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# Projects

#campaign

## Mind online

The SARS-COVID pandemic meant a radical and abrupt change in our lives; changes in daily coexistence, in the ways of working and studying and, above all, in the way of socializing. Faced with the need to maintain social distance, we were forced to look for other means of connection with others. Means that, for the most part, already existed and that were safer in the context of isolation in which we were. This situation forced/led us to spend more time locked up in our homes connected to digital spaces through electronic devices.

Since the excessive use of technologies is related to the increase in behaviours and emotions related to anxiety, depression, stress and other psychosocial risks, it is important to adopt practices that contribute to an agile and thoughtful use of technologies that benefit our mental health: an important part of our comprehensive well-being.

For this reason, we created the Mente en Línea (Mind online) website, a mental health campaign on the Internet, where we share resources on the subject in the format of podcast episodes, illustrative fanzines that can be obtained both digitally and in print, articles and research to dive deeper into the different factors that impact our behaviour and mental health when interacting with technologies.



Mente en Línea (Mind online) is a campaign organized by TEDIC with the support of the British Embassy in Asunción, and in alliance with the Directorate of Mental Health of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare.

- An informative website about mental health on the internet <https://www.menteenlinea.org/>
- 3 podcast episodes
- 3 fanzines
- 2 policy papers
- A 2-month campaign on social media

### Impact in social media

The reach of this campaign was 1,372 people, 1,247 interactions with the posts and 57 views of the videos.





#impact

## Personal Data Coalition in Paraguay

The Personal Data Coalition in Paraguay presented the proposal for a law for the comprehensive protection of personal data in Paraguay. The coalition is a group of representatives of civil society, government and the private sector that seeks to generate advocacy on personal data regulation in Paraguay.

This project is very ambitious. It includes regulations strongly inspired by European legislation. It also has interesting articles on algorithms, biometrics, metadata, automation of processes and systems and other terms.

We need to define and regulate personal data protection to achieve several objectives such as: granting legal certainty on operations and achieving a balance between the protection of the holders and the benefits offered by information and communication technologies.

Another important point within the project is the personal data protection agency and its autonomy. Such proposal seeks to comply with Personal Data protection standards and apply effective protection and safeguards to the rights of individuals.



La Coalición de Datos Personales en Paraguay se encuentra conformada por las siguientes organizaciones:



ABENTE STEWART  
ABOGADOS | PROPIEDAD INTELECTUAL



Internet Society  
Paraguay Chapter

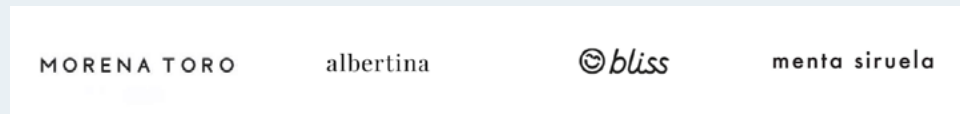
#campaign

## Digital violence is real #25N

“Digital violence is real” is a campaign promoted by TEDIC that seeks to sensitize about online gender-based violence and make it visible in the public discussion. This is done through educational materials with playful content produced in a friendly and didactic language, seeking to influence the regional legal discussion about the need to create regulation and efficient compliance mechanisms to deal with this problem.

The project is the continuation of the 2020 campaign. The website was redesigned and relaunched during the month against all forms of violence against women (25th of November). Research carried out on online gender violence in Paraguay was included and an alliance was made with national fashion companies to talk about digital gender violence.

Menta Siruela, Morena Toro, Bliss and Albertina joined this campaign.



On the other hand, we joined the #FreeTheNipple campaign against censorship on social networks, especially on Instagram. This campaign seeks to help women and dissident bodies to identify and name digital gender violence. We understand that this type of violence is the continuation of the structural and patriarchal violence of the offline world.

More than 90 t-shirts were given away as part of the international day against all forms of violence against women.



