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TEDIC 10 YEARS

A DECADE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Throughout these 10 years, all of us at TEDIC have learned to recognize the enormous potential of civil society organizations as agents of change in a world that urgently needs it. Because of that, we are proud to say that our work and dedication have succeeded in disrupting unfair power dynamics and protecting the fundamental rights of many vulnerable communities.

However, not surprisingly, the threats faced by social sectors have also increased in recent years. In this time, we have witnessed how technology has become part of the problem by serving as a means of instituting and reinforcing injustices, as well as providing new avenues for systematic abuse of power and wasting already scarce resources.

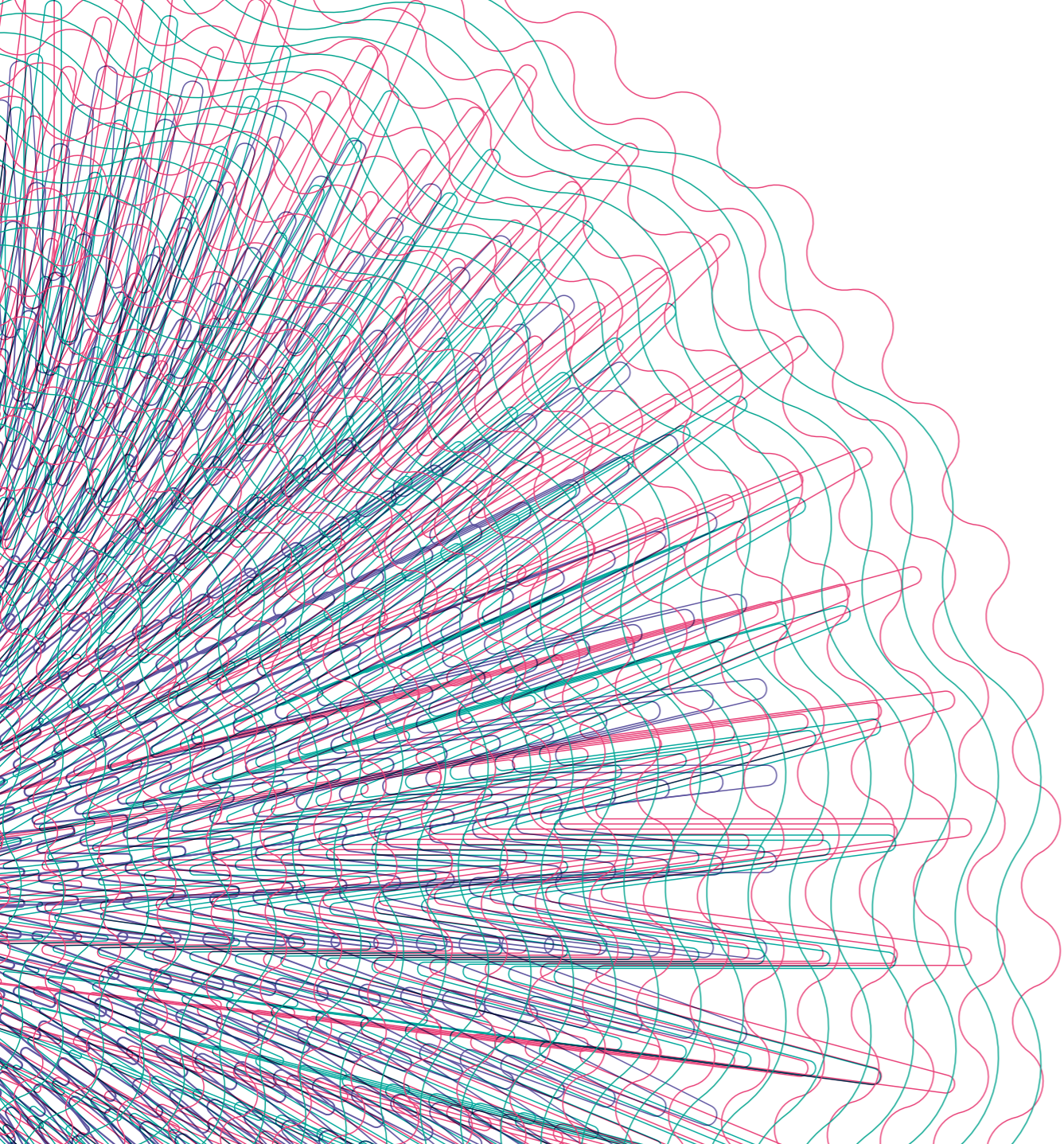
These factors have caused an evident erosion in the conception of technology as a tool able to support the fight for social justice. As a non-profit organization, other major obstacles for our work are the highly competitive environments in which we operate and the limited number of resources available to us. Also, as expected, our work, our ideals and our desire for change make us a constant target of attacks.

However, far from discouraging us, this only fuels our determination: we continue to strive for a safer and more accessible digital environment for everyone.

We now celebrate 10 years in which we have had the honor of sharing learning spaces, growth and support with a diverse group of partners, allies and friends, and we look forward to what the future has in store!

Sincerely,

The TEDIC team



WHAT IS TEDIC?

We are an organization that defends and promotes human rights in digital environments with a focus on gender inequalities and their intersections. Our vision is to move towards a society where human rights in digital spaces are guaranteed for all, without distinction of any kind.

We make this possible through various channels: research, political advocacy, strategic litigation, communication campaigns, diffusion of information, training and education on issues of privacy, personal data, cybersecurity, digital security, freedom of expression and demonstration, net neutrality, copyright, artificial intelligence, biometrics, among others, with a focus on gender mainstreaming. We also develop open civic technology and we promote the use and development of free software and hardware, design and open data.

HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN?

It all started in the courtyard of a hostel in downtown Asuncion. There, friends and acquaintances with backgrounds in different professional areas gathered to sign a constitutive act with the objective of creating a formal space of resistance and defense of our digital rights. Therefore, the protection and promotion of human rights on the internet has been the organization's main goal since the beginning, with a line of work based on legal, technical and political analysis of internet regulations in Paraguay.

TEDIC'S growth was gradual: two years after its creation, Maricarmen Sequera, our current co-director, assumed the presidency of the organization, a position that enabled her to form and manage the first operations team.

To this day, almost all of the co-founders are still on TEDIC's board of directors. The executive team grew as the number of the organization's projects increased.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

We dream of a free and safe society on the internet, one that empowers, emancipates and builds technologies that respond to the needs of each territory and that respects all human, civil and political rights.

At TEDIC we argue that technology is not neutral, but rather affects politics and people's daily lives. Therefore, we believe that it is essential to understand and focus on the current technological context, in which machines and their codes are in the hands of large oligopolistic companies, and the consequences that this entails.

