

**REPORT**  
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# INTRODUCTION

Our mission takes on critical relevance in a world immersed in an unprecedented digital transformation, where digital spaces become fundamental arenas for expression, interaction and development. Dedicated to defending and promoting human rights in digital environments, we focus on fighting gender inequalities and their intersections, ensuring that digitalisation aligns with principles of equality and justice. Our vision may sound ambitious, but we stand firm: we aspire to a society where human rights in digital spaces are guaranteed for everyone without distinction.

The year 2023 saw us continue our tireless work defending digital rights, extending human rights on the internet, and using technology in general. From research development and communications campaigns to information dissemination, local and international advocacy, and capacity building on vital issues such as privacy, cybersecurity, and freedom of expression, our work is always guided by a cross-cutting-gender approach.

In a year defined by challenges and progress, we focused nationally and internationally on influencing the political agenda and generating public policies based on scientific evidence. In addition, through our participation in workshops, roundtables, and international forums, we seek to echo our reality in Paraguay and beyond, sharing and enriching ourselves with global experiences.

The network is our space for action and reflection; thus, we strengthened our international advocacy work through active collaboration in global networks and coalitions. This collective engagement enables the expansion of our influence. It enriches our perspective, allowing us to fight for a future where digitalisation and human rights go hand in hand.

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This year, we have also deepened the construction of new forms of territorial connection, strengthening links with like-minded communities and articulating collective actions with activists from different sectors. In the future, we will continue to advocate free knowledge and a collaborative culture on the Internet, essential for fully exercising our rights in digital and offline environments.

As we close this chapter of 2023, we reaffirm our commitment to moving forward, convinced that our work contributes to shaping a more just and equitable society in the digital age.

## The TEDIC Team





# PERSONAL DATA AND PRIVACY

**#Campaign**

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**#Research**

Rapid technological advances in recent decades have significantly transformed the landscape of human interaction. Some innovations have expanded the power and capacity of states and technology companies to control individuals, with profound implications for privacy and personal security. In this context, we launched several initiatives involving national advocacy campaigns, lobbying and research, and international advocacy. Our work highlights the importance of data protection and privacy in various environments, seeking to safeguard the rights of individuals. Below are the different activities and products we produced in this area this year.

# Comprehensive Personal Data Protection Law in Paraguay

Since 2017, TEDIC has been part of the [Paraguayan Personal Data Coalition](#), an interdisciplinary group whose goal has been the enactment of a comprehensive law on personal data that complies with international human rights standards and guarantees autonomy over our personal data, security and transparency in the collection of such data by companies, organisations and state institutions. Our commitment, together with the Personal Data Coalition, to lead and achieve the enactment of this law did not lead us to actively advocate, together with other relevant actors, in the National Congress and other spaces. Despite having yet to achieve the enactment of this law, in 2023, we made some significant progress.

Advocacy meetings throughout the year, together with the Paraguayan Personal Data Coalition and the Science and Technology Commission of the Honourable Chamber of Deputies, with the support of various deputies, the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication (MITIC) and the Legal Counsel of the Presidency of the Republic of Paraguay, allowed the bill to be included **five times in the agenda of the deputies' sessions during 2023**. Although the bill has yet to be approved, we have seen a significant interest on the part of deputies in putting this discussion on the table and returning to it in the 2024 legislative period.



While legislative advocacy plays a crucial role in our efforts to promote personal data protection, no less important is the work we do to bring our various campaigns to our community and others. We understand that it is crucial to inform and educate citizens about the relevance of this legislation to our daily lives. To meet this objective, we carry out several strategies, including communication campaigns, workshops and participation in discussion forums.

Our campaign, “[My data, my rights](#)”, aims to inform the public about the need for updated regulation to protect our identity on the internet and regulate data processing in the public and private sectors. We use memes, [fanzines](#), videos, and street [graffiti](#) to translate in a conversational and fun way how regulation could protect our identity in the digital age and reach more people. **The impact we had on the networks was very high!**



To encourage discussion on the need for this type of regulation, we handed out more than 1500 fanzines in our various spaces.

The zines were divided into four themes:

- Legal framework with international standards
- Sensitive personal data
- Biometrics and personal data
- SPAM

In addition, we took the discussion to universities, training boot camps for journalists and lawyers, international forums, the legislative chamber of Congress and the media.

We participated in the [CPDP Latam](#) – Rio de Janeiro/Online (July 2023), where we were in charge, together with specialists from the region, of the panel debate on “the regulation of national identity systems: a proposal for regional cooperation”.



Throughout the year, we were invited to participate in public hearings and discussions on different draft laws that, although they aim to be necessary regulations for citizens, represent challenges to the security of our personal data.

## ¡EXTRA!

We published an article entitled “[The leak of police data in Paraguay and an urgent need for answers](#)”, in which we address the alarming leak of more than 400GB of confidential data belonging to the Paraguayan National Police.

Paraguay remains one of the few countries in Latin America without a personal data protection law, and the Chamber of Deputies could change this situation by treating the bill.

We are active members of the [Ibero-American Data Protection Network \(RIPD\)](#), which we participate in through monthly face-to-face meetings. In addition, throughout the year, we participate in a series of national and international meetings, panels, and debates to disseminate and influence the personal data and privacy agenda.

As members of this network, we participated in the [Ibero-American Data Protection Meeting](#) in Santa Cruz, Bolivia (February 2023), where we presented at the panel discussion on “Gender-based digital violence and the personal data agenda”.

See:

- Our opinion on the [law on Medical Records in Paraguay](#).
- Our opinion on the [Traffic data retention law](#).
- Our opinion on the [electronic ankle law](#).

All these actions allow us to dialogue directly with our community, clarify doubts and strengthen the importance of a solid legal framework that protects us. This dual approach ensures that, as we work to get the bill addressed again and, we hope, passed in the 2024 legislative period, the population is well-informed and prepared to understand and exercise their rights.

## NOT with my face

Throughout 2023, we launched the project [“Transparency and State Accountability on Facial Recognition in Paraguay”](#) to foster an informed and constructive debate on the implementation of facial recognition systems in Paraguay. This technology, which quietly occupies various aspects of our daily lives, raises questions about our privacy, the security of our personal data, and transparency in its application.

Our work focuses on ensuring that the use of facial recognition in Paraguay is carried out in an exceptional, limited and proportional manner, always under the principles of transparency and accountability, aligned with ethical and legal standards and respecting the human rights of all individuals.

With this in mind, we carried out a series of activities:

- We trained more than 20 journalists, communicators and influencers on biometrics, personal data, politics, human rights, privacy and technology.
- We developed biometrics workshops in three other Paraguay cities: Villarrica, Encarnación and Ciudad del Este.
- We presented a facial recognition camera simulator, which allowed participants to better understand how this technology works and its potential threats.
- We organised an international seminar on borders, technology and security in the tri-border area.

