Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is May 7th 2021, and this is the 7at7 series broadcasting from L200, here, and BigBlueButton, also here.

Every 7th of the month at 7pm we offer an alternative news programme about the digital world, and a special topic on digital empowerment.

We are a coalition of organizations based in Zurich like the ISOC Switzerland Chapter, the pEp foundation, NetHood, Digitale Gesellschaft, CCC-CH, opennetworkinfrastructure, the L200 space, and more which aims to answer the question "what type of Internet do we really need?"

This month we will present the pEp foundation whose answer to this question is a more secure and privacy respectful Internet. And its work for empowering people to claim their rights to privacy is very important.

But we will discuss all these in more details after a short presentation of the most important news of the month.

And this has been another month full of privacy disasters!

SLIDE Google included in its trials for a new system to replace third-party cookies millions of users without their consent. It is for good. Google's good.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation that fights for the good of the Internet users says though that FloC is a terrible idea.

SLIDE Especially since no matter how big is the company managing a platform data leakages are inevitable. And according to CyberNews, this has been the worst period for data leakages. Only 1.3 million user account were leaked online, only from Clubhouse.

SLIDE Even Swisscom was involved in a data theft of 800K users, which has tried to hide since 2017 and succeeded, well until recently.

But you can imagine how many of these data thefts we never hear about.

SLIDE Big companies like Yahoo do not hesitate to close services like the Yahoo Answers leaving their users frustrated as Guardian believes is the inevitable outcome of corporate control of social media.

And yes, the Guardian and other mainstream media warns us about the threats. But we don't hear so much about alternatives.

SLIDE Like Mastodon, instead of Twitter, and Peertube, instead of Youtube, which small organizations like FairSocialNet in Neuchatel, offer to their members.

All recordings of 7at7 are now available through FairSocialNet's Peertube service at peertube.ch

SLIDE But technical solutions are not enough and the FSFE fights at the EU level for #RouterFreedom and #PublicCode among others.

SLIDE And there is some home. Good news come from Dortmund where the local council dictated that open source software should be used where possible for the city's digital services.

SLIDE EDRi is another international organization that fights for users rights to the Internet and has recently published very informative documents to this respect. Check them out!

SLIDE In Switzerland digitale gesellschaft does a lot of advocacy work and in one of its recent articles explains why the EU proposal to regulate artificial intelligence does not go far enough.

SLIDE The pEp foundation is another organization that focuses on security and privacy and has recently released a beta version for their email encryption tool.

Today, we will hear from members of the pEp foundation.