

Anonymisierungsdienste sollen verboten werden

...in der Slowakei. Aber wenn unsere [Internet-Ausdrucker](#) das jetzt lesen, weiß ich schon, was dann kommt. Aus der [Tor-Mailingliste](#):

„In September, the [Slovak Ministry of Transport, Post and Telecommunication](#) prepared an amendment of the Electronic Communication Act. The Ministry of Internal Affairs integrated their suggestions, which include prohibition of anonymizing services.

An anonymizer is defined there as „A service that restrains or makes impossible tracking of Internet users“, which is a very vague term. It's not obvious, exactly what technologies (HTTP proxy, VPN, Tor, SSH tunnelling?) will be treated as „anonymizers“.

Providing or even allowing such a service (within this could probably fall running a Tor relay) will be prosecuted. The fee can rise up to 33,000 Euros.

The reason for this is (no surprise here), that anonymizers are mostly used for spreading child pornography, for extremists' communication and for financial frauds.

If this amendment gets approved in this or similar form, it will pose a serious threat to Tor and online anonymity in general.

I was unable to find any related text in english, so here is google translation of an article analyzing this amendment in slovak: translate.google.cz.”