

Defending LGBTQIA+ Rights in Brazil

Our project was focused on strengthening the work of LGBTQIA+ defenders in digital rights, focusing on producing encryption content and establishing networks with other LGBTQIA+ rights organizations, taking into account that encryption can empower LGBTQIA+ people to explore, connect and meet others securely.

After several meetings with LGBTQIA+ rights organizations, an organization showed huge interest in the project and became our main partner, it was TODXS, the first Brazilian non-profit social startup which promotes LGBTI+ inclusion. Their mission is to empower the LGBTI+ community, educate the masses and make Brazil a truly inclusive and discrimination-free country.

Since June 30, the Brazilian Chapter of the Internet Society started to get in touch with several Brazilian LGBTQIA+ rights organizations presenting the ISOC's work on topics such as encryption, and also presenting our translated factsheet "Encryption: Essential for the LGBTQ+ Community".

These conversations were essential for learning about the functioning of these organizations, their priorities and goals in terms of digital security. After some virtual meetings with leaders of these organizations, some showed interest in the topic and others even showed interest in being directly involved in the production of materials.

Taking advantage of this interest, we decided to create a series of materials with encryption as an "umbrella theme". In this way, we partner with organizations and activists to develop materials on mobile file protection, dual-factor authentication, and the use of messaging services that use end-to-end encryption.

We finished the partnership within the scope of Chaptethon with an immense desire to continue strengthening these ties with communities that are directly impacted by digital policies, but which are only now aware of this and now also want to be protagonists in these discussions.

In addition to the materials produced (blog posts, threads, infographics, livestream events), which will be extremely useful to the Brazilian LGBTQIA+ community, our chapter is now also becoming a platform for new voices to be heard in policy discussions about encryption.