Bearing all this in mind, we must work for greater technological ownership, decentralization and freedom that will lead to a real and political empowerment of this human revolution: which includes the internet, innovative technologies such as artificial intelligence, biometrics, and internet of things, among many others.

10 YEARS LATER, HERE WE ARE

With greater experience and many lessons learned on how to work and influence the Paraguayan technology agenda in the world.

With 6 main topics of paramount importance: privacy and personal data, freedom of expression and free culture, access to public information and democracy, gender and digital inclusion, labor and digital economy, and disruptive technologies.

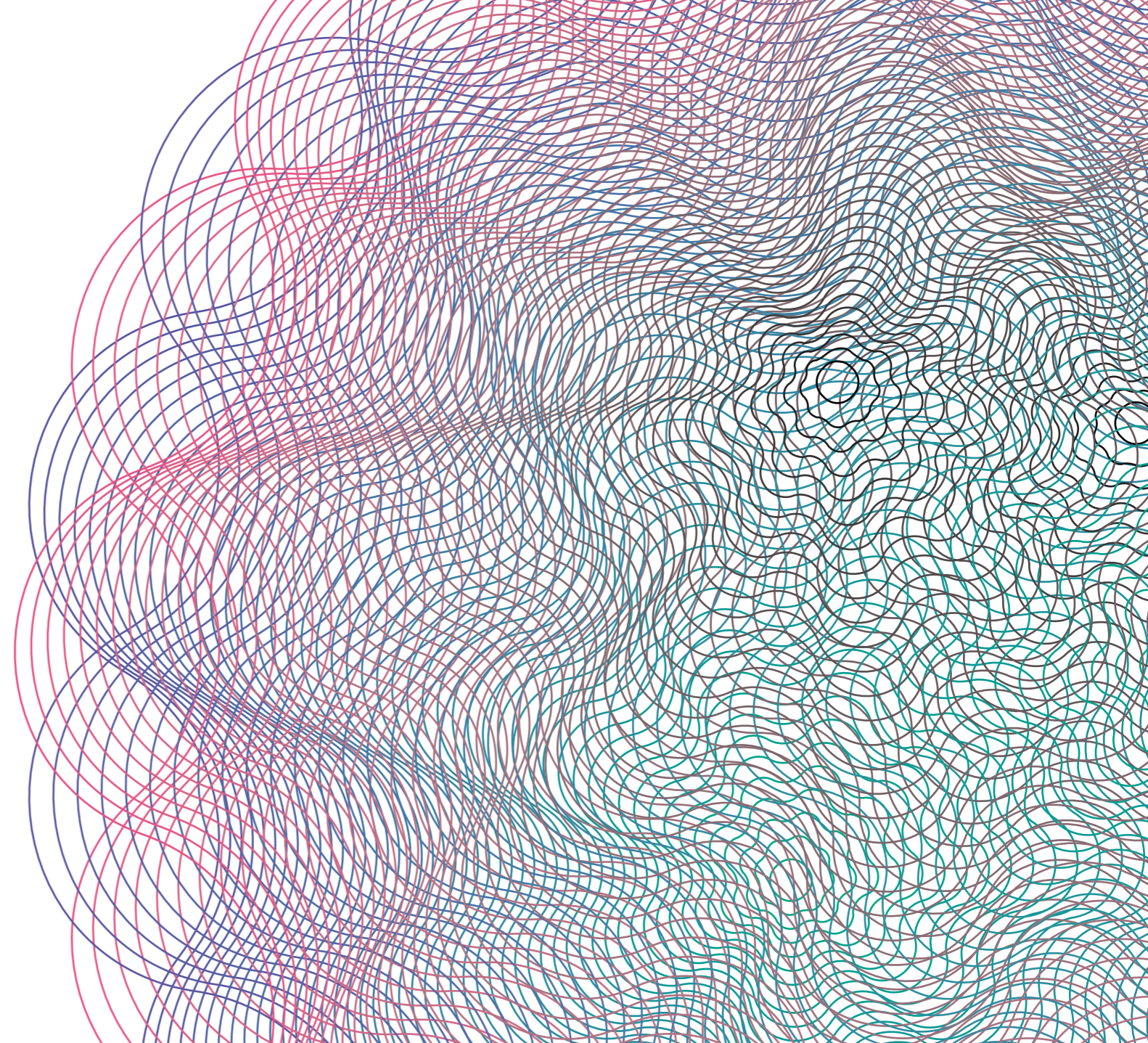
With national, regional and global alliances that empower us in the debates concerning the digital agenda and support our work so we can have a strategic impact on the national agenda. We are currently part of more than 20 international and national networks engaged in the defense of human rights from a technological approach.

With the ability to listen, empathize and connect with communities, activists, experts, politicians and journalists to collaborate and make a greater impact. This also allows us to identify and focus on the needs of our national, regional and global strategic allies.



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OUR WORK

RESEARCH

We believe it is of paramount importance to create spaces and opportunities for research that contribute to evidence-based activism. Since the beginnings of the organization, we have carried out a total of 51 qualitative and quantitative research projects, which have produced data on the intersection of technology and human rights in Paraguay.

TEDIC is committed to continue facilitating information production and contributing to the production of data for the elaboration of public policies based on scientific evidence.

That said, there are 3 research projects that we feel are important to highlight, in the framework of TEDIC's 10th anniversary:

Digital gender-based violence in Paraguay

Digital gender-based violence is real and needs greater visibility in our country, urgently. This research collected data on women's access to ICTs and sought to demonstrate experiences of digital gender violence in Asuncion and three cities in the interior of the country, in order to reconsider and broaden the focus of the definition of telematic violence of the Law number 5777/16.

Among the main findings of the study are descriptions of the different types of intimidation, violence and abusive experience reports. It also shows how online violence happens to a greater extent towards women who are public opinion leaders or who have a political position.

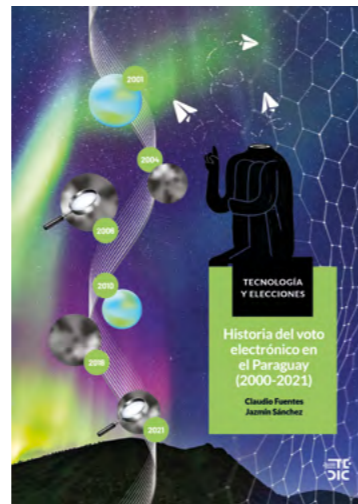


The Technology and Elections series

Our commitment to accompany and monitor the digitalization of the electoral process in Paraguay is firm. Since the decision to use electronic voting machines was made, we have produced a total of 5 investigations that address the issue of the implementation of electronic voting from a technical and human rights perspective.