**Authorities and specialists from Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil attended the seminar!**



- We travelled to Hackcorruption 2023 in Bogota, where we presented, together with [Idec](#) (Brazilian Institute of Consumer Protection) from Brazil, [“Monitor Vigilante”](#), a prototype platform to monitor the acquisition and use of invasive technologies in Latin America.

National advocacy was just a little behind. We held meetings with authorities from the Executive, the Ministry of Interior, the Prosecutor’s Office, and the Judiciary to promote transparency in facial recognition technologies and highlight the need for transparent and accountable management in implementing facial recognition systems.

At the meeting, we recalled the strategic litigation promoted by TEDIC since 2018. We warned of possible new measures if access to information continues to be obstructed and the questionable use of resources our organisation considers alien to its purpose.

- We present two new urgencies that seek to accelerate the resolution of an unconstitutionality action filed in 2019, where we demand information on implementing biometric technology in video surveillance cameras in Asunción.
- In addition, we identified new opportunities for strategic legal action, filing injunctions against the National Police and the Ministry of Interior of Paraguay (Dossiers 2320/2023 and 2319/2023), focusing on transparency and access to public information on the use of facial recognition technologies.



## Against digital dehumanisation and autonomous weapons

Robots are a reality and have been a part of our lives for several years. But did you know that there are also robots designed for war?

Killer robots are part of a global trend. Countries around the world, such as the US, Israel, China, South Korea and Russia, are developing and acquiring warfare technology that uses artificial intelligence to detect and choose targets. In short, these robots are programmed to function with complete autonomy and make their own decisions.

This new trend brings us to one of the most important ethical questions of the coming years: **can we leave matters of life and death to a machine? How do we deal with the trend of digital dehumanisation that is latent in our time?**

In this context, at TEDIC, we explore the debate on digital dehumanisation and the development of “killer robots” technologies that, although they may seem to be straight out of science fiction, are a tangible reality in today’s global landscape.

As part of the international “Stop Killer Robots” campaign, we seek to raise awareness of the ethical, social and legal implications of using autonomous weapons. Through events, exhibitions and critical dialogues, we aim to reflect on how these technologies threaten not only the essence of our humanity but also the fundamental principles of justice and equality.

Considering that art and activism are two uniquely human expressions, we seek to bring them together in an exhibition that functions as a re(x)sistance to the enormous challenges posed by digital dehumanisation.

Together with Jazmín Ruiz Díaz, curator, and designer Horacio Oteiza, we produced the exhibition “Killer robots and digital dehumanisation: what are we talking about, and why does it affect us?” We presented it as a reflection on how people are reduced to mere data and labels in the digital age and how we can cope with this.

This exhibition was presented at the Library and Archives of the National Congress, at an event in Espacio Muta and the Robusta fair at the end of the year!

More than 850 people attended these three events and saw our exhibition.





To complement the exhibition, we gave space to the works of outstanding Paraguayan artists, such as Alegría González, with her “Archivos de Sentimientos”, and the presentation “Binarie” by Laura Mandelik and Victoria Mussi, who question the binarity of technology and gender.

### [▶ We Re\(x\)ist Digital Dehumanization - Stop Killer Robots](#)

We extended our exhibition to the [Library and Central Archive of the National Congress \(BACCN\)](#), where we sought to delve into the ethical and legal challenges of automating lethal weapons and the need for a comprehensive Personal Data Law in Paraguay.

We counted on the participation and positioning of deputies, senators, and representatives of the Ministry of Defence and the Diplomatic and Consular Academy of Paraguay!

Legislators and representatives of the Ministry of National Defence united with a unified message during the presentation, echoing Paraguay’s position in the last resolution on autonomous weapons at the United Nations General Assembly. In this resolution, Paraguay and 163 other countries expressed the urgent need for international regulations to address the challenges and concerns related to these technologies, emphasising the importance of prioritising peace and respect for human rights in the digital era.

### [▶ Positioning on the Stop Killer Robots Campaign - Paraguay](#)

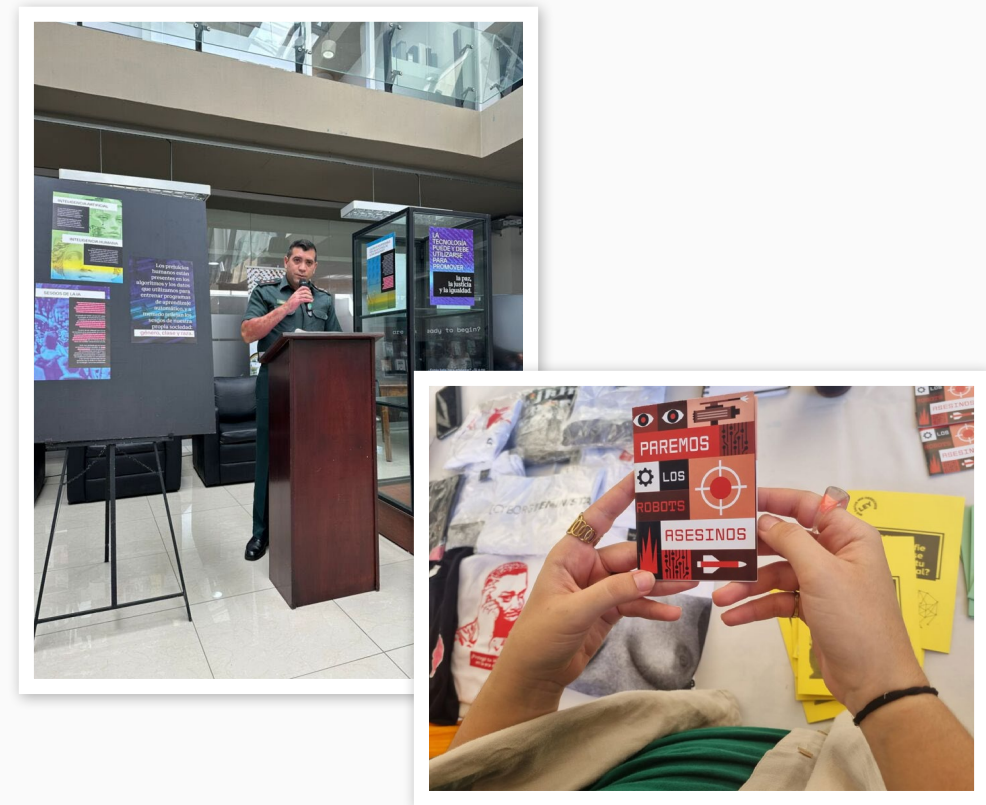
In addition, we took the exhibition on Killer Robots to the *Colectiva Robusta* fair, a diverse space for art and culture that hosted the work of more than twenty women illustrators who are part of this group and more than 700 people attended the fair.

Recognising the importance of approaching complex topics in more accessible formats, we developed in conjunction with [EnBorrador](#) a new “[mockumentary](#)” style podcast episode to imagine a possible dystopian future where killer robots stalk the borders of Latin America. Too far away to be real? What is the boundary between fiction and reality? How does it feel to live in a nightmare where machines control our lives?

Listen to the new episode: “Killer Robots: Attack on our borders”.