We partnered with “Articuladas”, a social enterprise that works to create accessible, safe and trustworthy spaces, with a gender perspective, to share the DIGITAL VIOLENCE IS REAL campaign. With “Articuladas” we worked on messages for female influencers.



We made a series of horoscopes against digital violence to reach a younger and more digital audience.



#publication

# Guide to fight against digital gender violence

With this toolkit for workshops we seek to offer dynamics of open questions and to dive deeper on reflections on digital gender violence and technology.

The content of this toolkit invites you to play, connect, imagine and reflect on digital gender violence, through short and deep questions.

**La VIOLENCIA DIGITAL ES REAL**

**Difusión de imagen íntima no consentida**

¿Este tipo de violencia siempre es entre conocidos, o también entre desconocidos? ¿Por qué?

¿Crees que es igual a la violencia que reciben las mujeres cuando van vestidas con falda corta en la calle?

¿Si fuera de un hombre el caso de la difusión de videos íntimos, tiene las mismas consecuencias que cuando le ocurre a una mujer?

¿Crees que se merece la difusión de sus videos íntimos como forma de castigo? ¿Por qué?

¿Hay una relación de poder entre la persona agresora y la víctima?

¿Crees que se merece que se difundan sus videos íntimos sin consentimiento? ¿Por qué? ¿Si fuera con consentimiento sería violencia digital?

Si la víctima es de la comunidad LGTBO+, ¿tendrá las mismas consecuencias que un hombre heterosexual?

**La VIOLENCIA DIGITAL ES REAL**

#strategic litigation

# Digital gender violence against the IACHR

TEDIC has been involved as an organization in several strategic litigations since 2018.

This 2021, alongside with CEJIL, we presented on November 1st a petition before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) against the Paraguayan State, for the lack of access to justice, discrimination and lack of judicial independence in the case of Belén Whittingslow.

The case of Belén Whittingslow reflects the situation of gender violence, discrimination, stigmatization and lack of access to justice suffered by women who seek justice and reparation in the region. For this reason, it is essential that the IAHRs knows the case and is able to pronounce itself in favour of Belén Whittingslow.

**EL PAÍS DE LAS MARAVILLAS A JUICIO**

SEGÚN TEDIC Y CEJIL, EL ESTADO LE NEGÓ A BELÉN SU DERECHO A ACCEDER A LA JUSTICIA LA DISCRIMINARON Y NO HUBO INDEPENDENCIA JUDICIAL EN EL MANEJO DE SU CASO

PARA RECORDAR: BELÉN WHITTINGSLOW PRESENTÓ UNA DENUNCIA CONTRA EL ABOGADO CRISTIAN KRISCOVICH POR ACOSO SEXUAL. KRISCOVICH ERA SU PROFESOR EN LA UNIVERSIDAD CUANDO OCURRIÓ EL ACOSO. SE ENCONTRABA EN UNA POSICIÓN DE PODER

EL ABOGADO TAMBIÉN ERA MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DE LA MAGISTRATURA Y DEL JURADO DE ENJUICIAMIENTO DE MAGISTRADOS

¿QUÉ OCURRIÓ LUEGO DE LA DENUNCIA DE ACOSO SEXUAL?

LA REVICTIMIZARON. LA JUSTICIA NO RESPETÓ EL DEBIDO PROCESO. SE LE NEGÓ LA PERICIA DE SU TELÉFONO, QUE CONTENÍA LAS PRUEBAS DEL ACOSO DE LA QUE FUE VÍCTIMA. ADEMÁS, LA NEGATIVA SE FUNDÓ CON BASE EN ARGUMENTOS DISCRIMINATORIOS

¿QUÉ OCURRIÓ LUEGO DE LA DENUNCIA DE ACOSO SEXUAL?