Thus, we have generated information on documented problems with the electronic voting machines used in Paraguay and the way in which voters in Asuncion interacted with these machines in the 2021 municipal elections. Likewise, we documented the history of electronic voting in Paraguay.

On the other hand, we have conducted research on the use of personal data by political parties for various purposes, as well as the exponential increase in the use of social networks for the distribution of political campaigns. All this was done with a view to awaken the interest of electoral authorities about the situation so that the electoral process could be strengthened.

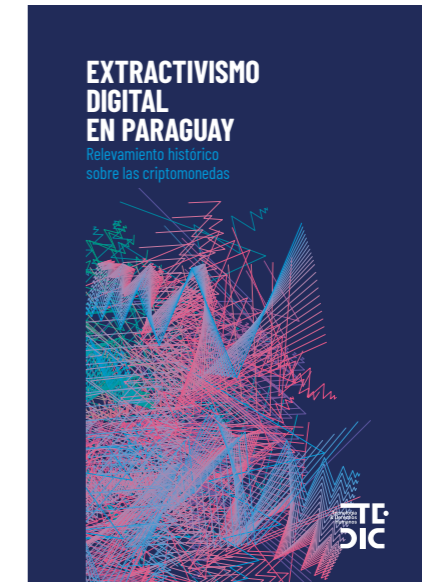
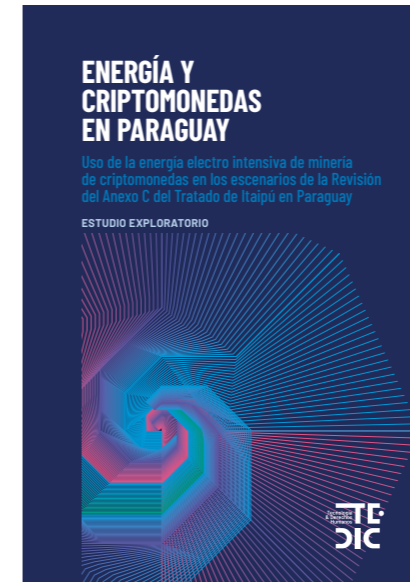


The cryptocurrency series

The impact of cryptocurrencies from an energy sovereignty, environmental and legal perspective is an issue that we have followed very closely. Specifically, we have conducted a series of research on the subject with a view to informing on the novel topic that generates challenges in terms of regulation not only locally, but also internationally.

From the beginning we have focused on research, the use and training in disruptive technologies that allow us to generate an impact both in our national context and within a global agenda. As a result, we were quick to identify blockchain technology as an opportunity to achieve a degree of decentralization and sovereignty on the internet.

Finally, years later, we had the opportunity to develop this series of research with the main — but not only — focus on the impact of cryptocurrency in Paraguay and the region. Our work, however, does not end here: we will continue to monitor the development of this technology in the future.



NATIONAL POLITICAL ADVOCACY

Since 2012, TEDIC has been working hard on the digital and technology agenda in Paraguay: we can name many challenges and success stories that have marked these 10 years. Here we share some of the most relevant results of our work with the public sector:

Complete rejection of the law against traffic data retention by the Chamber of Deputies: “Pyrawebs”

This advocacy campaign on the political agenda was the most relevant in our growth as an organization, since it catapulted us as a trusted organization for the defense of human, civil and political rights in areas of technology.

Pyrawebs was a campaign against an internet data retention bill in Paraguay in 2015. The name alludes to the figure of the “*pyrague*” (‘hairy feet’ in Guaraní language), as the police informants were called during the Stroessner dictatorship. The campaign involved activism on several levels: an analysis of the legislative bill and an expert panel discussion; the translation of the bill into easy-to-understand audiovisual language; the presentation of concrete claims before legislative bodies through petitions signed by the public and specialized NGOs from around the world; and tweets sent directly to senators of the campaign’s official website.

All of this prompted public debate on privacy and internet freedom issues. Several people were trained on the specifics of the issue for the dissemination of the messages and lobbying activities were carried out on various fronts. In the end, the bill was unanimously rejected in the Paraguayan National Congress, while the “Pyrawebs” campaign received several awards for its scope, innovation and success.

Law of integral protection of personal data in Paraguay

TEDIC is part of, along with other organizations, companies and stakeholders, the Personal Data Coalition, a space to build and influence the National Congress with the aim of achieving the design and implementation of a comprehensive law for the protection of personal data.

New technologies have the capacity to store a large amount of information and process a lot of data. From our point of view, this can result in violations of fundamental rights — such as the right to privacy and freedom of expression — if it is not regulated by a legal framework.

These violations are not theoretical or distant: they happen every day. Concrete examples are the disclosure, for commercial purposes, of databases to companies; the storage of biometric data with facial recognition cameras already installed in the national territory without the application of protection standards in this area; disclosure of sensitive data — such as medical records — that are subsequently used in a discriminatory way by companies or institutions, among others.

The heterogeneity of these situations shows that the lack of protection does not affect only one sector, but all people equally. Therefore, in the absence of a data protection law, the public is vulnerable to abuses committed by both the public and private sectors and lacks the institutional means to demand the cease of abuses or to demand redress.

Currently the legal proposal co-created by this coalition is in the National Congress for its analysis and sanction.

