

This is a list of all activities undertaken by the ISOC-CH Board and membership. The first section is “Board and Member Activities,” followed by “Committee Activities,” “Partnerships,” and “Outreach.”

ISOC-CH Board:

29 March 2017: Annual General Assembly held in Bern, election resulted in a new Board.

Chair: Roxana Radu
Vice-Chair for Internal: Markus Kummer
Vice-Chair for External: Richard Hill
Treasurer: Michael Hausding
Secretary: Wolf Ludwig

Throughout 2017-2018, the ISOC-CH Board met in person and via google hangout on a regular basis.

In 2017, Richard Hill, Vice-Chair for External Affairs, was re-elected to the Chapters Advisory Council of Internet Society.

2017-2018 Board and Member Activities:

30 May 2017: Swiss IGF participation / ISOC-CH's Head of Public Policy Bernie Höneisen moderated a session and several ISOC-CH Board members attended the discussions

23 June 2017: ISOC-CH was awarded a Beyond the Net grant of 30,000 USD to work on the project entitled **Implementing Privacy via Mass Encryption: Standardizing pretty Easy privacy's protocols**. This two-year long project (June 2017-June 2019) will be undertaken together with the pEp Foundation in order to implement privacy by design. More specifically, the project aims to standardise pretty Easy Privacy protocols and help encrypt end-to-end all communication via close involvement in the work of the Internet Engineering Task Force. In the framework of the project, ISOC-CH participated in three IETF meetings (in 2017: IETF 99 in Prague; IETF 100 in Singapore; in 2018: IETF 101 in London)

Starting in September 2017, ISOC-CH supported the referendum against Internet blocking by collecting signatures in close cooperation with Digitale Gesellschaft and the Pirate Party, continuing our fight for an open internet. <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2908> and <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3003>

19 September 2017: ISOC-CH co-hosted, together with ISOC, a special 25th anniversary event for Internet Society at CERN in Geneva as part of the 2017 InterCommunity. The event included a panel focused on national matters and in particular the discussion on network blocking, as well as an international panel with the participation of 3 Internet Hall of Fame inductees and Roxana Radu, ISOC-CH Chair. <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2892>

20 September 2017: ISOC-CH co-hosted, together with the Geneva Internet Platform, a discussion with Swiss NGOs about the opportunities to strengthen civil society's contribution and participation in the Internet Governance Forum (held in Geneva on 18-21 December). <https://www.isoc.ch/events/digital-policies-and-trends>

In November 2017, the ISOC-CH Board and pEp Foundation announced the launch of a series of workshops entitled ‘Values of Internet Technologies’, with activities planned between Jan 2018 and June 2019. <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3017>.

11 November 2017: Head of Public Policy Bernie Höneisen participated in a parliamentary hearing on network blocking

- https://www.isoc.ch/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/20171106-E-FMG-ISOC-CH_v1.4_de.pdf
- https://www.isoc.ch/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/20171106-E-FMG-ISOC-CH_v1.4_fr.pdf

14 November 2017: Richard Hill, ISOC-CH Vice-Chair External participated in a Workshop on Next Generation Internet in Bern <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3062>.

20 November 2017: several members of the Board participated in the [Digital Switzerland conference](#) organised by OFCOM in Bienne.

8 December 2017: Richard Hill, Vice-Chair External spoke at a conference at the University of Lausanne on [The Legal Framework for Countering Terrorist and Violent Extremist Content Online](#) <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3065>

12 December 2017: The Chair and Vice-Chair External of ISOC-CH, together with ISOC staff, participated in a joint UN-City of Geneva event called *Mix and Match* <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3068>

18-21 December 2017: ISOC-CH participated in the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), including materials and information on display at the Internet Society booth in the IGF village. Roxana Radu, ISOC-CH Chair, was invited to speak about the Swiss Digital Strategy at the Open Forum entitled [Digital Switzerland Strategy – Creating networked transformation processes through dialogue](#), held on 18 December <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3134>

25 January 2018: ISOC-CH co-organised, with pEp Foundation, DigiGes and CCC- Switzerland, the first workshop in the Values of Internet Technologies series in Bienne/Biel. <https://www.isoc.ch/events/vit>

19 March 2018: Roxana Radu, ISOC CH Chair, published a blogpost entitled 'A collaborative effect for pretty Easy privacy' on the [Internet Society Beyond the Net page](#).