SE LE INVOLUCRÓ EN UN PROCESO PENAL POR COMPRA DE NOTAS UNIVERSITARIAS SIN QUE EXISTIERAN PRUEBAS EN SU CONTRA. LE CANCELARON LA DEFENSA, FUE DECLARADA EN REBELDÍA, ORDENADA SU CAPTURA, Y LE FUE RETIRADO EL ACCESO A LOS EXPEDIENTES DE SU CAUSA POR RAZONES AJENAS A LAS ESTABLECIDAS EN LA LEY

¿QUÉ OCURRIÓ LUEGO DE LA DENUNCIA DE ACOSO SEXUAL?

BELÉN ENFRENTA DOS PROCESOS JUDICIALES HASTA HOY: UNO EN EL ÁMBITO PENAL POR EL CASO DE COMPRA DE NOTAS Y OTRO EN EL ÁMBITO CIVIL. KRISCOVICH LE RECLAMA AHORA 450.000 DÓLARES POR DAÑOS Y PERJUICIOS

#podcast

## We occupy the Internet

A podcast series on sexual and reproductive rights and their intersection with technology.

Any policy of inclusion or reduction of the digital gap must be accompanied by efforts to empower women and TLGBIQ+ members in the use of ICTs. In efforts to make this happened, we presented the podcast series “We occupy the internet”. Which seeks to reaffirm that there is a problem of gender inequality around the content that circulates on the Web, especially in relation to sexual and reproductive rights and its intersection with the technology in Spanish.



Through fictional stories, we look forward to talk about technology and sexuality, sexual and reproductive rights in Latin America and in the world. We talk about free and safe sexting, surveillance and control over fertility and reproduction apps, drones and applications on Opportunities and Challenges in Safe Medical Abortion Services, romance on the Internet; non-binary profiling, disabilities and sexuality in digital environments, digital resilience for sexual and gender minorities, among others. These are some of the topics that were covered in this podcast series developed in the Cyborg feminist program by TEDIC and in collaboration with EnBorrador.

This series is available on our [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#) and [Spreaker](#) channels.





#training

# Data Bootcamp on Electronic Voting (National) and Digital Rights (International)

The Data Bootcamp is a training program for journalists based on the exchange of experiences, knowledge and tools for the production of journalism and digital rights projects.

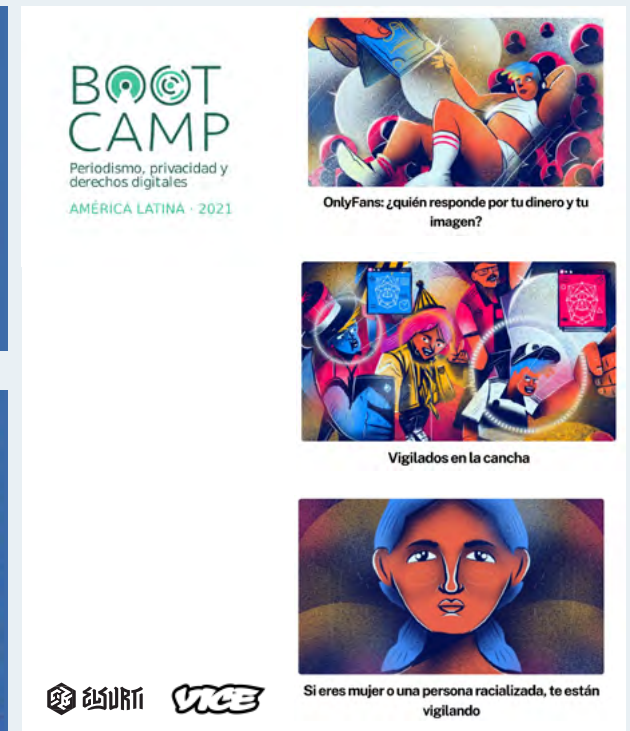
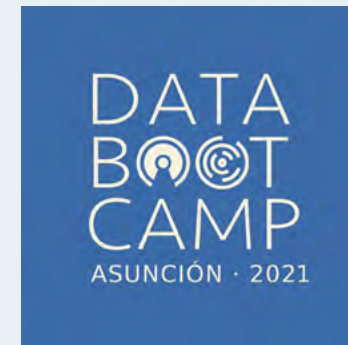
This year, we conducted the fourth edition of the Data Bootcamp at the national level and the first regional edition on human rights in the digital environment. These trainings and talks were given and moderated by national and international professionals from the Latin American region with extensive experience in the field.