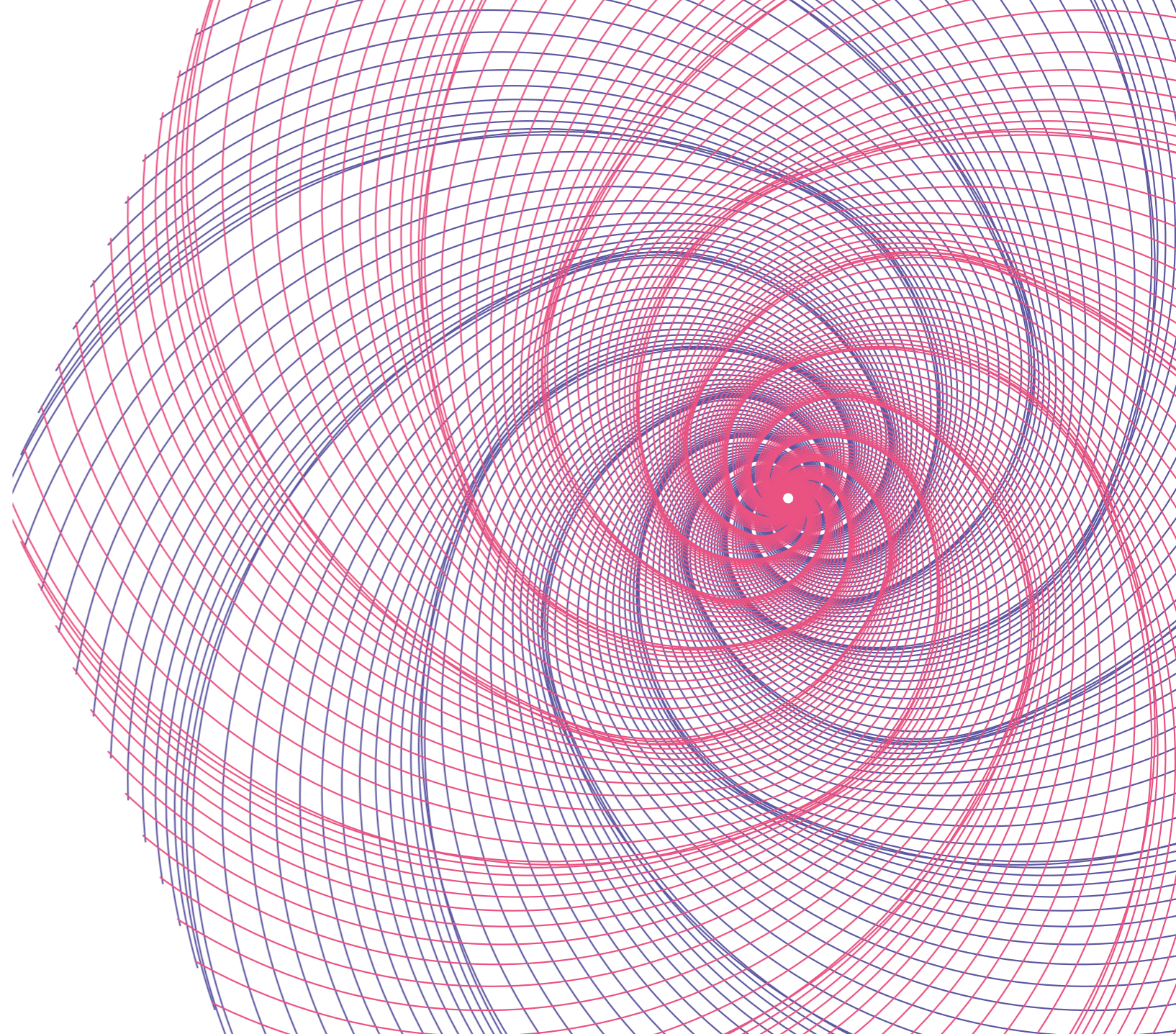
Presidential veto of Law No. 5883/2017. “Regulating the activation of the mobile telephone service”

This draft legislation contemplated the use of fingerprints for the activation of a telephone sim card with the supposed purpose of preventing identity theft and prosecuting punishable acts perpetrated through telephone lines.

However, we believe that this proposal did not guarantee any protection and did not comply with the principles of proportionality, necessity, legality, and others contemplated in international treaties and organizations to which Paraguay adheres. Finally, in the absence of a personal data protection law, the processing of biometric data cannot be considered as a feasible solution.

In this sense, our organization promoted a campaign and drafted a legal opinion requesting the President to veto the bill — for not complying with the minimum standards of protection and safeguarding of the biometric databases that the companies would generate, which would have resulted in the violation of fundamental rights. This concern was joined by the private sector, which also publicly opposed to this proposal.

The President listened to our concerns and vetoed the legislative project in 2017.



POLITICAL ADVOCACY AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Since we need to engage with human rights organizations around the world to make an impact, our work is interconnected with the global digital agenda. Thanks to this, our work is recognized internationally. Here are some examples.

Campaign #SaveWhatsApp #StopFacebook

As part of a network of more than 20 global civil society organizations, we support a process of complaint, awareness and resistance to some changes in WhatsApp's privacy policies and terms and conditions. In our opinion, such changes could be a direct attack against the encryption principle that WhatsApp currently has, which would have violated the right to privacy of millions of users of this messaging application, causing a disproportionate effect on users in the global south.

In this way, we managed to get the messaging application to abandon its intentions to make these modifications through a series of letters signed and addressed to different stakeholders, as well as through coordinated diffusion with other civil society organizations. We also succeeded in getting relevant authorities from different jurisdictions in the global south — including Paraguay — to engage in debates about the intersection of privacy, personal data protection and competition.

Report to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner on internet outages

We are committed to guaranteeing human rights in the area of technology and have contributed to a series of appeals that seek to document potential human rights violations in different countries, including ours.

In this regard, it is important to mention that we have reported empirical evidence of internet shutdowns in the northern part of the country, as part of the last call for submissions by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner.

Attendance at conferences, panels and strategic litigation

From the beginning, we intended to build bridges with regional and global organizations to exchange outputs and contributions.

