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Landscape research and tech assessment

An in-depth movement and technology analysis helps map local organizing, security and technology landscape, including issues of internet freedoms, digital organizing and surveillance and the effect on civil society communications and organizing.

Work documents

- Research Partner Request for proposal: a template request for proposals (RFP) outlining the scope of work and request for CommsLabs location research partner(s). The specific details and focus will be updated to reflect the local context.
- Research Partner Memorandum of Understanding: upon selecting the research partner, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining agreements and scope of services for the CommsLabs location research partner(s) is signed by all parties. The memorandum of understanding can be adapted as needed for the specific context of the upcoming CommsLabs.

Reports

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Mapping digital landscapes of transactivism in Central Asia and Eastern Europe report

This mapping report provides a regional overview of digital organizing for trans activists in 26 countries of Central Asia and Eastern Europe (CAEE), emphasizing shared patterns of digital usage, barriers to free and safe use of the internet, and a number of resistance strategies to homo/transphobic-motivated censorship, surveillance, and online attacks. The report ends with examples of resistance strategies tactically deployed by trans activists to counter these threats.

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Western Balkans LGTBI: landscape analysis of political, economical & social conditions

The study draws on a unique combination of data and expertise from policy, development, government, news, legal and academic sources and, most critically, Western Balkans LGBTI organizations and activists themselves. In synthesizing diverse material and firsthand insight, the report provides a window into what life is like for LGBTI people living in the Western Balkans, an overview of LGBTI activism in the region, and a summary of the opportunities and challenges activists face as they work to advance LGBTI rights protections and translate them into meaningful change. The study concludes with recommendations for advocates and funders and timely ways to support enduring rights gains.

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