The national Bootcamp focused on **Electronic Voting** with particular attention to the 2021 municipal elections in Paraguay. After an application period where more than 50 journalists applied to the program, 10 professionals were selected to participate in a series of 4 training meetings and a training program of one and a half month for the development of journalistic articles on electronic voting issues in Paraguay.

As a result of the tutoring program, **2 journalistic articles** were written and published.

The regional Bootcamp focused on **Digital Rights**. It was conducted in alliance with two digital media: El Surtidor and Vice LATAM. In this program, 10 journalists from the region were selected from Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and Venezuela.

The intensive training program covered topics such as freedom of speech, privacy, Internet infrastructure, Internet political actors, content moderation, intellectual property, personal data, biometrics, artificial intelligence and gender on the Internet. For a month and a half, the tutors and mentors accompanied the preparation of **3 journalistic articles** in collaboration with El Surtidor and Vice Latam.



#tech-art

# Binarie Pop-Up Tech

In April 2021, we launched **Binarie**, a work of art designed and executed by two female artists: Laura Mandelik and Victoria Mussi, in collaboration with various other artists. This was possible with the support of the Prince Claus Foundation for Culture and Development. Everyone can access this work of art in the TEDIC **Cyborg feminist pop-up tech virtual museum**. This project is a continuation of the work that TEDIC has been carrying out since 2020 on the intersection of art and technology.

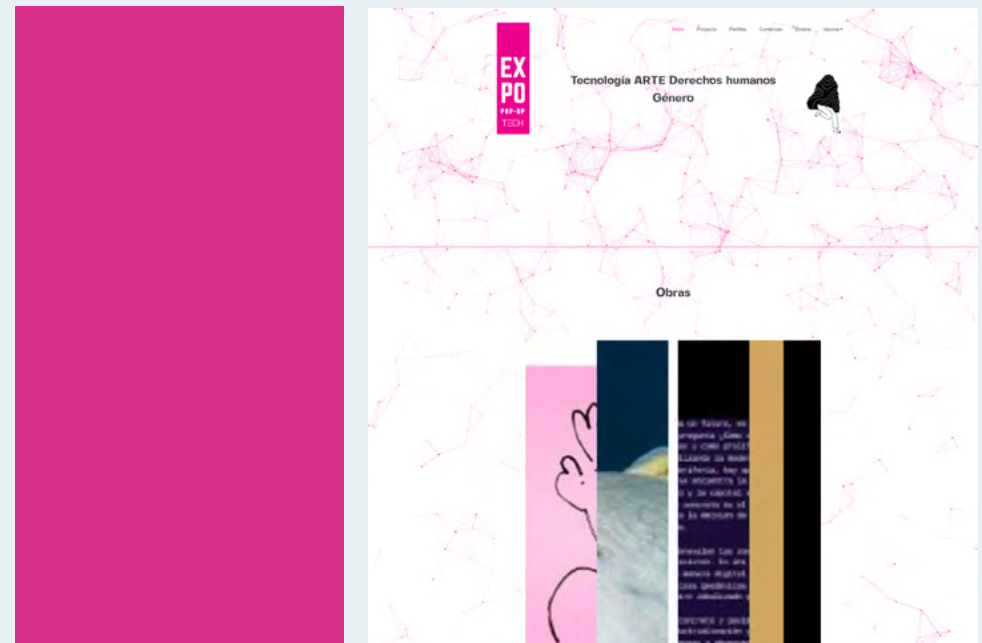
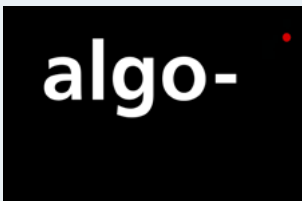
After the first edition of Cyborg feminist: Pop-Up Tech Expo, we explored the intersection of gender, technology and digital rights through the collaborative development of interactive artworks placed in an online museum. This 2021 we worked on a mini video about privacy, surveillance and art.