We also continue to screen the documentary “[Immoral Code](#)” in three other cities in Paraguay: Ciudad del Este, Encarnación and Pilar. The screenings were attended by more than sixty students who learned about the campaign.



# Technology and human rights in the triple frontier

There has been a growing technologisation of public security policies in recent years. This trend is particularly evident in the Triple Border between Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil, a strategic area due to the presence of one of the largest hydroelectric dams on the planet, an area with an important flow of people, goods and services.

In the last decade, these three countries have sought to secure the area by purchasing surveillance technology, from drones flying over the border to facial recognition systems for migration control, following last year's [research](#) that sought to understand the implementation and degree of involvement of different public and private actors in the [Integrated Border Operations Centre \(CIOF\)](#), a Brazilian public security programme aimed at combating transnational organised crime and integrating representatives from various public security agencies to centralise information under one roof.

This new research extends last year's, focusing on two new security and technology programmes in the region. The research sought to characterise two security programmes and the narratives surrounding them and determine their actual usefulness for the objectives they seek to fulfil: Muralha Inteligente (Brazil) and the Automated Migratory System of Facial Recognition—SMARF (Paraguay).

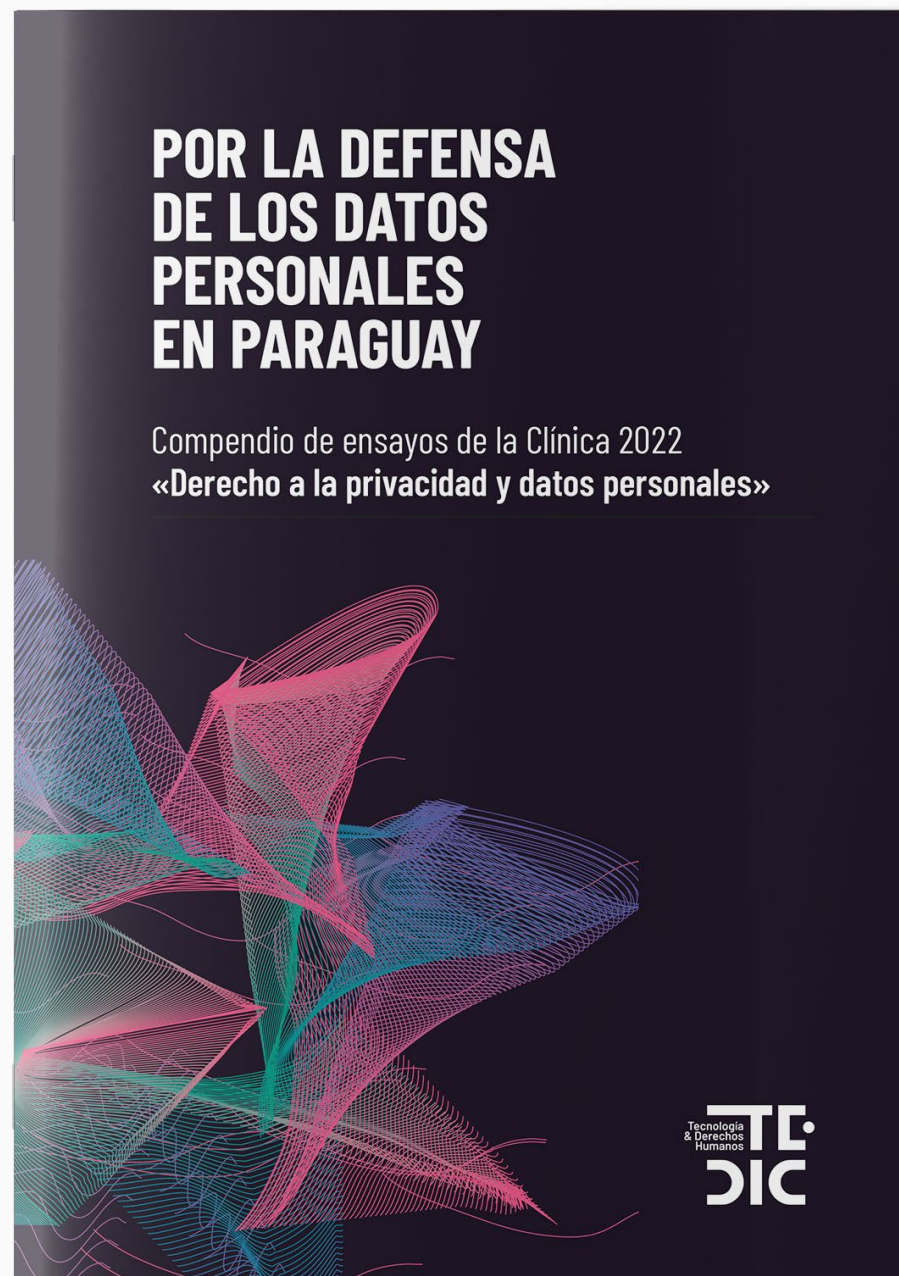


Produced by Data Privacy Brazil and TEDIC, it is part of a series of publications intended to guide and inform the deployment of technology in the TBA.

## Second Legal Clinic on “Privacy Rights and Personal Data”

The second edition of the Legal Clinic “Right to privacy and personal data”, organised jointly by TEDIC and the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National University of Asunción, sought to raise awareness and generate an informed discussion on the need for a comprehensive legal framework for the protection of personal data in Paraguay. The formal development of the activity took place from October to December 2022, and the tutorials were extended until the first semester of 2023. Activities included workshops with master classes on personal data and the right to privacy, intensive workshops on academic writing and bibliographic management, and a tutorial dedicated to the identification of personal data issues and judicial files. The final papers were compiled in a document entitled “For the defence of personal data in Paraguay: a compendium of essays from the clinic on personal data and privacy”.

All these actions regarding our personal data and privacy were made possible with the support of INDELA, CIRD Foundation, Privacy International, the Mines Action Canada Fund, and institutional funds.





# DEMOCRACY, E-VOTING AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS 2023

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The year 2023 saw the holding of general elections in Paraguay. These promised not only to decide the country's immediate future but also to test the robustness of our democracy in the digital age. In this context of significant importance, TEDIC, in collaboration with other international and local organisations, carried out a series of crucial activities to promote electoral transparency, citizen participation and the fight against disinformation.

Our commitment to accompanying and monitoring the digitisation of the electoral process in Paraguay has always been firm. Since the decision to use electronic voting machines until today, we have developed nine investigations that address the issue of the implementation of electronic voting from a technical and human rights perspective. All this was done with the aim of arousing the interest of the electoral authorities so that the electoral process could be strengthened.

## PubliElectoral: election advertising monitoring

A [tool](#) to monitor electoral advertising on Facebook during the 2023 election campaign. In the future, we will present the analysis of the data collected by delving deeper into campaign advertising expenditures and comparing it to the official data shared by the Superior Court of Electoral Justice (TSJE). This independent analysis represents a significant advance in citizen control over electoral spending and the transparency of our electoral process.

