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Internet Society at a glance  
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# The Internet is for everyone.

The whole of the Internet Society works towards this vision by building, promoting, and defending a **bigger** and **stronger** Internet.



# About the Internet Society

We are a global nonprofit organization connecting and empowering communities to protect this essential resource since 1992.



Community members of Pu'uhonua O Waimanalo work together with the Internet Society to learn how to use and install the Internet during a training session.

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# About the Internet Society: Cont'd

The Internet is the most important global resource to emerge in recent history, fueling economies, innovation, and growth. *It is integral to every aspect of our society.*

For the past 30 years, *we have worked to safeguard the architecture and integrity of the Internet* and to expand worldwide access to it.

We strive to keep the Internet open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy.

We work with *local chapters, policymakers, and technical experts around the world to grow, strengthen, and shape the Internet.*



# The Internet Society Community: A Global Network of People

91,000

Global Members

130

Chapters, Special  
Interest Groups,  
and Standing Groups

90

Organization  
Members

140

Internet  
Society  
Staff

# Build, Promote, and Defend the Internet: Strategic Pillars

## *BUILD*

- Extend the Internet to communities that do not have it and need it most

## *PROMOTE*

- Promote the Internet model of networking as the preferred model
- Advise key governments of the world to adopt policies that favour the Internet model and improve Internet connectivity
- Promote the deployment of technologies and protocols that secure the interconnection of independent networks

## *DEFEND*

- Suggest policies to key governments in favour of the growth of independent networks, which are free to interconnect
- Counter attempts to undermine encryption
- Defend against shutdowns by increasing cross-border connectivity and resiliency



# We Grow the Internet

We work on the ground to reduce barriers to access, make the Internet faster and cheaper, and advocate for the right policies so it can grow.



Giorgi Matchavariani checking the lightning rod on a tower near Koklata in Tusheti, a beautiful but very remote region of the Greater Caucasus Mountains in the Republic of Georgia. He was part of a team that was building a solar-powered wireless network to bring broadband Internet access to Tusheti.  
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# We Strengthen the Internet

We equip people to protect the Internet's strong foundation and advocate for the tools that keep it secure and trusted.



Mohamed Adam Mohamed Khan from Tanzania. He works in technical project management and is building a new company that deals with logistics.  
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# We Shape the Future of the Internet

We offer free courses, leadership, policy, and technical programs to empower people with the right skills and knowledge, nurturing the next generation of Internet trailblazers.

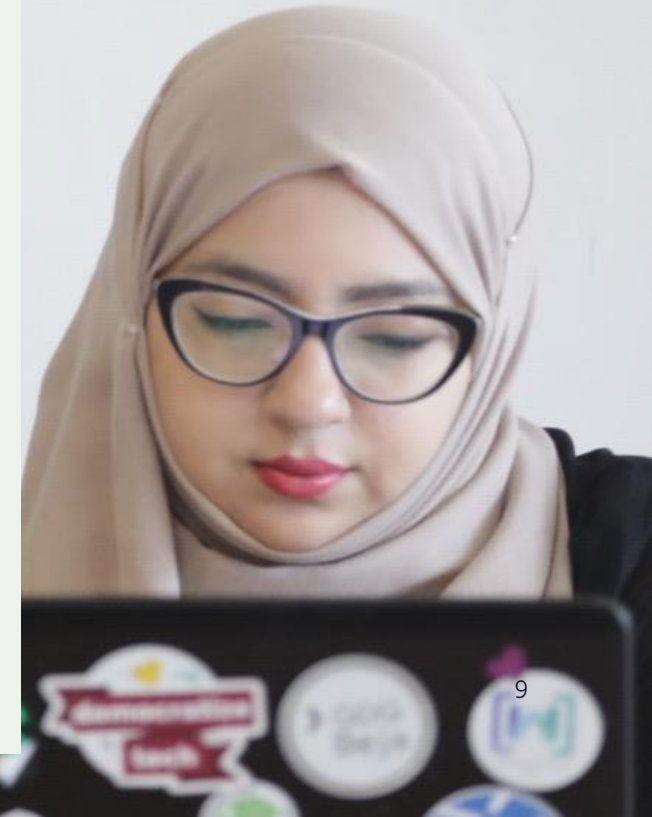


We aim to help future leaders—whether they are technologists or policymakers—maximize the Internet’s health and its potential to create value for generations to come.