Laura Mandelik



Victoria Mussi



#publication

# Technology and municipal elections in Paraguay

TEDIC's advocacy and awareness work on the implications of using electronic ballot boxes for voting continued in 2021 with the launch of 2 more articles in the "Electronic Voting" series, a set of 5 papers developed by national and international experts. This year it focused on the perspective of Paraguayan constitutional law experts.

"Between myth and reality. A constitutional perspective" is the fourth paper in the series and was written by Dr. Emilio Camacho. It explores the constitutional article 118 "On suffrage" as a baseline, and then expands in depth on the impact and power that the new system grants to political parties, the ostensible increase in public spending and also considerations on the privatization of the electoral process in the hands of foreign companies.

"Electronic voting in the light of constitutional law" is the fifth title in these series. Written by doctors Alberto Poletti and Mauricio Marengo, this work first explores the constitutional guarantees expressed in article 118 of the National Constitution of Paraguay, and then focuses on the impacts of electronic voting machines from an inclusion perspective, exploring the current legal framework in force on the subject, and what considerations must be taken into account to minimize exclusion scenarios for various groups.

These documents were published on social networks and delivered to key members of political parties. It was also delivered to members of the Congress, officials of the Superior Court of Electoral Justice and civil society collaborators.



#publication

## Diffusion of intimate image without consent in the judicial system of Paraguay

The exercise of sexting, which is part of the right to freedom of expression and also part of the sexual and reproductive rights, is practised by many adults and adolescents. However, this exercise has led to the appearance of violence, such as the dissemination of non-consensual intimate images through mobile devices and the Internet, which generally affects more women and people of TLGBIQ+ communities.

This exploratory research analyses the legal responses offered by the judicial system to victims of this type of violence. Several edges are taken for a broad understanding of the problem. On one hand, the identification of current regulations and the form of access to justice was sought, for which semi-structured interviews were used with experts from the public service, the private sector and civil society. On the other hand, an analysis of judgments in this type of litigation was carried out, using freedom of access to information to access data on complaints received in the context of the dissemination of non-consensual intimate images.

This research seeks to collaborate in the generation of public policies that comprehensively address this type of violence, as well as being more efficient and fair in the protection and reparation of victims in the judicial system and in other institutions of the State.

The research was published in Spanish and English. It was nominated as a finalist for the 2021 Equals in Tech Awards in the research category. The EQUALS in Tech Awards are the annual flagship event of the EQUALS Global Partnership, a multi-stakeholder initiative co-founded by: ITU, UN Women, United Nations University, GSMA and ITC.



#publication

## Gender violence on the Internet in Paraguay

This research seeks to explore the steps to address digital gender violence facilitated by ICTs in Paraguay. It offers data on women's access to Internet and evidence on digital gender violence in Paraguay, in the search to broaden the focus of the definition of telematic violence of law 5777/16 (Law of comprehensive protection of women, against all forms of violence). It also seeks to contribute to generate a baseline of analysis on online violence against women in Paraguay, which could motivate new studies of greater scope. Above all we look forward to generate debate on public policies focused on the subject.

This study collects the main results of qualitative research on telematic violence against women in Paraguay. It describes the types of bullying, violence and abusive experiences identified, as well as their effects or caused damage. It also shows how telematic violence occurs to a greater extent towards women with political positions and those who are referents of public opinion.

The research was published in Spanish and English.