In 2020, we achieved a legislative milestone with Law No. 6501/2020, which incorporated social media campaigning as an election expenditure. This year, we continue our efforts to monitor and control election spending.



## El Avizor: platform for election monitoring

El Avizor, a [platform for recording electoral incidents](#), was used by citizens to document irregularities and incidents during Election Day. Together with Alma Cívica, we set up an election incident-monitoring centre, where we worked with more than 20 volunteers to track and categorise citizen reports. Incident reports were registered in El Avizor through various communication channels. The hours of coverage were from 6:30 to 18:00 on Sunday. **The platform received more than 100 reports during Election Day, reflecting high citizen participation and a commitment to the integrity of the electoral process!** In addition, we trained more than 15 young people to record and monitor election incidents..

Also:

- We drafted our opinion on [Paraguay's digital platforms law](#) and shared it at a public hearing.
- The [Anti Pyrawebs Observatory](#) turned five years old. It is a platform built with free and open-source code that functions as a repository of news and information on digital rights. Throughout these years, we collected 1,356 articles divided into 13 categories.
- We participated in developing and launching the [“Unified Registry of Torture and Ill-treatment”](#) platform. The platform was born from the collaboration between three State institutions and TEDIC: the [Ministry of Justice](#), the [Ministry of Public Defence](#) and the [Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture](#). These institutions come together for the purpose of combating and eradicating these practices, thus solidifying Paraguay's commitment in line with international guidelines against torture.

**Bonus:** We renewed our engagement with the Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies, focusing on future collaborations on artificial intelligence and issues related to the digital agenda. In addition, we will continue to push for the comprehensive personal data protection law in 2024.

All these actions on democracy and access to information were made possible with the support of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) - OHCHR and institutional funds.





# FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND FREE CULTURE

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The Internet revolutionised the way we communicate. Today, there are thousands of channels and platforms to produce and share content and contribute to the development of culture, critical thinking, and the free debate of ideas. From TEDIC we closely follow public policy decisions, legislative initiatives and judicial decisions that may affect freedom of expression (disinformation, censorship, blocking) and access to knowledge (copyright, competition law, media regulation) for a free culture on the internet.

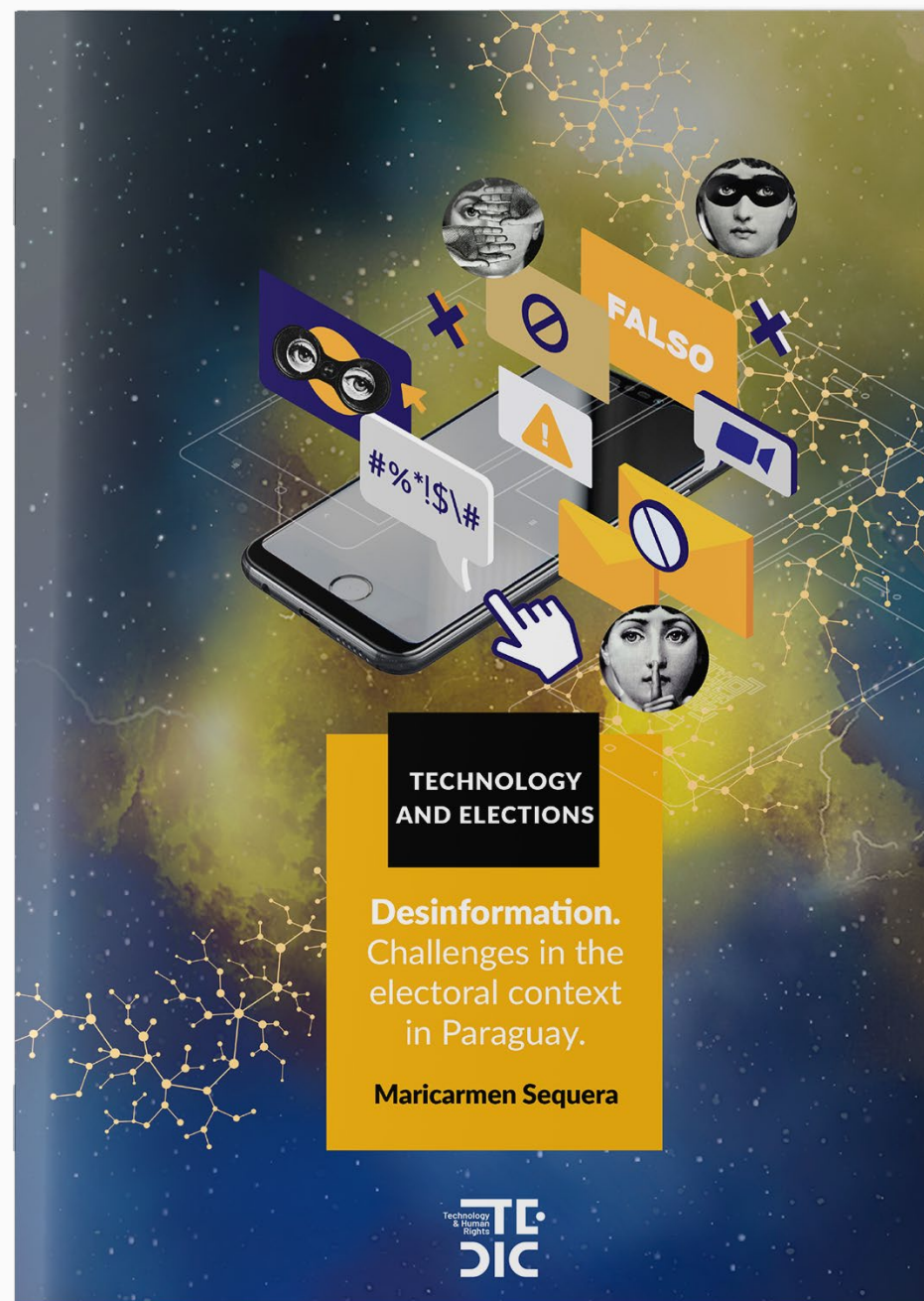
## Research on “Disinformation: challenges in the electoral context in Paraguay”

The ninth instalment of our series “Technology and Elections”, written by Maricarmen Sequera, is entitled “Disinformation: challenges in the electoral context in Paraguay”. The challenge of disinformation has taken on unprecedented relevance in the context of the 2023 general elections in Paraguay. Recognising the complexity of this phenomenon and its capacity to influence the democratic process, with the support of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), this initiative aimed to gain an in-depth understanding of how disseminating false or misleading information could affect public perception and the integrity of elections.

The study covered several crucial aspects, including the analysis of how social media and digital platforms become vehicles for the spread of misinformation, the role of algorithms in amplifying biased or false content, and the importance of media education in fostering a well-informed and critical electorate.

**We underline the tension between the need to protect the electoral process from the harmful influence of disinformation and the need to safeguard freedom of expression.**

As a result, we present recommendations addressed to electoral authorities, media, social media platforms and civil society, emphasising the creation of collaborative strategies to mitigate disinformation without compromising fundamental democratic rights.





