

NET NEUTRALITY IN DANGER: LUX REACTS

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After the decision to repeal net neutrality in the USA, Luxembourg politicians and associations have reacted by condemning the action.

The US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [repealed net neutrality](#)



Net neutrality is an issue that affects everyone and can disadvantage the poor and small firms.

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Reding, Chaos Club and others criticise the US decision to abandon net neutrality

(<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/dec/14/net-neutrality-fcc-rules-open-internet>) and abandoned its role in regulating the biggest communications tool of the 21st century.

Concretely, “[the FCC eliminated the rules that prevent internet service providers](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/dec/18/net-neutrality-marginalised-america-open-internet-fcc) like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T from blocking, slowing down, or prioritizing one website or service over another.”

Viviane Reding, former European commissioner with responsibility for the information society, tweeted the following:



Viviane Reding
 @VivianeRedingEU

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Limiting consumer choices is a serious risk and could degrade the service to unacceptably low levels. To all users, **#NetNeutrality IS NOT ONLY A DEBATE FOR POLITICIANS, IT IS A DEBATE FOR EVERY CITIZEN**

10:24 am - 15 Dec 2017

The [Chaos Computer Club Lëtzebuerg](https://wiki.c3l.lu/doku.php), (<https://wiki.c3l.lu/doku.php>) [Frënn vun der Ënn](https://enn.lu/) (<https://enn.lu/>) and [Freifunk Lëtzebuerg](https://freifunk.lu/) (<https://freifunk.lu/>), associations which raise awareness of privacy and civil rights in the internet age, issued a common statement, in which they warned of the consequences.

Using the metaphor of a motorway, they argue that abandoning net neutrality would mean that only BMWs, for example, could use the fast lane.

They wrote (<https://wiki.c3.l.lu/doku.php>):

"It is clear that this is not allowed to happen. Because an internet without net neutrality leads to terrible injustice. One would have to pay for every service. Do you want to watch Netflix? Then you'll have to pay extra. Do you want to send an email? You'll pay extra. All this will lead to the consumer having to pay more for the same services s/he has at the moment. Start-ups and small firms will also be disadvantaged. Big multinational companies will be able to buy priority, while that is not possible for others. An internet without net neutrality is pure poison for the development of a country, for social justice and of course for the economy."

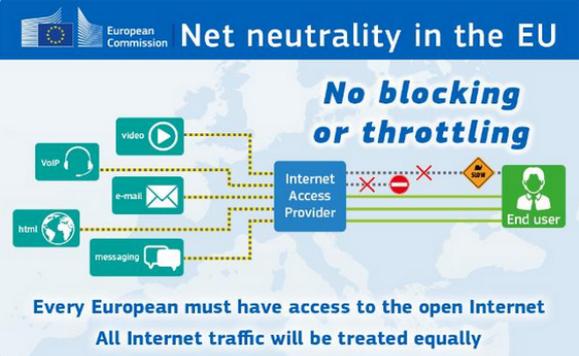
They refer to the latest European Commission tweet:

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We will continue to protect **#NetNeutrality** 
in Europe, ensuring that all traffic is treated equally:

- Every European must be able to have access to the **#openinternet**
- No blocking or discrimination of online content, applications and services

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Net neutrality in the EU

No blocking or throttling

Every European must have access to the open Internet
All Internet traffic will be treated equally

4:59 pm - 15 Dec 2017

The [2015 agreement on a guaranteed open internet](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-5265_en.htm) (http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-5265_en.htm) is enshrined in EU law.

N.B.: A previous version erroneously called the Chaos Computer Lëtzebuerg just "Chaos Club". We have now rectified this.

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