



## WEBINAR

# Illegal online content and liability of Internet intermediaries: *Why not shoot the messenger?*

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# Challenges of the online content

Sensitive content types:

- *ius cogens* content: child pornography, justification of genocide, and incitement or organization of terrorist acts
- culturally sensitive content: pornography, gambling
- politically and ideologically sensitive content: nazi, but also other censorships

but also “conceptually sensitive” content (IPR)

# Who are the messengers? *Internet intermediaries*

Internet service providers



Content providers



Why “shooting the messenger”?



# Content control techniques

Sensitive content types:

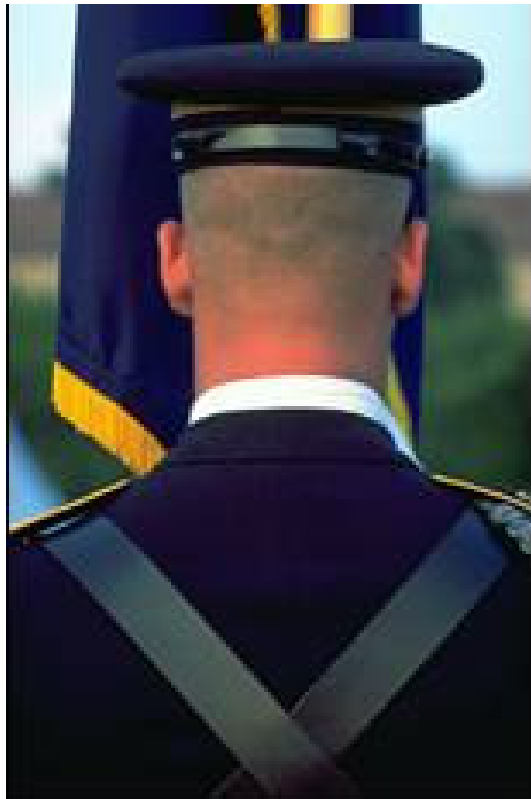
- DNS filtering
- IP filtering
- DPI
- Self-censorship of shared content
- User-data disclosure

# Content control techniques: can it work?

Challenges:

- Web2.0
- Net neutrality
- Power of Netizens

Needs?



# Waiting for a system...

- Public-private partnerships: *the duty to assist*
- Clear DON'Ts: *good cause turning into bad practice*
- Innovations: *new business models!*



## Instead of conclusion

“...governments will need to create formal mechanisms to give the people who know the most about the Internet—including computer engineers and hackers—a meaningful voice in making policy”

<http://www.vanityfair.com/culture/2012/05/internet-regulation-war-sopa-pipa-defcon-hacking>

# Questions



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