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Internet Society Switzerland Chapter

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The Internet Society (ISOC)

- Founded in 1992 by Internet Pioneers
  - International non-profit organization
    - 90+ organization members
    - 28,000+ individual members
    - 90+ chapters worldwide
    - Regional Bureaus:
      Europe, Africa, Latin America & Caribbean,
      South & South East Asia

- ISOC is an international cause-related organization that works for the open development and evolution of the Internet for all people. Does so through work across the areas of technical standards, education and capacity-building as well as public policy.

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What makes ISOC unique?

- Focus is the Internet
  - Education, Standards, Policy

- Organisational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), Internet Architecture Board (IAB), and related bodies

- Enable capacity and technical community building throughout the world

- Key player in Internet policy
  - Particularly in the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

ISOC's Strategic Initiatives

- **Enabling Access to the Internet** – through policy, standards and technology, and new resources

- **InterNetWorks** – so that the Internet remains an open end-to-end entity – with all of the associated technological, policy, social, and business benefits

- **Trust & Identity** – identifying and promoting activities that resolve some of the persistent issues in this critical area
  - e.g. elevating "identity" to a core issue in network research and standards development

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ISOC's principles

- ISOC's principles and activities are based upon a fundamental belief that the Internet is for everyone.

- Envisions a future in which people everywhere can use the Internet to improve quality of life
  - possible when standards, technologies, business practices, and government policies sustain an open and universally accessible platform for innovation, creativity, and economic opportunity