

**INVITATION**  
Press Conference:  
**Internet Blocking Strikes Out**

Hi,

Government attempts to block access to the Internet are mounting throughout Europe - but look set to backfire, a new study published today concludes.

I would like to invite you to attend press conference to announce the findings of this report titled "Internet Blocking: Balancing Cybercrime Responses in Democratic Societies. One of the authors Cormac Callanan\*, will present the report.

**When:** Thursday 22 October 2009, 15:30

**Where:** Residence Palace, Salon Room

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



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\*Cormac Callanan is co-author of a study of Council of Europe best practice guidelines for the cooperation between service providers and law enforcement against cybercrime ([www.coe.int/cybercrime](http://www.coe.int/cybercrime)) adopted at the 2008 Octopus Conference and he co-authored the 2Centre (Cybercrime Centres of Excellence Network for Training Research and Education) study profiling international best practice for IT forensics training to Law Enforcement ([www.2centre.eu](http://www.2centre.eu)).

Cormac was past-president and CEO of INHOPE – the International Association of Internet Hotlines ([www.inhope.org](http://www.inhope.org)). INHOPE facilitates and co-ordinates the work of Internet hotlines responding to illegal use and content on the Internet. He co-authored the INHOPE first Global Internet Trend report in 2007 which was a landmark publication on Internet child pornography. He was founding Chairman of the Internet Service Provider Association of Ireland ([www.ispai.ie](http://www.ispai.ie)) in 1997 which he led for 5 years until February 2003 and served as Secretary General of the European Service Provider Association ([www.euroispa.org](http://www.euroispa.org)). He was founding Director of the Irish [www.hotline.ie](http://www.hotline.ie) service in 1998 responding to reports about illegal child pornography and hate speech on the Internet. He wrote the Code of Conduct for the ISPAL.

