



The Public Policy Aspects Committee (PPAC) is a committee of ISOC-CH according to the statutes (§30) and aims to discuss and propose actions to the Board on matters related to public policy.

Activities in 2016-2017:

Starting in April 2016, there was active discussion on the ISOC-CH PPAC list regarding the referendum on the new lawful intercept law; and filtering and blocking (proposed in particular in the revision of the law on gambling). To sign up for the list please see: <https://www.isoc.ch/committees-bodies/ppac>

There was also discussion of surveillance laws in other countries, and of the possible impact on Internet of TIPP. The archive of the PPAC mailing list is at:
<http://lists.isoc.ch/mailman/private/ppac/>

ISOC-CH submitted a contribution to the February-September 2016 Open Consultation of ITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues, see:
<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2363>

ISOC-CH published sample letters in French and German that can be used by citizens to find out whether the Swiss information agencies have information on them, see:
<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2424>

Following discussion on the mailing list, we published a statement condemning blocking, see:
<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2430>

This statement was endorsed by several other ISOC chapters.

Richard Hill represented ISOC-CH at the 2017 meeting of the European Chapters, see:
<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2605>

Bernie Hoeneisen actively represented ISOC-CH's point of view regarding blocking during the debates in Parliament on the revision to the gambling law. Our efforts, together with those of others, was successful at the level of the Committee that prepared the law, see:
<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2466>

Unfortunately, the plenum (full Parliament) took a different view and included the blocking provision. We expect that it will be in the final version of the law. The National Council debated on 1 March 2017 the law on gambling ("Geldspielgesetz," "LJAr," "LGD") within Switzerland. However, the debate was fundamentally about more than just gambling, it was about public access to websites of foreign online gambling sites (casinos, poker sites, etc.), since they will be blocked within Switzerland once the law is applied.

<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2653>