# “The Glass Room”: first exhibition on misinformation in Paraguay

Complementing our efforts to combat disinformation, we brought to Paraguay, in collaboration with Tactical Tech, the exhibition The Glass Room: Disinformation Edition. This interactive experience was designed to inform the public didactically about the effects of disinformation in our society, using visual installations to explore critical issues such as information manipulation, fake news, and privacy in the digital age.

**We took the exhibition to the Library and Archives of the National Congress and to La Chispa!**

Both events attracted a broad audience, including students, academics, journalists, and policymakers interested in understanding misinformation’s challenges to democracy. These events provided an opportunity to reflect on the impact of technology on our perception of reality and the importance of digital literacy in protecting our rights.

The exhibition’s success and the research launch allowed us to conduct numerous press interviews. We received extensive media coverage: radio, print and TV interviews.

The coverage of TV Cámara, Senado TV, and Diputados, channels of the National Congress and the country’s main media, highlights public interest.



# Diversity Picnic

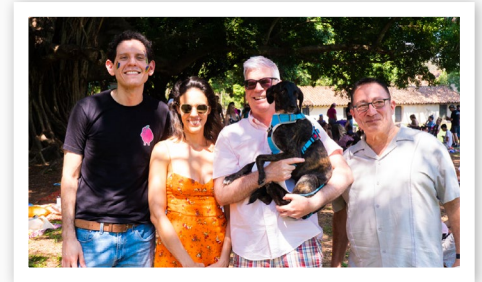
In September, we celebrate the [LGTBIQ+ Month of Memory in Paraguay](#), commemorating the first public manifestation of sexual and gender diversity.

Occupying public spaces from rebellion, memory, diversity, and pride as a vindication of the right to express ourselves freely led us to organise the “[Picnic of Diversity](#)” where we celebrated and shared, thanks to the support of the Association for Progress in Communications (APC), all the resources of our [Free and Secure](#) campaign.

**More than 100 people participated!**



As we know how vital online safety is, especially for the TLGBIQ+ community, we had a special space on how to improve our safety in the digital world. Volunteers provided resources on secure social network configuration and two-factor authentication tool configuration to all participants of the picnic, who took home postcards with a QR to further internalise these topics from the digital security videos we developed.



Diversity was celebrated in many ways throughout the day: from birthdays, sharing with friends and invitations to the 20 March of Memory TLGBIQ+ in Paraguay, to the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Unidos por el Arcoiris, an association of Parents, Family and Friends of people belonging to the TLGBIQ+ community, who promote the union of diverse families.

All those who attended enjoyed and shared a wide variety of healthy snacks, the possibility to have their faces made up and to participate in the performance of Envidia Metenés, an influential drag artist from Paraguay, who incorporated elements related to the natural environment in which we were, promoting inclusion and tolerance from an artistic perspective.

# History of the TLGBIQ+ parade in Paraguay in Wikipedia

Together with [Aireana](#) and the [Wikimedia Foundation](#), an organisation that fights for lesbian rights and defends the rights of the LGBTIQ+ community in Paraguay, we collaborated in writing a [new Wikipedia article](#) on the history of the LGBTIQ+ Pride march in Asunción.

This article is a valuable contribution to documenting our history and our struggle for equality and inclusion in Paraguay. Thanks to this collaborative effort, we can now access detailed information about the origins and evolution of the LGTBIQ+ pride march in Asunción, as well as the main challenges and achievements of the LGTBIQ+ community in our country. We are proud that this important history is now available on Wikipedia, where millions of people around the world can access it for free.

To learn more about the TLGBIQ+ struggle in Paraguay, visit our website, “Libres y Segures en Internet”, and listen to our podcast series.

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for the 'Marcha del Orgullo LGBT de Asunción'. The page includes a search bar at the top, a table of contents, and a main text area. On the right side, there is a summary box with a photo of a rainbow flag and a table of general data. Below the main text, there are sections for 'Historia', 'Antecedentes', and 'Temas abordados en las ediciones'. The 'Temas abordados' section contains a list of 22 items related to the history and evolution of the parade.

**Marcha del Orgullo LGBT de Asunción**

La **Marcha del Orgullo LGBT de Asunción** también llamada Marcha por los Derechos TLGBI+ es una manifestación que se celebra de manera anual en la capital de Paraguay. Esta marcha busca igualdad de derechos y visibilizar la lucha de las personas trans, lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, e intersexuales, personas no binarias y todas las personas *disidentes* de las normas de la sexualidad y del género.<sup>1</sup>

Se realiza todos los años el 30 de septiembre en conmemoración de la primera reivindicación conocida en Paraguay: la publicación de *La carta de un amorai*, una carta de protesta publicada el 30 de septiembre de 1959 en respuesta a una gran persecución, denominada como caso 108, desatada por la dictadura de Alfredo Stroessner hacia las personas que denominaron "amorales" a raíz del asesinato al locutor de radio Bernardo Aranda.<sup>2</sup>

**Historia** [editar]

Se realizó por primera vez en el año 2004 organizada por el Grupo de Acción Gay, Lésbico y Transgénero (GAGLT) en el marco de la semana por los Derechos de Gays, Lesbianas y Transgéneros con el eslogan "Por una sociedad paraguaya sin discriminaciones". Como clausura de la semana conmemorativa se realizó el 3 de julio del 2004 la "Marcha contra la discriminación" en el microcentro capitalino.<sup>3</sup> El documental de Renate Costa *108, cuchillo de palo* capta imágenes de esta primera marcha de 2004.<sup>4</sup>

En los primeros años se realizó el 28 de junio, en conmemoración del día internacional del orgullo. A partir de 2010 se realiza cada 30 de septiembre. Esta decisión fue consensuada entre varias organizaciones que conforman la coalición TLGBI con el propósito de rescatar la memoria colectiva del Paraguay y la historia de lo que se conoce como la primera reivindicación por los derechos LGBT con la publicación el 30 de septiembre de 1959 de *La carta de un amorai*.<sup>5</sup>

**Antecedentes** [editar]

El 10 de diciembre de 1998 en el marco de la conmemoración del día de los derechos humanos en Asunción, unas 20 personas, integrantes de la organización de travestis "Lazos" y activistas lesbianas, participaron de la marcha con carteles que decían "No somos extraterrestres somos personas", "Tenemos derechos humanos" desde la catedral metropolitana hasta la Plaza de los Desaparecidos.

El Grupo de Acción Gay, Lésbico, Transgénero (GAGLT) es otra organización pionera en el tema, su defensa pública de los derechos de personas LGBT inicia a movilizarse desde el año 1999.

El inicio de estas movilizaciones impulsó actividades que promovieron la visibilidad de los derechos humanos y el debate contra la discriminación por orientación sexual en Paraguay.<sup>6</sup>

En diciembre del año 2000 se realizaron las jornadas por los derechos de "lesbianas y gays" junto con la Fundación Triángulo de España.

