Our Proposals

La Quadrature du Net offers proposals to adapt our legislation to the technological and social realities of the digital era.

<http://lqdn.fr/en/proposals>

### Human rights in the digital society: freedom of communication and expression is of prime importance in the democratic order

- Guarantee the presumption of legality for all online publication
- Ensure the right to a fair trial
- Rethink the limits of freedom of expression in a renewed public sphere

### Access to a free and open Internet: defend and protect the fundamental principles which make the Internet what it is

- Enshrine Net Neutrality in law
- Encourage the development of shared wireless networks
- Support the development of servers and terminals controlled by users

### Sharing of Culture and Knowledge: recognize the value of sharing both in law and in practice, create new funding models, unlock the access to cultural heritage

- Recognize sharing in law and in practice
- Explore new funding models for creation, information, and the media
- Reinforce the public domain and make cultural heritage available to everyone