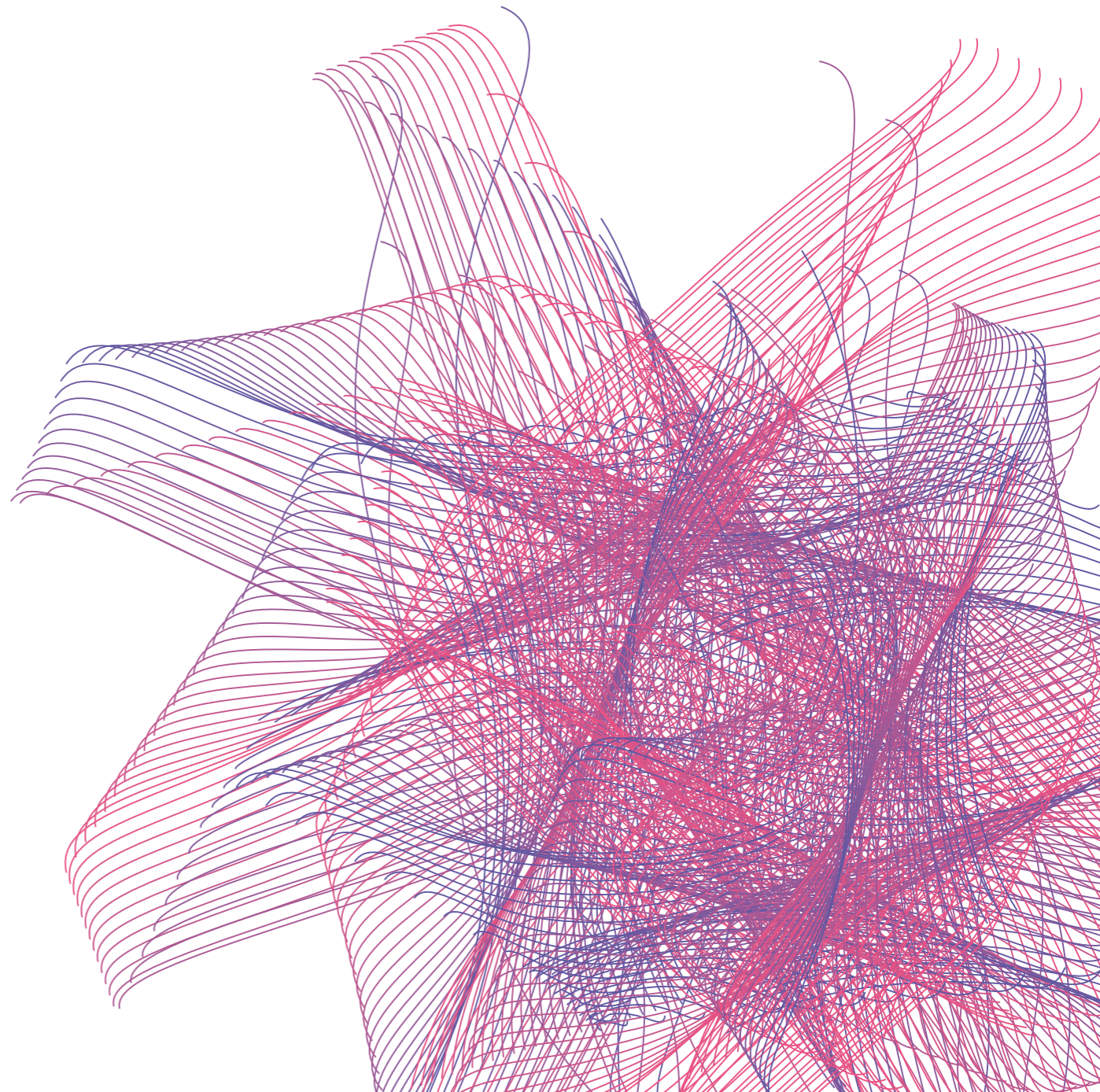
This is why every year we participate in panels, conferences, meetings, campaigns and even strategic litigation, which are based on global issues that allow us to articulate and connect with other actors, going beyond the borders of Paraguay. The goal of these events is to echo our reality in other regions and to learn about other realities in order to understand our own better.

When working with human rights in digital environments we often encounter national legislative obstacles. In these situations, we request a pause to review it, or, alternatively, we urge sanctions: from cryptomining, surveillance, fair labor, freedom of expression to personal data, including a strong need to legislate online violence with a gender approach and the importance of digital security, we build, communicate and influence locally and globally through collective processes.

STRENGTHENING THE DIGITAL SECURITY COMMUNITY

Since 2015, our organization has been positioned as a reference organization from the global south of Latin America in the strengthening of individual and organizational digital security. Since then, we have conducted workshops and assisted organizations, groups of activists, journalists and digital media for a period of 4 to 6 months with the aim of improving their Internet habits and their safety, and thus exercise their online rights.

Several organizations in Latin America, Africa and Europe receive our technical advice in order to strengthen and protect their identities and information on the internet. To date, we have collaborated with more than 1000 people who have benefited from our training workshops and we have incubated more than 20 organizations and digital media to increase the protection of their institutional communication infrastructures.



STRATEGIC LITIGATION

One of the most effective ways to influence the political agenda is through strategic litigation: we design with the firm intention to promote clarity, respect, protection and fulfilment of rights. Our idea is to achieve changes in laws, policies and practices that enable redress of human rights violations. Also, through strategic litigation, we seek to raise public awareness of the injustices of human rights violations.

TEDIC has brought several cases before the national and international judicial system. Among the most relevant are the following:

Facial recognition in the main cities of Paraguay

[Privacy and personal data]

The growing use of technologies for state surveillance in public spaces, known as “cyber-surveillance”, has raised concerns among international human rights organizations regarding their potential to damage fundamental rights.

In 2019, TEDIC requested information on transparency and accountability for the use of biometrics technologies for facial recognition: this information was denied by the Ministry of the Interior on the grounds that it falls under “national security” matters. Together with IDEA, we were able to take the case to court and it was issued an injunction for accessing to public information.

The case is currently at the unconstitutional stage and is awaiting analysis by the Supreme Court of Justice.

Online harassment, impunity and state violence

[Online violence]

TEDIC and the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), filed a petition in 2021 before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) against the Paraguayan state for lack of access to justice, discrimination and lack of judicial independence in the case of Belén Whittingslow.

Belén, in addition to being sexually harassed by a person in a position of power, was re-victimized by the Paraguayan justice system because the guarantees of due process and access to justice were not respected in the sexual harassment case she denounced. Also, her right to present evidence from her cell phone expertise as proof of the sexual harassment and its connection with the subsequent processes, were dismissed on discriminatory grounds. In addition, she was involved in a criminal proceeding for purchasing university grades without evidence against her; her defense was canceled and she was convicted in absentia; her arrest was ordered; and, finally, she was denied access to her case files, for reasons that are not established by law.

This litigation highlights several of the serious problems that exist in Paraguay: discrimination, stigmatization and denial of justice that affect women who report sexual harassment, and the judicial obstacles that arise when seeking justice and redress in cases where gender-based violence and sexual harassment occur through digital media. Finally, the case illustrates the total absence of judicial independence in the administration of Paraguayan justice.

