

Dynamic Coalition on Net Neutrality (DCNN)

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The current pandemic has demonstrated that non-discriminatory Internet access is both valuable and essential. DCNN members have been exploring this internet openness, since the inception of the Coalition, providing an open platform for stakeholders to discuss shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Open Internet.

A clear example is the joint publication of the Model Framework on Net Neutrality, utilised by the Council of Europe (CoE) as a basis for the elaboration of the CoE recommendation on net neutrality. ([See this expert report](#)) introducing the Model Framework, which originated the elaboration of the CoE Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)1 of [the Committee of Ministers on Network Neutrality](#)

Research developed by the Coalition has also been explicitly included in national policy documents, such as the inclusion of the [Zero Rating Map](#), developed by DCNN and featured in the [2018 Report on the “State of the Internet”](#) of the French Telecoms Regulator (ARCEP).

The Covid19 pandemic has demonstrated that free and non-discriminatory Internet access is essential. Over the year 2020, DCNN discussions have focused on the importance of the various facets of Internet openness at times of crisis. In partnership with the IGF Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity (DC3), the DCNN has organised the first joint outcome produced by two Dynamic Coalitions: the outcome report on [“The Value of Internet Openness at Times of Crisis”](#).

The abovementioned book was elaborated after the successful organisation of an [online symposium dedicated to Internet Openness and Covid19](#), hosted by the Indian tech Portal Medianama. The online symposium was organised in partnership with DC3, considering the common interest and expertise that DC3 and DCNN members have on such issues.

The symposium was organised by Professor Luca Belli, from FGV Law School and by Nikhil Pahwa, Funder and Editor of Medianama. Articles were published during May 2020. The articles published in the symposium, about the expansion of Internet access and the role of community connectivity strategies are listed below:

[COVID-19 Makes Internet Access and Openness an Absolute Priority – by Luca Belli](#)

[Internet Lessons from COVID19 — by Vint Cerf](#)

[Open Internet governance: The 6F framework and COVID-19 — by Alejandro Pisanty](#)

[Net neutrality in India: From rules to enforcement — by Smriti Parsheera](#)

[Net neutrality in India: Ensuring openness amidst the crisis — by Smriti Parsheera](#)

[COVID-19 and the Value of Internet Openness: The European experience — by Frode Sørensen](#)

[Russia during COVID-19: Information warfare, digital passes and digital protest — By Anna Orlova, Andrey Shcherbovich](#)

[Bridging India's digital divide during COVID-19 requires a comprehensive strategy: Part 1 — by Apar Gupta and Sidharth Deb](#)

[Bridging India's digital divide during COVID-19 requires a comprehensive strategy: Part 2 — by Apar Gupta and Sidharth Deb](#)

An additional call for papers was issued after the symposium and shared on the DCNN list to expand the number of stakeholder and opinions participating in the discussion. The additional contributions received between July and August were consolidated into the joint DCNN & DC3 outcome, edited by Prof Luca Belli, Nikhil Pahwa and Osama Manzar and presented at the IGF session of the DC3, dedicated to [**Net Neutrality at times of Covid19**](#).