

**Question for written answer E-010477/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Freedom to receive and impart information via the internet

On 5 December 2014, the hacker and civil rights group 'Chaos Computer Club' reported that its website¹ had been blocked by a number of internet service providers (ISPs) in the UK, which has been confirmed by the Open Rights Group via its website-blocking monitoring project.

What specific initiatives does the Commission conduct, support, fund or plan to undertake, in order to provide EU citizens with the technical tools and legal justifications to circumvent web-blocking measures taken inside or outside the EU, and imposed on EU internet users, when such measures risk unduly blocking access to lawful websites and content?

Does the Commission support access to all EU institutional internet resources via anonymisation tools, and how does it ensure that users can access all pages of its institutional website via these tools?

What is the Commission's current assessment of the fundamental right of freedom of expression (Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union) as applied to internet access, notably regarding official or state-sponsored interference, particularly targeting websites and online content with an uncontested status of legality?

¹ www.ccc.de