

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is October 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 experimental news program about the digital world, and a special topic on digital empowerment.

“We” is a coalition of organizations, the ISOC Switzerland Chapter, the pEp foundation, NetHood, Digitale Gesellschaft, CCC-CH, the L200 space, and more.

To the increasing daily disasters that Internet corporations cause to privacy and democracy, even to public health, we want to add positive stories of tangible alternatives, about what all of us could do to create a more healthy and sustainable Internet ecosystem.

This month we have a very interesting debate on the Covid Certificate organized by CCC-CH and we will keep the news programme short.

Facebook has been again the protagonist of the bad news of the month. And it was not Monday's downtime the worst part of it.

Actually, for some people the disconnection of Facebook from the Internet was a reminder that depending on such centralized services is not a good idea.

But what is the real problem about Facebook and the like is not their temporary outages but the permanent threats that they pose to our privacy like the new smart glasses launched by Facebook in collaboration with Rayban.

They look like normal glasses! These efforts to make unwanted social surveillance as unnoticed as possible is revealing on whose interests and needs such platforms try to promote.

Luckily more and more people are being convinced that an Internet run by the GAFAM (google Apple, Facebook, amazon, and Microsoft) is not contributing toward a more human and ecological future.

But very few have a clear idea about tangible alternatives. You could tell to your non-technical friends that ask you all the time to follow the 7at7 series :-)

For example, the DINAcon conference on October 25th is an event to follow on digital sustainability and sustainable

digitalization, and a related booklet will be soon published by WOZ.

This will be the special topic of November 7at7. Stay tuned!

Another interesting event on sustainability will be the Open Futures festival and we are proud that Lennon, the L200 server that we interviewed in June, is hosting the web site of the festival, openfutures.ch here at L200.

We will meet again Lennon to ask him about his experiences at L200 in one of the next events.

You can also organize your own events around digital empowerment. Feel free to contact us!

But let's go fast to today's debate organized by CCC-CH.

It is about a very hot and complicated topic where public health and privacy are in competition, or not?

Let's listen to our panelists!