En 2003 se fundó Aireana, grupo lesbofeminista que trabaja por los derechos de las lesbianas y promueve la disidencia sexual para que todas las personas puedan vivir en libertad y sin violencia.<sup>7</sup> Ese mismo año, el GAGLT (Grupo de Acción Gay Lésbico Transgénero) realizó un evento público en la Plaza Italia.<sup>8</sup> Es el antecedente más reciente a las marchas.

En el 2004 se crea un Grupo de Trabajo de organizaciones de Derechos Humanos integrado por la Red GLBT, Amnistía Internacional Paraguay, la Coordinadora de Derechos Humanos del Paraguay (CODEHUPY), Aireana y la Comunidad Homosexual del Paraguay (CHOPA), que contó con el apoyo de Human Right Watch y la Comisión Internacional de Derechos Humanos de Gays y Lesbianas (IGLHRC) con el objetivo de promover la aprobación de la "Resolución sobre orientación sexual y derechos humanos"<sup>9</sup> en la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Naciones Unidas.

**Temas abordados en las ediciones** [editar]

- 2004 - Marcha contra la discriminación "Por una sociedad paraguaya sin discriminaciones"
- 2005 - Una ciudadanía diversa merece un país seguro
- 2006 - La diversidad es un hecho, amar libremente, un derecho
- 2007 - Vivir con orgullo, vivir con derechos
- 2008 - *Oíma la cambio* (Ya está el cambio). Ahora nuestros derechos
- 2009 - Elegí ser libre, exigí tus derechos
- 2010 - Con taco alto, campeón o py nandi, exigí mi libertad para ser feliz Por los derechos humanos de lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, personas trans e intersex por la diversidad y la no discriminación
- 2011 - Para construir igualdad, festejemos la diversidad. Por la familias diversas y la no discriminación
- 2012 - Orgullo y resistencia
- 2013 - De fiesta, con memoria y en protesta
- 2014 - Las familias diversas existen, exigimos derechos
- 2015 - Discriminación nunca más. ¡Ley yal Paraguay es diversidad
- 2016 - 13 años marchando por la identidad de género y todos nuestros derechos
- 2017 - Frente al terrorismo de Estado, dignidad y resistencia
- 2018 - Memoria, orgullo y resistencia
- 2019 - *Ñamopu ñ sáso oñandivepa* (Construyamos libertad para todos)
- 2020 - Revolución y resistencia
- 2021 - Somos fuerza, resistencia y comunidad
- 2022 - Transformando Paraguay

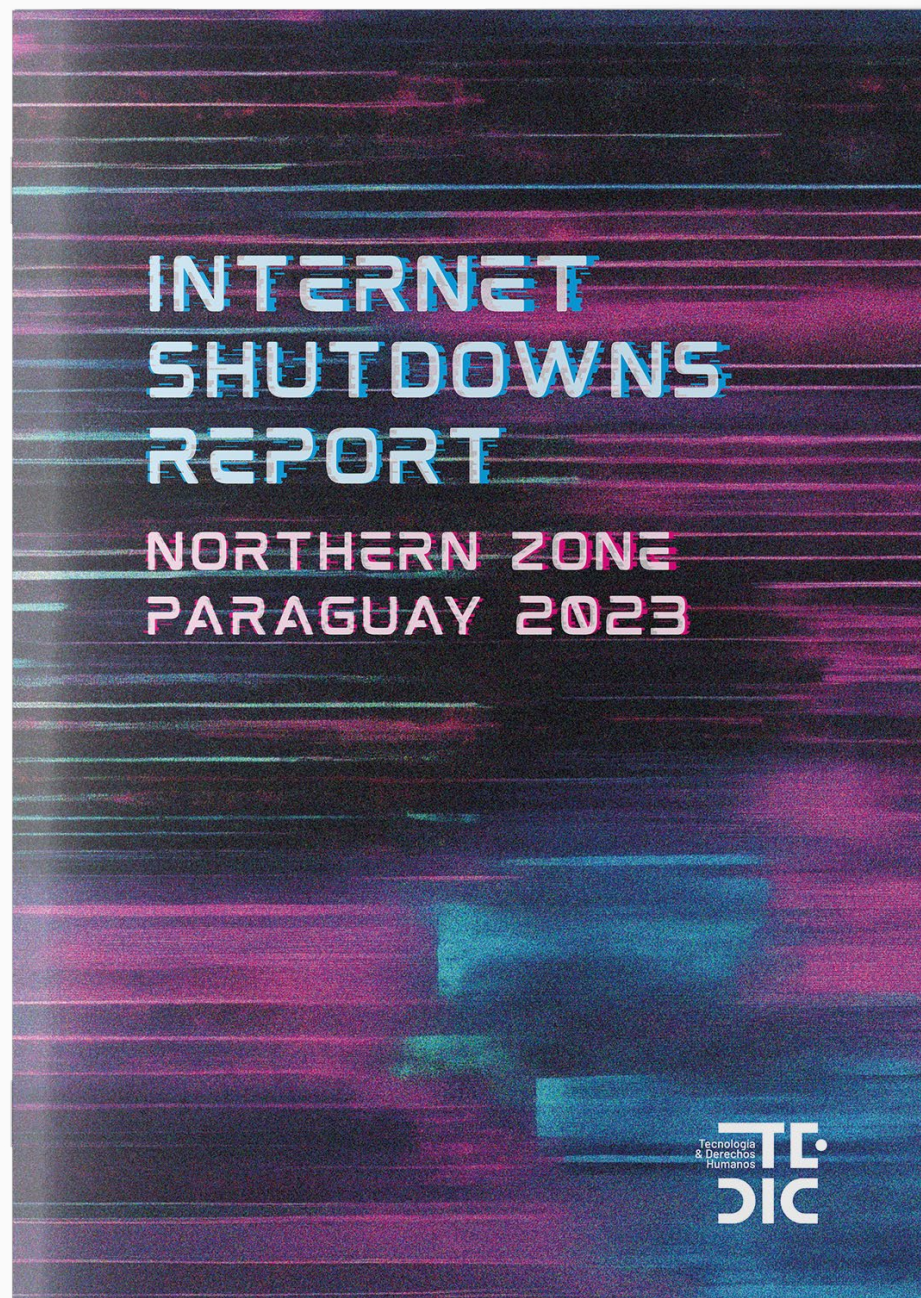
## Research on Internet shutdowns in northern Paraguay

The use of digital technologies in security contexts is a growing trend. From the [use of drones and facial recognition cameras](#) in public spaces to the use of surveillance software to combat various crimes, states are using the rhetoric of security to implement digital technologies that often fail the test of respecting our human rights.