We do this through:

- Training (Learning @InternetSociety)
- Capacity Building (Fellowship Programs)
- Technical Community Building

Since 2010, we have trained over **100,000 people worldwide.**



# Growing the Internet



Building community networks to bridge the connectivity gap.



Fostering infrastructure and supporting community development.



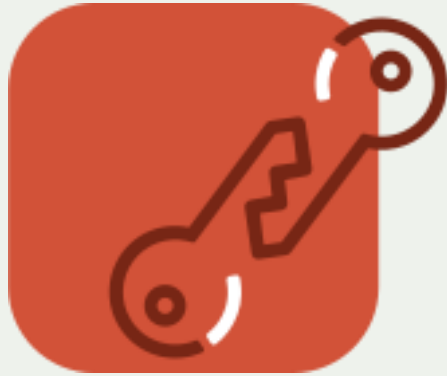
Measuring the Internet through meaningful, reliable, and understandable data.



Low Earth Orbit Satellites: will they help bridge the digital divide, or will they create more challenges?



# Strengthening the Internet



Extending encryption by increasing awareness of the value of encryption.



Securing global routing from leaks, errors, and even attacks from nefarious actors.



Promoting the Internet Way of Networking.



Exploring digital sovereignty and opportunities for the Internet.



# Empowering Internet Advocates



Learning @ Internet Society



Leadership Programs



Policy Programs



Technical Programs



# Synergy between your efforts and the Internet Society

How can we have a combined effect/impact greater than the sum of our separate effects/impact?



# Internet Society Romania Chapter

## Chapter leaders:

President/Chair: Cristian Copcea

Board Member: Eric Baleanu

Board Member: Angela Stanescu

Board Member: Cosmin Patlageanu

Board Member: Dan Grigore

Board Member: Daniel Adrian Sima

Board Member: Mihai Talmacel



We are excited to be working with the new chapter to grow, mobilize and engage our community in Romania to build, promote and defend an Internet for everyone.



# Our Selection from “Growing the Internet” Projects

Project	What can we do together
Deploying and Growing Community Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider building a local CN deployment in rural city</li><li>• Promote ISOC’s CN trainings and materials to the local community</li><li>• Share <u>success stories of community networks</u></li></ul>
Enabling Sustainable Technical Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get in touch with your local technical community to avail the online courses we can provide them;</li><li>• Consider pioneering a Network Operators Group (NOG).</li><li>• Identify capacity building needs among your members with technical profile (oriented to NetOps).</li></ul>
Internet Measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get to know more about <u>resilient Internet connection</u> that maintains an acceptable level of service in the face of faults and challenges to normal operation.</li></ul>

# “Strengthening the Internet” Projects

Project	What can we do together
<b>Internet Way of Networking (IWN)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Take and promote the online course on IWN</b>, and upcoming modules on Enablers and “How to use the Toolkit”.</li><li>• We organize local tutoring sessions and/or study groups with interested members.</li><li>• <b>Organize a presentation with telecom operators on how the Internet Impact Assessment Toolkit can improve decisions about the Internet</b></li></ul>
<b>Securing Global Routing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Raise general awareness of routing security with a view to implementing the MANRS Actions</b> - we have some information materials and presentations that can be used,</li><li>• <b>Take and promote MANRS Training courses</b> - see <a href="https://www.manrs.org/resources/training/">https://www.manrs.org/resources/training/</a></li><li>• <b>Participate and Promote the MANRS Fellowship programme</b> - see <a href="https://www.manrs.org/ambassadors-program/">https://www.manrs.org/ambassadors-program/</a></li></ul>



# Thank you.

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