

# Case study:

## Confronting European Encroachment on Encryption



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This year, the Portugal Chapter secured [an open letter](#) in one of Portugal's top national daily newspapers, Público, which sells 80,000 copies per month and has 50 million monthly online page views. The open letter was written to increase advocacy pressure and followed a media [op-ed](#) and [interview](#), declaring “Weakening encryption in the European Union would only benefit criminals”.

To garner international attention, the Chapter translated the letter into English and approached the Internet Society Chapters in Switzerland and the Netherlands to help with editing.

They also emailed all European Chapters to see if they would be interested in co-signing. A dozen did: Belgium, Catalonia, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and the UK.

The Portugal Chapter has inspired others to exchange information and work together, and not just in Europe. The Brazilian Chapter has invited them to speak at an online event and also wants to submit comments on the European encryption consultation from a Brazilian perspective.