In the same vein, there is an undeniable tendency to implement what is colloquially known as “internet blackouts” under various arguments that appeal to the containment of civil unrest and the preservation of the internal security of states. **Suspicious about possible internet blackouts are not foreign to Paraguay.** The [Human Rights Coordinator of Paraguay](#) (CODEHUPY) carried out an [observation mission in the Northern Zone](#) of the eastern region of Paraguay (departments of Concepción, San Pedro and Amambay). Following this systematisation, we identified the need for a specific study to understand –in greater detail– these testimonies. This report seeks to shed light on a subject that has been little explored in Paraguay. Through interviews with local inhabitants and network monitoring through the platforms of the Open Observatory on Network Interference (OONI) and Internet Outage Detection and Analysis (IODA), a series of findings were documented that reflect an enormous precariousness in varying degrees in the Northern Zone of the country, which can contribute positively to the invisibility of the existence of internet outages.

This report was produced in collaboration with several institutions. We want to thank Thomson Reuters’ Trustlaw programme, the international OONI project, and K+LAB of the Karisma Foundation for their contributions to the legal and technical aspects of this report. We would also like to thank CODEHUPY, SERPAJ, and various peasant organisations in the Northern Zone for all their support in visiting the Northern Zone of the country in situ.

All these actions around freedom of expression and free culture were made possible with the support of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), Tactical Tech, the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), Fondo Mujeres del Sur (FMS), Privacy International and the Global Network Initiative (GNI).





# WOMEN'S RIGHTS ON THE INTERNET AND DIGITAL GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

#Campaign

#Advocacy

#Research

Gender, sexual orientation, race, class and disability not only define social interactions, but also significantly influence how people access and use technology. Just as technology can be a powerful vehicle for asserting our rights and autonomies, it also presents us with new challenges, especially in the context of digital gender-based violence.

Aware of these dynamics, we carry out a series of campaigns and advocacy actions aimed at fighting digital violence and promoting a safe and respectful online environment for all women. These initiatives include education and awareness raising on the risks and consequences of digital violence, as well as policy advocacy to support the right to a safe digital space. In addition, we work in collaboration with legislators, technology platforms and other key stakeholders to develop and implement effective measures to protect women and other vulnerable groups in the digital sphere. Our commitment is to ensure that technology is a space of autonomy and not oppression, where our rights are respected and promoted.

## Research on Digital Gender-Based Violence against Journalists in Paraguay

Journalists have to face digital gender-based violence daily, with significant consequences in both personal and professional spheres, given that the Internet and social networks have transformed the dynamics of political and journalistic debate. In this context, researchers Maricarmen Sequera and Jazmín Acuña identified the need to lead this research, which considers the state of the art, the historical analysis and the definition of the different aspects of this problem.

The main objective was to assess whether the participants had experienced digital violence related to their gender in the journalistic environment, thus challenging the erroneous notion that gender-based violence is limited to physical contexts and demonstrating how it manifests itself in the digital world. Through surveys, interviews and focus groups, the research characterised online violence against journalists in Paraguay.

**More than 100 journalists from Paraguay contributed valuable perspectives, enriching the report with their experiences.**

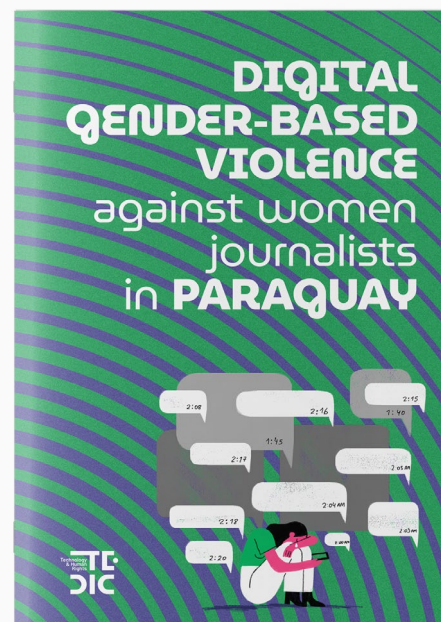
The research mapped that journalists in Paraguay face 12 specific types of online attacks.

This research recognises the critical role of women journalists as defenders of freedom of expression. It highlights the need to address digital violence against women journalists and promote digital safety training.

For the research's launch, we organised a private event. We invited more than fifty journalists who were part of this work to a launch toast at our offices. That day, we gave the research and other gifts from TEDIC merchandise to the attendees. We also took the opportunity to meet and continue strengthening the spaces in which we feel safe.

Several journalists gave us a message about the importance of such an investigation in Paraguay!

 [Messages from journalists](#)



# Regional consultation on freedom of expression and digital gender-based violence

The [consultation on Freedom of Expression and Digital Gender Violence in Latin America](#) was led by the Association for Progressive Communications (APC) and TEDIC, with support from IFEX. This event was held virtually, focusing on the issue of the persistent gender imbalance on the internet, specifically in freedom of expression. Despite significant gender progress made by women in this field, they still face repression of their voices. In the digital age, the internet has become a new battleground in the struggle for women's rights, providing platforms for women's expression and expanding opportunities for their repression. Technology plays a crucial role in women's participation and expression, so it is essential to understand its impact in detail.

During the consultation, Rapporteur Irene Khan discussed the various forms of online gender-based violence. She sought to understand how women's freedom of expression could best be protected. Important questions were raised, such as the distinction between "gender disinformation" and other types of online harassment, the threshold for considering misogynistic speech as "hate speech" and the need for an updated definition of online gender-based violence. In addition, the strategic and practical value of these concepts for activists was explored, setting global policy advocacy goals to address these challenges.

**More than 50 people from more than 20 organisations from the region participated.**



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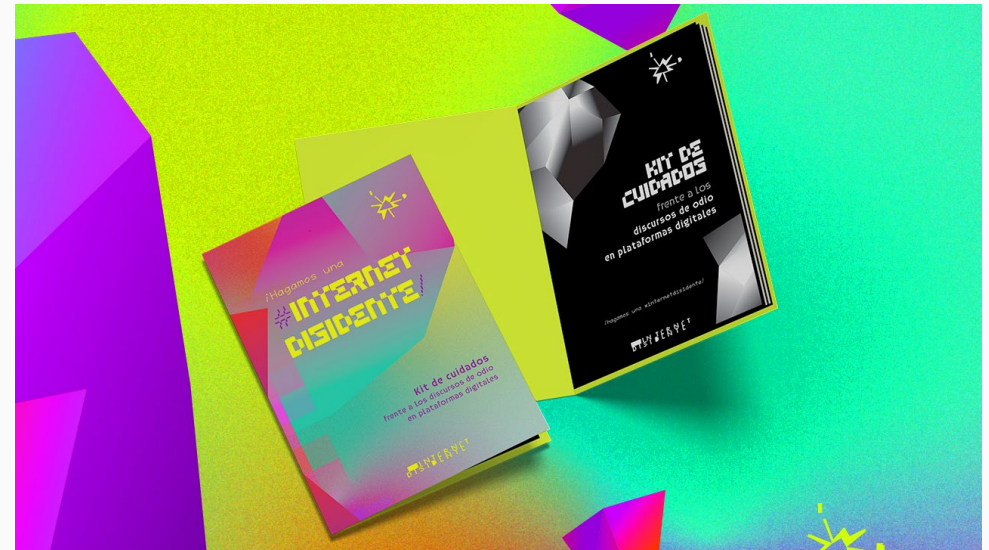


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# Dissident Internet

In collaboration with TEDIC, [Hiperderecho](#) (Peru), and [Luchadoras](#) (Mexico), we developed the “Dissident Internet” campaign. The campaign featured a series of three informative videos addressing issues such as resistance to algorithmic biases, non-neutrality of technologies, and a journey to an Internet of the future.