27 April: ISOC-CH and pEp Foundation organised the second workshop in the Values of Internet Technologies series <https://www.isoc.ch/events/vit2>

ISOC-CH's engagement with Swiss politics

Several members of ISOC-CH have been actively engaged with the legislation process by bringing the topics of most relevance to the free and open Internet to the attention of government agencies and members of the Swiss Parliament.

The most important topic in the past year has been network blocking provisions as introduced by the new gambling law for the first time. However, draft proposals of the new Telecommunications and Copyright Acts contain network blocking provisions.

ISOC-CH's Head of Public Policy Bernie Höneisen as well as ISOC member Simon Schlauri attended a parliamentary Hearing regarding the new Telecommunications law. Bernie focused on network blocking suggesting "Removal of illegal content as opposed to network blocking" as successfully applied in other countries (e.g. Germany, Austria and others). Simon suggested to include further provisions to ensure Net Neutrality cannot be violated by Providers.

Several ISOC-CH members such as Jorgo Ananiadis, Simon Gantenbein and Marcel Waldvogel - among others - supported this work, which is a joint effort together with Digitale Gesellschaft and the Swiss Pirates' party.

ISOC-CH Committee Activities:

- 1) 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. We had a

very active PPAC in 2017-18: <http://lists.isoc.ch/mailman/private/ppac/>

- 2) Technical Aspects Committee (TAC) is a committee of ISOC-CH (in formation) according to the statutes (§ 30) and aims to discuss and propose actions to the Board on matters related to technology. Not active in 2017.
- 3) Social Aspects Committee hosted events in Geneva (11 September 2017, 12 January 2018) and Zurich (22 June 2017) to meet with members and discuss topics of interest.
- 4) Oversight Committee: The OC Report and 2017 Financial Report are posted on the GA 2018 agenda page on the website.

Partnerships:

Digitale Gesellschaft: <https://www.digitale-gesellschaft.ch/>

Stop Think Connect <https://www.stophinkconnect.ch/>

pEp Foundation <https://pep.foundation/>

WSIS 2017: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2017/>

Internet Governance Forum: <http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/>

Swiss Internet Governance Forum : <http://swiss-igf.ch>

dinaCon: <https://dinacon.ch/fr/dinacon2017/>

Outreach:

Web site: The ISOC-CH received several upgrades over the past year. The website has social media buttons for articles to make sharing easier, and is partly available in French and German.

Facebook Group has 149 members now, 15 total new members since April 2017.

Twitter: 817 followers, up 178 total from April 2017. Reach varied from 1,000 impressions to nearly 18,000 impressions. The reach varied widely over the year based on numbers of tweets each month, tags to influencers, retweets, and by topic. Hot topics included privacy and encryption, work with pEp Foundation, network blocking, gambling, and work with Swiss Parliamentarians.

LinkedIn Group: 28 members, low engagement

Statements:

30 March 2017 : ISOC-CH statement on recent CIA revelations on surveillance and hacking :

<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2784>

18 January 2018: 50,000 signatures against network blocking gambling law

<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3137>

13 April 2018: Recent revelations of exposure of users' Facebook data <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3207>

Press engagement:

3 July: Joint press release ISOC-CH and pEp Foundation engaged for pretty Easy privacy

<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2845>

30 November 2017: Press release Values of Internet Technologies series of workshops

<https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3043> (with pEp Foundation)

23 December: Richard Hill, Vice-Chair External, has been interviewed by *Le Temps* in connection with the Internet Governance Forum. <https://www.isoc.ch/archives/3058>