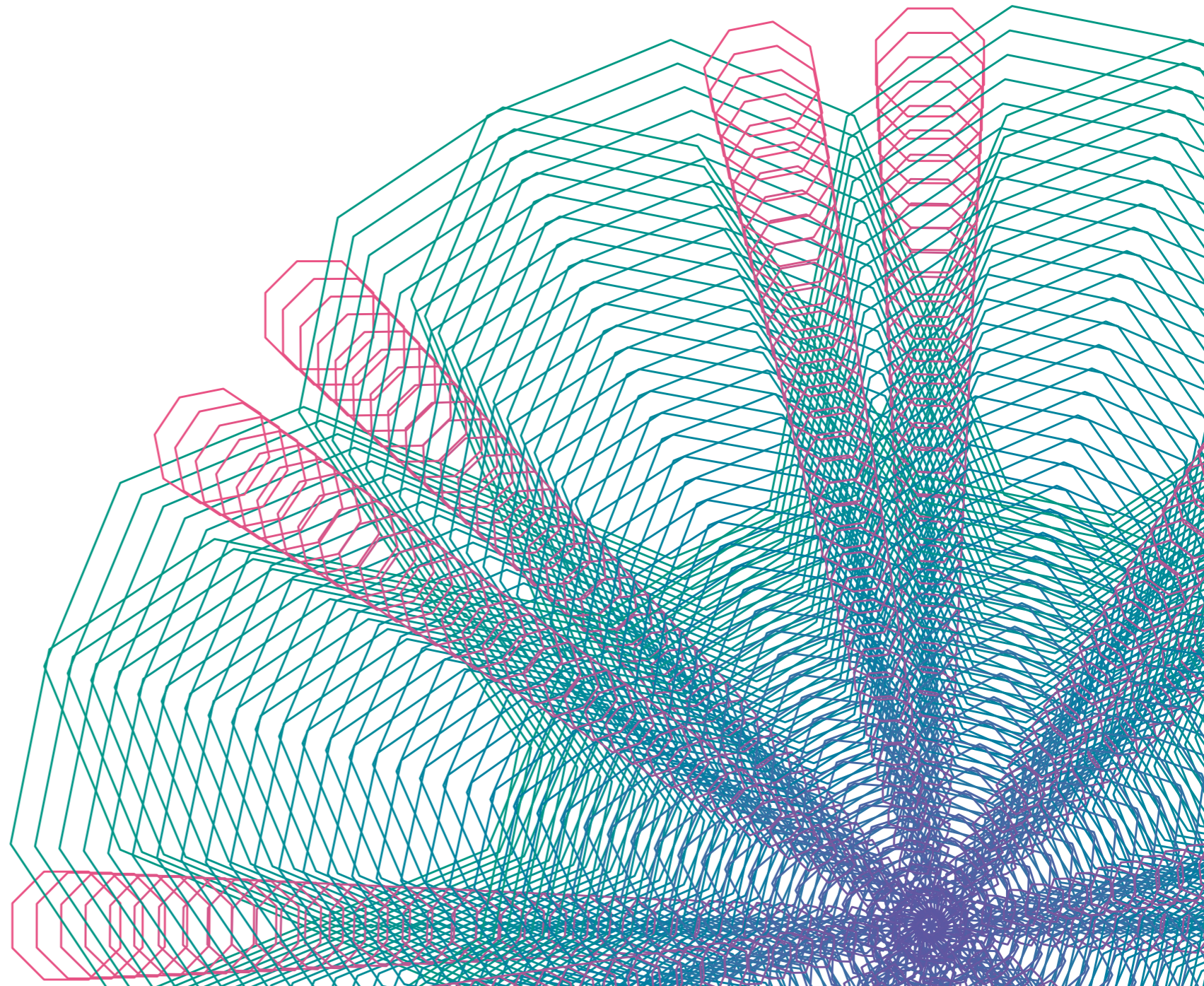
Judicial censorship of opinions on the social network Twitter

[Freedom of expression]

Matías Insaurralde, activist and technology expert, received a request for judicial censorship of a Twitter thread where he questions the financial operations of a company.

Together with the activist's legal defense, we succeeded in dismissing the injunction that put Matias' exercise of freedom of expression on the Internet at risk. The judge rejected in limite the injunction filed by the company.

We believe that the right to freedom of expression is the basis for a democratic state: all forms of speech are protected by this right, regardless of their content and the greater or lesser social and state acceptance they have. Censorship of freedom of expression, in any of its forms, cannot be subject to any injunction.



COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS

A back and forth between the offline and online worlds are essential for the collective construction knowledge: for this reason, we join forces with other national and international organizations to increase the reach of our messages and research.

As we wish to emphasize the virtual exchange of knowledge and experience, we regularly launch communication campaigns that go beyond virtual spaces and resonate in different spheres, whether through discussions in Congress, strategic litigation or raising awareness regarding rights and technology.

The messages of our communication campaigns are known for connecting with different audiences, as we constantly aim that the topics can spread beyond any core demographics. Thus, for example, a campaign that began as a series of messages on our social networks can, over time, lead to pressure for the enactment of a law or perhaps in the mapping of new spaces for discussion where our issues can be inserted. To date, we have carried out more than 30 campaigns.

We work with a communicational approach that exceeds a single channel of emission and reception of our messages, our campaigns are designed holistically with a strong social perspective, in a way that the message can be grasped by a wide audience, without the need for technical or specialized knowledge. Our goal is always to reach as many people as possible in order to contribute to the construction of digital spaces where respect for our human rights is guaranteed.

In the following pages we present some of the communication campaigns that had an impact at national and international level, that opened the doors to our continuous growth and that gave us the impulse to continue making relevant contributions on current issues alongside our audience.

Mente en línea (Your mind online)

The COVID-19 pandemic meant a radical and abrupt shift in our lives: changes in daily coexistence, in the ways of working and studying and, above all, in the way of socializing. Given social distance restrictions, we were forced to find ways of connecting with others; ways that already existed, but that in the context of lockdown seemed to be the safest way of socializing. This resulted in a longer period of confinement compared to previous years, a period that also translated, in most cases, into constant contact with digital spaces.

Because the excessive use of technology is linked to increased behaviors and emotions related to anxiety, depression, stress and other psychosocial risks, it is important to have practices that contribute to an agile and thoughtful use of it and that benefit mental health, an important part of our overall well-being.

For this reason, we created *Mente en línea*, a campaign about mental health on the internet, where we share resources on the subject in the form of podcast episodes; illustrative fanzines in both digital and printed format; and articles and research, all with the aim of deepening our understanding of the different factors that influence behavior and mental health when interacting with technologies.

Mente en línea was supported by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare of Paraguay.



Libres y seguras en internet (Free and safe on internet)

Life on the internet is a part of real life, as it is a space where we can be informed and communicate with each other. For our LGBTQI+ community, the internet is extremely relevant: it can often become a haven and has even saved lives.

For this community, access to the web is also useful in terms of access to information on gender and sexuality, as well to meet people, discover new diverse communities and find content to broaden understanding on topics of interest. It is also a space that allows us to recognize that we are not alone: that there are other people who think the same things we think, who feel the same things we feel.

Libres y seguras seeks to generate diverse and safe spaces for people who belong to historically vulnerable communities. Thus, from a virtual course, through a series of podcasts with interviews with key actors of the LGBTQI+ movement in Paraguay and other Latin American countries, to digital safety kits and strong communication support on important dates for this group, this is a campaign that aims to invite people to explore their identity, learn about their rights and achievements throughout history and create a community network with people both close to them and from other parts of the world.



