Workshop

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Drafting ACTA project recommendations

for decision-makers

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Workshop goals

- A) To present on-line discussions of ACTA project - Internet privacy and On-line forums as democratic tool.

- B) To further debate results from discussions relevant for young people.

- C) Draft a list of a key recommendations from discussions for decision-makers at the European and national level.

Background – developments so far

- Project aim: to prepare ACTA project recommendations for decision-makers based on discussions implemented within the project (face-to-face & on-line)

- Kranjska Gora participatory design workshop and topics identification

- Implementing on-line discussion covering two topics (Internet privacy and On-line forums as democratic tool?) INePA & Metamorphosis

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- Inviting ACTA project partners to provide contributions (wider dissemination not yet implemented)

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Welcome to on-line discussion board of the Active Citizens Take Action project aiming to bring together citizens active in youth and Internet non–governmental organizations across Europe to discuss topics of **Internet privacy** and **On-line forums as democratic tool**. Results from facilitated on-line discussions will be summarized in facilitators report presenting key messages and main proposals from participants. Reports will be delivered to decision-makers at the European and national level by partner organizations asking them to provide official feedback. Feedbacks received from decision-makers will published in this discussion board.

Discussions:

^ Internet privacy

^ On-line forums as democratic tool?

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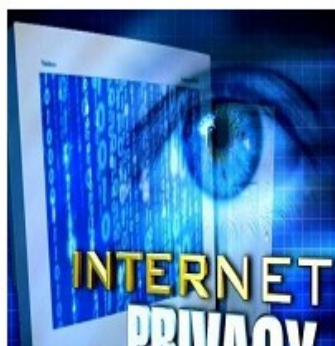Recent blog posts

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Discussion: Internet privacy

🕐 Posted by Administrator on Sreda, 23 Januar 2013 in ACTA online discussions

The capability for individuals to interact online without giving-up their personal privacy is a crucial element of the Internet's value, and is strongly related to its trustworthiness. It is about keeping the capability to disclose data consensually, and with expectations about the context and scope of sharing. The privacy implications of the current Internet represent a significant and growing concern.

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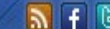INTERNET PRIVACY

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On-line forums as democratic tool? (1 contribution)

- *1. Which aspects of internet forum are motivating you to use them as democratic tool and which aspects are discouraging you?*

- *2. How would you like to see internet forums as a democratic tool in the future?*

- *3. If you were a decision-maker, in which way would you use internet forum as democratic tool?*

Summary

- Limitation of on-line forums

- less attractive medium of on-line communication

- difficult to attract attention from internet users;

- Heavy moderation is required for keeping the focus;

- problems with complex discussions having lost of sub-topics (unappealing to a new participants).

- Alternative proposal: Reddit

- ideal for boosting communication and keeping people interested;

- a lot of content - participants will be returning to the site;

- similar to Facebook;

- "vote up/down" option quickly creates a "best of" hierarchy of threads;

- reply options allows for an organic division of sub topics.

Internet privacy
(4 contributions)

- *1. Which aspects of internet privacy you consider positive and which aspects are discouraging you?*

- *2. Which challenges you see in the future for internet privacy?*

- *3. To which extent would you give up your privacy in order to feel more secure?*

- *4. If you were a decision-maker, for which area of internet privacy would you construct new laws?*

- *5. Can self-regulation successfully address privacy concerns? Would you feel more secure if privacy is regulated by governments?*

Summary 1

- **Proposal - keep individual private and common public:**
  Data that concerns individuals, like emails, pictures, search words etc. should be private and data that concerns whole society should be public.

- **Argument:**
  Because personal data influences only personal well-being, while data that concerns society influences well-being of the mass of people and should be disclosed, if it doesn`t do more harm disclosed.

- **Issue - awareness rising:**
  Creating a critical mass of people in society who take the idea of internet privacy seriously. An alarming number of people consider their privacy on the internet to be a lost cause and do not even see this as a reason for concern.

Summary 2

- **Observation (understanding the issue):**
  - we can not see even in the near future and we do not understand how privacy questions are going to develop;
  - we see a lot of info and pictures that should not be available to all.

- **Viewpoint (freedom of expression):**
  - the principle of anonymity is a part of internet privacy feeling more secure when posting and expressing opinions publicly;
  - internet privacy issues due to the need of governments and larger corporations to have insight to private lives of their citizens.

- **Issue (seeking the freedom - security balance):**
  - the challenge will probably be how to protect freedoms and anonymity and privacy of individuals on the internet;
  - no guarantee that giving away our freedoms will directly lead towards more secure and safer internet environment.
  - the only law considering internet would be the one considering paedophilia. Similar spheres of the internet are the ones that should be regulated as in the real world.

Workshop question

- *What are your recommendations for decision-makers in area of Internet privacy and using on-line forums for democratic participation?*

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