# Impact

En el 2021, TEDIC ha buscado incidir en políticas públicas de derechos digitales en el país a través de una serie de distintas acciones:

- Annual Human Rights Report. CODEHUPY. For the sixth consecutive year, TEDIC collaborated in this annual publication. This year we published the article entitled: **The techno-optimistic heresy flourishes during the SARS-COVID pandemic.**
- CDIA Annual Magazine. The article is titled: **“Incorporating General Comment No. 25 in the design of public policies in Paraguay: considering the rights of children and adolescents in the digital environment.”** This article focuses on a recount of legislative initiatives and public policies documented by the TEDIC organization in Paraguay in the field of childhood and adolescence.
- Paraguay is evaluated by the UN Universal Periodic Review. **TEDIC approached 3 reports on digital rights.** It also participated in the public hearing, bringing the main points raised in the 3 reports with a direct oral intervention.
- **Municipal elections in Paraguay:** We prepared for electoral observation on the use of electronic voting machines in Paraguay.
- Political position on the bill on biometrics: **Indiscriminate use of biometric data.**
- Article of opinion: **Artificial Intelligence in the constitutional chamber of the Judiciary in Paraguay.**
- Article of opinion: **Transportation apps and regulation of competition in Paraguay.**

In partnership with other organizations and networks:

- Ola Bini case - TEDIC supports the campaign: <https://www.tedic.org/victoria-parcial-para-ola-bini-juez-reconocio-infraccion-del-cies-al-negar-entrega-de-informacion/>
- Corruption *ningo ñandajuka*: <https://www.tedic.org/organizaciones-de-la-sociedad-civil-contra-la-corrupcion-la-corrupcion-mata-la-corrupcion-ningo-ñandajuka/>
- Latin American declaration on transparency of Internet platforms: <https://www.tedic.org/declaracion-latinoamericana-sobre-transparencia-de-las-plataformas-de-internet/>
- Facial recognition in Latin America: trends in the implementation of a perverse technology. Collaboration with Paraguay chapter. <https://www.alsur.lat/reporte/reconocimiento-facial-en-america-latina-tendencias-en-implementacion-una-tecnologia>

# Events

We participated in 46 events as panelists or moderators at the national and international level, among them the following stand out:

- RightsCon 2021:
  - RightsCon session 5- SO mainstream: new communities and creative approaches for popularizing digital rights advocacy.
  - RightsCon session 6- COVID-19 observatory: the good, the ugly, and the challenges around using technologies to control the pandemic in Latin America.
  - RightsCon session 4- Pop up tech: Cyborg Feminist – art, technology, gender and digital rights.
- II Academic Digital Forum of the National Congress of Paraguay.
- The Internet Governance Forum
- Gramo – Digital gender violence.
- Legislating for the protection of personal data: Conversation between Europe and Latin America – Access Now
- At TEDIC we create and coordinate 8 events throughout 2021.



# New Alliances

This year we joined 4 international networks:

- GNI
- Fairwork
- University of Twente (Internacional internship).
- Design for Democracy

# Comunity and Digital Security

Several workshops on digital security and feminist Internet were held at the national and international level: in virtual synchronous and moodle formats. About 200 beneficiaries:

- Community School of Political Training for Women (Ecuador) 30 participants.
- Artist at Risk (LATAM): 15 participants.
- CITAD (Nigeria) : 23 participants.
- We are Pytyvohara: 30 participants.
- Diakonia: 10 participants.
- Vivero Economía Creativa (Guatemala): 7 participants.
- Government of Córdoba - Internet Safe Program (Argentina) : 50 participants.
- Diversxs Paraguay: 15 participants.
- Tigo Connect: 25 participants.
- Training of political women - OEA: 115 participants.
- Pan American Development Fund (PADF) - 25N: 50 participants.
- Autonomous University of Barcelona - Doctorate in Education (España): 15 participants.
- UN Women for women influencers: 10 participants.



# Others

- **All male panel:** 48 new panels and political meetings formed only by cis gender men were added.



