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INTERNET AT THE CROSSROADS

Challenges for Internet regulation in Poland and the European Union

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We face the key moment for Internet regulation. In spite of appearances, the Internet in Poland is in its initial stages of development. We are at the proverbial crossroads. Difficult but important choices are to be made by the Polish government. How to define the key problems in this broad area? What are the threats and chances we face? What responses can and should be considered?

To deal with these and many other questions, Panoptykon Foundation and Internet Society Poland have started a joint think tank project named "Reinventing strategies for Internet Regulation", funded by the Open Society Institute. One year ago we set ourselves a goal to develop guidelines for Internet regulation that include the need to guarantee technological neutrality and fundamental rights. On 20 September we will present our report containing the assessment of main problems and conclusions resulting from this long-lasting process. We would like to put these ideas up for discussion.

The conference aims to gather the most important voices in the debate on the challenges for Internet regulation in Poland and the European Union. The format of this event has been modelled after the Internet Governance Forum. We hope to gather at one table experts and representatives of the civil society, academia, business and public administration.

Among our participants we expect the Minister-Chief of Prime Minister's Advisors Mr Michał Boni, the Inspector-General for Data Protection Mr Wojciech Wiewórowski, the Head of the Office for Electronic Communication Ms Anna Streżyńska, high-level representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of, Infrastructure, Ministry of Justice, Strategic Advisors to the Prime Minister, key Internet companies operating in Poland and prominent international experts dealing with Internet regulation.

The conference is organised under the auspices of the President of the European Parliament Mr Jerzy Buzek and the Polish Presidency in the European Union.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Conference Venue: Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology, 86 Koszykowa St., Warsaw

- 11:00 – 11:10 Opening of the conference on behalf of Panoptykon Foundation and Internet Society Poland
- 11:10 – 11:40 **Minister Michał Boni:** Summary of the most important achievements and existing challenges in the area of Internet regulation and fundamental rights from the government’s perspective
- 11:40 – 12:10 **Caspar Bowden: Electronic surveillance** – an overview of the evolution in the area of privacy protection and public security from the nineties until today
- 12:10 – 12:30 Coffee break
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Joe McNamee: Is „security” the biggest threat for security?**
Threats for the Internet resulting from the uncoordinated and experimental security measures
- 13:00 - 13:30 **Katarzyna Szymielewicz / Marcin Cieślak: How to build “free and open Internet”** – summary of the main conclusions from the joint project of Panoptykon Foundation and Internet Society Poland (including 10 minutes for discussion)
- 13:30 – 14:15 lunch break
- 14:15 – 15:00 **How to guarantee the „legality” of Internet content and still preserve the freedom of speech? Discussion involving all participants.**
The discussion will be introduced by **Xawery Konarski, Wacław Iszkowski** and **Maciej Ślusarek**
- 16:05 – 16:50 **How to shape legal regime concerning re-use of the public information and openness of the public resources to reconcile various public and individual interests? Discussion involving all participants.**
The discussion will be introduced by **Igor Ostrowski** and **Grzegorz Sibiga**

How to reconcile the civil right to privacy, pursuits to increase public security and economic interests of Internet operators and companies?
Discussion involving all participants. The discussion will be introduced by Minister **Anna Streżyńska** (UKE) and Minister **Wojciech Wiewiórowski** (GIODO)
- 16:50 – 17:00 Summary and the conclusion of the conference

Please note that we might have to do some last-minute adjustments in this agenda