La violencia digital es real (Digital violence is real)

With the expansion of technology into different areas of our daily lives, we have noticed a considerable increase in digital violence and gender conservatism on the internet, as well as general reluctant attitudes towards women's rights online. We believe that this increase is largely due to social inequality, the power asymmetries and to a patriarchal society that transfers its violent behaviors to the digital world, which is increasing due to the high penetration of the internet access in the world in recent years.

This is why we created the campaign *La violencia digital es real*, a campaign that, over the years, is building with the support of different people, companies and organizations, a greater awareness of this type of violence in the spaces we inhabit.

Although it started as a communication campaign in the social networks, *La violencia digital es real* escalated to different formats and reached specialized audiences and the general public.

Thanks to this campaign, we were able to contact fashion companies, influencers, journalists and activists with whom we worked together to convey messages about the importance of identifying and reporting online violence suffered by women online. It is also a campaign that allowed us to train different people on the subject, including indigenous and rural women, as well as female journalists.



La VIOLENCIA DIGITAL ES REAL

Open data

This is an illustrated digital journalistic series of five chapters, with a playful and informative nature, on the right of access to public information in Paraguay, the milestones in the advancement of this right and the pending challenges.



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DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

During the early years, TEDIC's main focus was to develop civic technology. Out of 9 technology projects, 3 are active and have generated great impact and evidence that translates into an important support to the fight for the defense of our rights.

Antiprawebs: digital rights trend mapping

It is an online repository, free to access, that brings together the private sector, government, academic and civil society initiatives that directly or indirectly influence on the rights of individuals on the internet at the local and regional level.

This space allows monitoring facts related to policies affecting privacy, freedom of expression, copyright, net neutrality, cybersecurity and gender issues, as well as other fundamental principles and rights on the internet in the press, social networks and even in opinion articles (blogs).

It is an open repository and open source.

Defensores

The *Defensores* project seeks to eradicate torture and police abuse practices in Paraguay. It is based on two main components: a web platform and a mobile application that allow the registration of cases of torture in police stations and penitentiaries in Paraguay.

These tools allow public defenders to carry out effective and permanent monitoring of these type of practices. At the same time, they allow the generation of qualified information for the supervision of institutions involved in the protection of human rights — such as the Ministry of Public Defense or the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture —, the media, journalists, civil society organizations and the general public.

This project seeks to achieve a systematization that will lead to the visualization and later elimination of these despicable practices of torture and ill-treatment.

El Avizor

A tool that geo-references reports of violations to the Electoral Code. With *El Avizor*, anyone with a cell phone or mobile device has the possibility to document irregularities on voting day with a text accompanied by photos, videos or audios. Later, irregularities will be located on a map that can be accessed by anyone who wishes to do so.

OUR TEAM

Maricarmen Sequera

CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

She is the one who has been there from the beginning. She is the most creative and versatile person in the organization: she has a great talent to come up with creative strategies for communication campaigns and then leading them — like “Pyrawebs” —, organizing online parties during the pandemic, writing strategic programs, carrying out legal analysis and research that earned TEDIC numerous international awards.

It is easy for her to use lobbying strategies with national and international bodies to defend our rights.

If you want to have a chat, Mari is the one. She loves the subtropical aspect of life: she is the one who takes care of the office plants.

Eduardo Carrillo

CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

He is the most beloved and charismatic person at TEDIC. He has a great ability to write academic research and lead advocacy projects.

He is an activist for the LGBTQI+ community and advises vulnerable communities on social justice and technology issues. He is known for being gentle and for his attention to detail in international policy work.

His superpower is to speak Spanish, English and Portuguese at the same time. His weakness is *yerba mate*: He loves his *tereré* in summer and *mate* in winter. Don't ask him to make coffee in the office.

Leonardo Gómez Berniga

COORDINATOR OF TECHNOPOLITICS AND DEMOCRACY PROJECTS

Leo is the organization's speaker par excellence, our on-site influencer. He finds it extremely easy to propose tools to carry out online activities and loves innovative topics such as blockchain, cryptocurrencies, analysis of the impact of social networks in elections and also law and technology.

Rhetoric is his strength: his arguments are clear and to the point; they do not fail to convince. When he is at home, he enjoys the company of his cats and his dog. He has a sweet tooth: he is the one who will always go with you if you propose an afternoon a snack.

Ana Maldonado

GENDER AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECT COORDINATOR

She is the road trip driver for the TEDIC team.

She ability to synthesize projects she leads is impressive and has the ability to execute different projects at the same time in an effective and efficient manner. Her laugh is contagious and her curls are the envy of the office. She is TEDIC's native bilingual.

She loves dogs and the mountains, and her hobbies include camping and outdoor activities.

Ari Ramírez

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

She is the office's senior coffee specialist. She can translate complex messages for diverse audiences and has an enormous sensitivity to vulnerable communities. She is also known for her outstanding teamwork skills. She is the tech nerd with a focus on rights and sociology.

She is the hipster of the office and, as she divides her work between Buenos Aires and Asuncion, she also holds the title of official dealer of books and *alfajores* for the team.

Cynthia Barúa

OPERATIONS MANAGER

The most fashionable person in TEDIC: she always looks impeccable in office, where she supports the implementation of various projects to ensure their proper development. She is in charge of interacting with our different consultants and suppliers. She is known for her human qualities and her people skills.

Her laughter is contagious, and she loves the decorative accessories of the whole office (*tereré* kits, *guampas* and stationary) and is also in charge of organising the after-work gatherings at TEDIC.

Lilian Rodas

ADMINISTRATOR

She is the person in charge of all the administration of the organization. She has great talent for organizing tasks within TEDIC. She is known for being kind to the whole organization. She is serious and fun at the same time. She is the mom of the office, the one who is mindful when about the amounts invested on projects and about punctuality.

She is TEDIC's official strawberry supplier. She enjoys warm days as well as drinking *mate*.

Luis Pablo Alonzo Fulchi

TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT

Our consultant and expert in digital security and technology since the beginning of TEDIC. He is one of the oldest members of TEDIC and is the architect of the whole technology structure of the organization. He is a great colleague who lives between Asuncion and Montevideo. He is the office nerd when it comes to technology, updates, and secure and encrypted apps. He is TEDIC's syntax and semantics checker.

He is known for his patience, charm and energy, and loves *mbeju* and the sea.

REFLECTIONS AND LESSONS

Articulated and collaborative work as the only possible path

Cooperative work is the key to a society that fully enjoys the exercise of its rights in the physical and digital environment. In this sense, the multistakeholder model, which prioritizes debate and exchange between different stakeholders for the construction of public policies, is the only path if we want to achieve laws that are representative of the popular will.