- We launched 3 series of podcasts: Mind Online, Libres y Segures and We Occupy the Internet available on [Spotify](#), [Spreaker](#) and [YouTube](#).
- We collected more than 201 new articles in our [Antipyrawebs Observatory](#) tool, and we created a section for articles related to Electronic Voting (41), Regulations (29) and Privacy (21) as main topics.
- **Tapar el Sol.** A community project to talk about Creative Commons and the visual pollution of downtown Asunción.
- **Editatona** - in alliance with the Juan de Salazar Cultural Center and Wikimedia Foundation, we made the second edition of feminism and art in Paraguay.
- A consultancy was carried out for UNICEF for the development of a platform and mobile application for the empowerment of children and adolescents to report violence in the triple border area.



# Collaborations

## Nationals

At a national level we collaborated with the following organizations:

- Aireana
- Amnistía Internacional
- CDI
- CODEHUPY
- COFUDEP
- Science and Technology Commission - Chamber of Deputies
- CRI - PARAGUAY
- Cuarto Mundo
- Diakonia
- Diversxs Paraguay
- El Surti
- EnComun
- FACSO-UNA
- Fundación de religiosos por la salud
- Fundación Vencer
- KOGA
- LA LEY
- Ministerio de la Defensa Pública
- Ministerio de Salud Pública y Bienestar Social
- MITIC
- Presentes Encarnación
- Somos Pytyvohara

## Internationals

At the international level, we collaborated with the following organizations and institutions:

- 2iC
- ADC
- Agencia Conectividad - Gobernación de Córdoba
- APC
- Artists at Risk
- CEJIL
- Derechos Digitales
- EFF
- Hiperderecho
- Instituto para la sociedad de la información y la cuarta revolución industrial
- Internet Bolivia
- Karisma
- Luchadoras
- Mediachicas
- Public Citizen
- Data Privacy Brasil
- Mines Action Canada
- OBSERVACOM
- OEA
- ONU Mujeres
- Pan American Development Fund
- Privacy International
- Queer in AI
- SEHLAC
- Simply Secure
- SocialTIC
- The IO Foundation
- UNESCO
- Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
- VICE Media
- Wikimedia
- Collaboration with the [Global Campaign #StopFacebook #SaveWhatsApp](#)

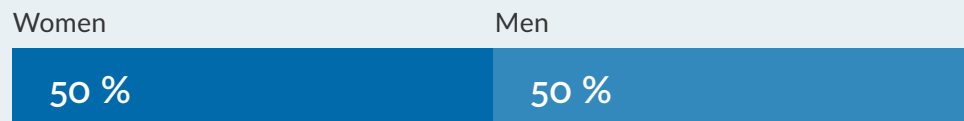
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## Teamwork



New composition: 2 co-executive directors

## Board of Directors






## Collaborators



- 21 people

## On social media

	Facebook	Annual scope	New followers
		2.057.237 people	+656 people
	Instagram	Annual scope	New followers
		457.630 people	+2.395 people
	Twitter	Annual citations	New followers
		1.597	+2.707 people

# Budget execution 2021

Total: 332.298,91 USD

Donors	%
Institutional Contribution	3,86
Privacy International	1,58
Centro Cultural Juan de Salazar	0,21
Creative Commons	0,11
INDELA - AVINA	10,25
CIVICUS	0,56
Association for Progressive Communications APC	0,03
Electronic Fronties Foudation	0,05
Mines Action Canada	0,13
National Endowment for Democracy	46,11
Asociacion Pro fundación Para Ciencias Sociales	1,06
The World Wide Web Foundation	5,81
Cyrilla Social Media Echange Asoc. Lebanon	0,32
Embassy of the United Kingdom in Paraguay	0,77
Karisma Foundation	0,73
Alphabet - Google	2,44
Frida- LACNIC	6,46
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	4,53
Derechos Digitales América Latina	5,29
Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development	1,72
The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	6,07
Fundación Rosa Luxemburgo	1,69
Association for the Prevention of Torture (OPCAT)	0,15
Wissenschafts Zentrum Berlin for Sozialforschung	0,03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>



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