Gender mainstreaming as a commitment and a road map

Gender equality challenges and energizes us to continue working towards an equal society in the physical and digital spheres. In a country like Paraguay, where women and people who belong to diverse groups are constantly subjected to different types of violence, it is particularly important to continue promoting projects and initiatives that incorporate the gender mainstreaming by design.

Commitment to local and international advocacy

Advocacy at the local and international level for the generation of public policies based on scientific evidence is a topic that we are passionate about and that continues to generate effective results. In these 10 years of influencing public and private policies, we have understood the importance of occupying spaces at the local and international level in order to promote different arguments in spaces of diverse nature and aim at networking at various levels to achieve social change that benefits our communities.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

In this decade of work, we have met people from all over the world: some of them visited us in Paraguay and we visited others in their home countries.

Although the 2 years of the COVID-19 pandemic kept us working from home, we had the opportunity to meet and build partnerships in more than 50 organizations from different countries. We shared panels, conferences, Jitsi windows, Zoom, and other spaces with consultants, partners from other national, regional and global organizations. Coffee, wine, *chipa*, music and the exchange of everything we produce at TEDIC worked as themes that allowed us to consolidate links, friendships and alliances throughout the world with the aim of continuing to think and build a more accessible, fair and secure digital space where our human rights are respected and guaranteed.

These 10 years would not have been possible without the cooperation of all the people who support us; without the teamwork with so many organizations and people we have met during this decade; without the conviction that we are moving towards a more democratic society and aware of the need to respect and guarantee human rights in all spaces, physical or digital.

For all this and much more: THANK YOU!

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10 YEARS IN PHOTOGRAPHS



Lupa, Marce Elizeche, Maricarmen, David Bogado and Jaz Acuña at the Chamber of Deputies session against the "Pyrawebs" law (traffic data retention in Paraguay)
Asunción, Paraguay. 2015



Young people in Ciudad del Este supporting the campaign against the "Pyrawebs" law
Ciudad del Este, Paraguay. 2015



Interview to Maricarmen Sequera, Jaz Acuña and Marce Elizeche about the "Pyrawebs" campaign
Asunción, Paraguay. 2015

Floppy Aguirre and Jaz Acuña in the march for march for Human Rights
Asunción, Paraguay. 2015



In front of Congress, after the rejection of the "Pyraweb" law
Asunción, Paraguay. 2015



Hackerfeminist Workshop at Aireana
Asunción, Paraguay. 2017



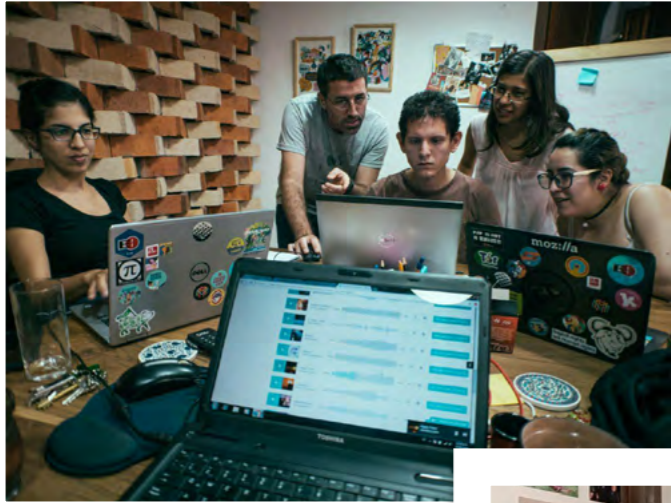
Launching of the campaign "Who defends your data?"
Asunción, Paraguay. 2017



Podcast workshop with human rights organizations
Asunción, Paraguay. 2018



First podcast workshop with Flora, from Tristana Productions
Asunción, Paraguay. 2018



Podcast workshop with human rights organizations
Asunción, Paraguay. 2018



Closing celebration of the HackerFem!
Asunción, Paraguay. 2018



Participation in the International Open Data Conference
Buenos Aires, Argentina. 2018





Meetings with
AISur in Mexico



Digital security workshop
San Bernardino, Paraguay. 2018

Workshop on tools
for journalists
and activists in
partnership with
Wikimedia and
Presentes





Participation in the Internet Governance Forum
Paris, France. 2018



Selene, Belén and Edu at the digital security workshop
Igualdad de Género Sí
Asunción, Paraguay. 2019



Participation in regional partnership against crime at TechCamp
Pucallpa, Peru. 2018



Digital security workshops in schools in Asunción
Asunción, Paraguay. 2019



Visit to different media to talk about electronic voting
Asunción, Paraguay. 2019



Participation in RightsCon
Tunis, Tunisia. 2019



Fanzines, postcards and stickers
from campaigns made by TEDIC



Presentation of TEDIC's
work on personal data and
Communication Policy
Research at the XIII CRP
LATAM Conference
Córdoba, Argentina. 2019



Third edition of HackerFem!
Asunción, Paraguay. 2019



**Wikipedia Workshop
on women in
Paraguayan history**
Asunción, Paraguay. 2019



**Paloma Lara Castro at the
OAS Virtual Cybersecurity
Symposium**
2020



Participation in ABRELATAM
Quito, Ecuador. 2019



Launching of the Defensores platform
Asuncion, Paraguay. 2019



Intensive one-week work with journalists and communication students to learn and discuss debate on digital rights in Paraguay
Asunción, Paraguay. 2020



Handing out safety toolkits for protests with the support of Internews
Asunción, Paraguay. 2019

Mari, Amiilda, Cynthia, Fer on an office day at La Mediateca
Asunción, Paraguay. 2021



Signing of the agreement for the implementation of a web platform for torture complaints in Paraguay in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Justice
Asunción, Paraguay. 2022



Maricarmen and Niqo Martínez during the recording of the podcast *Libres y seguras en internet*
Asunción, Paraguay. 2021

Strategic team retreat
Asunción, Paraguay. 2022





Edu decorating the office
Asunción, Paraguay. 2022



Welcoming Leo Gomez to the team
Asunción, Paraguay. 2022



Part of the TEDIC team at the tenth anniversary celebration at the Botanical Garden
Asunción, Paraguay. 2022





**Pali, Edu and Mari at the celebration
of our 10th anniversary**
Asunción, Paraguay. 2022



**Celebration hug with friends
(Guada, Edu and Mari)**
Asunción, Paraguay. 2022



**Picnic celebrating TEDIC's 10th
Anniversary at the Botanical Garden**
Asunción, Paraguay. 2022