In addition, we developed a [digital safety and self-care kit](#), which aims to function as a tool for all people to navigate and counteract hate speech in digital spaces. The kit is the product of two listening groups, where more than 30 people from Paraguay, Peru, and Mexico shared their experiences and strategies for activism and resistance.



**We gave away more than 100 kits at the 25N march and other feminist events!** Seeking to lay the foundations for a community on the move that dialogues, creates, resists, and stands against hate and for all our human rights, we position ourselves from resistance and enjoyment. We recognise that pleasure, healing, and creativity are essential to sustain our resistance in digital environments.

“[Dissident Internet](#)” is more than just a campaign; it is a way of inhabiting digital spaces and an opportunity to reimagine the Internet from our narratives of resistance and existence from the South. To extend the reach of this campaign, we worked with Andamos Flotando, a Mexican “twisted design” studio, who, from their dissident experiences, accompanied the entire graphic development of the project.

All the inputs we developed, from the identity to the manifesto, are available under an open license: you can also adapt your messages and digital creations with our dissident identity!

## ¡EXTRA!

The campaign messages were present at both the 8M and 25N marches. More than 20 volunteers and 30 people marched through the streets of Asunción carrying the principles of a Dissident Internet on high.



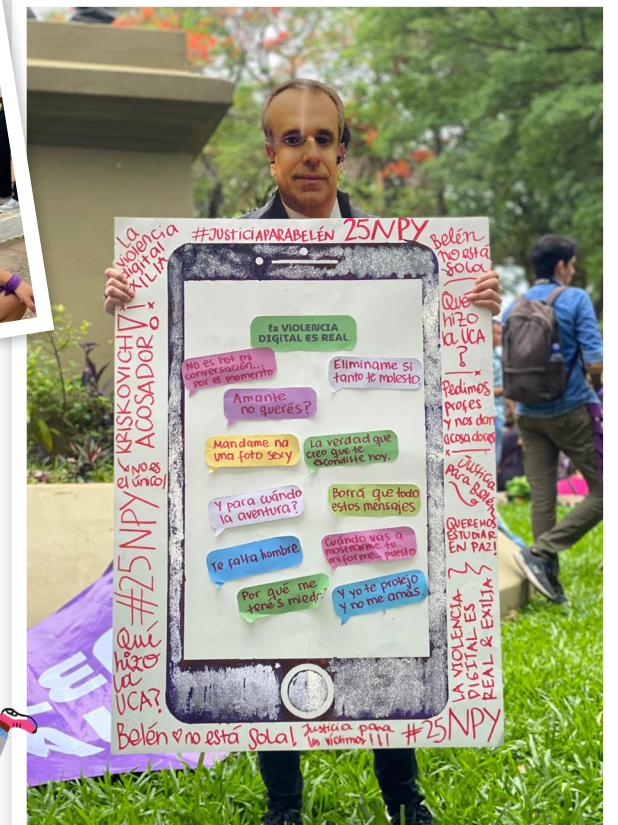
## Accompanying Belén Whittingslow's case

Every 25 November, we commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. From TEDIC, we participate, as we do every year, in the march's organisational assemblies as well as other instances of discussion and activism for the recognition that [#DigitalViolenceIsReal](#).

In addition to the organisational meetings for the march, in the days leading up to 25 November, we organised a minga in which, with the help of volunteers, we prepared posters and materials for direct action in defence of Belén Whittingslow. Belén denounced sexual harassment by her professor at the Catholic University of Asunción, Cristian Kriskovich, and she is currently a refugee in Uruguay after claiming to have been subjected to legal persecution by her aggressor. TEDIC continues to support this case at the international level through the strategic litigation filed with CEJIL. At the national level, we carry Belén's voice and claims wherever she cannot be present.

On the day of the march, with the help of our team of volunteers, we carried out a direct action in the form of a performance. In this intervention, we denounced the case of Kriskovich, Belén's harassing teacher and aggressor, as an example that possibly represents many invisible situations of abuse of power between teachers and students, facilitated by technology. We also highlight the lack of intervention protocols in cases of sexual harassment.

At the end of the artistic intervention, we provided a mailbox for people to leave messages of solidarity with Belén. Numerous colleagues participated by writing letters, wishing that she would soon return to Paraguay and be able to live in peace.



## Other actions

- We added more than 30 **All-male panels**: throughout the year, we registered new ones with all-male panels and political meetings to make visible the absence of women in various areas, a continuous effort to promote gender equality.
- We recorded [the case of Menchi Barriocanal](#) on the disinformation campaigns against her, considering them a form of digital gender-based violence.
- We are part of the PREVIM roundtable: as representatives of civil society, we occupy a prominent place in the Roundtable for the Prevention of Violence against Women (PREVIM). We have participated in this roundtable since 2019 and reactivated our commitment since 2023, because it is crucial to mitigate violence against all women from a comprehensive perspective.
- We actively participate in networks such as Women's Rights Online (WRO) and the Coalition Against Online Violence, led by the International Women's Media Foundation, StopNCII, and Regional Campaign: Network, Gender, and Internet.
- We participated in the closed event [“Putting Gender Equality at the Heart of the Global Digital Compact”](#) convened by the Association for Progressive Communications, UNFPA, Alliance for Universal Digital Rights, Equality Now, Pollicy, Digital Rights, UN Women, Digital Rights Foundation and World Wide Web Foundation, which featured a series of conversations between member states and civil society organisations on how to make gender a crosscutting theme of the Global Digital Compact.
- In this and other areas, we aim to influence public policies against digital violence, adopting an inter-institutional perspective of prevention and mitigation. We focus not only on a punitive approach but on building strategies that comprehensively address this phenomenon.

All these actions around women's autonomy on the Internet and the fight against digital violence were made possible with the support of the Coalition Against Online Violence (CAOV) and the Fondo Mujeres del Sur (FMS), AVINA - INDELA.





# DIGITAL SECURITY FOR JOURNALISTS & HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

**#Campaign**

**#Advocacy**

**#Training**

Those engaged in journalism or defending our human rights often find themselves on the frontline, not only in the quest to provide us with more and better access to information and defence of our rights but also in the struggle to maintain their digital security in the face of specific and constant threats. From protecting confidential sources to safeguarding their privacy, those engaged in journalism and defending our human rights need digital security skills to accompany their day-to-day professional lives.

# S.O.S journalist campaign

Recognising the need for resources and training in this area, TEDIC, with the support of Digital Defenders, presented the campaign [“S.O.S Journalist: A Digital Survival Kit for Journalists”](#).

We are not only looking for answers to emerging challenges in digital security but also to empower anyone interested in the methods and tools needed to protect themselves online!

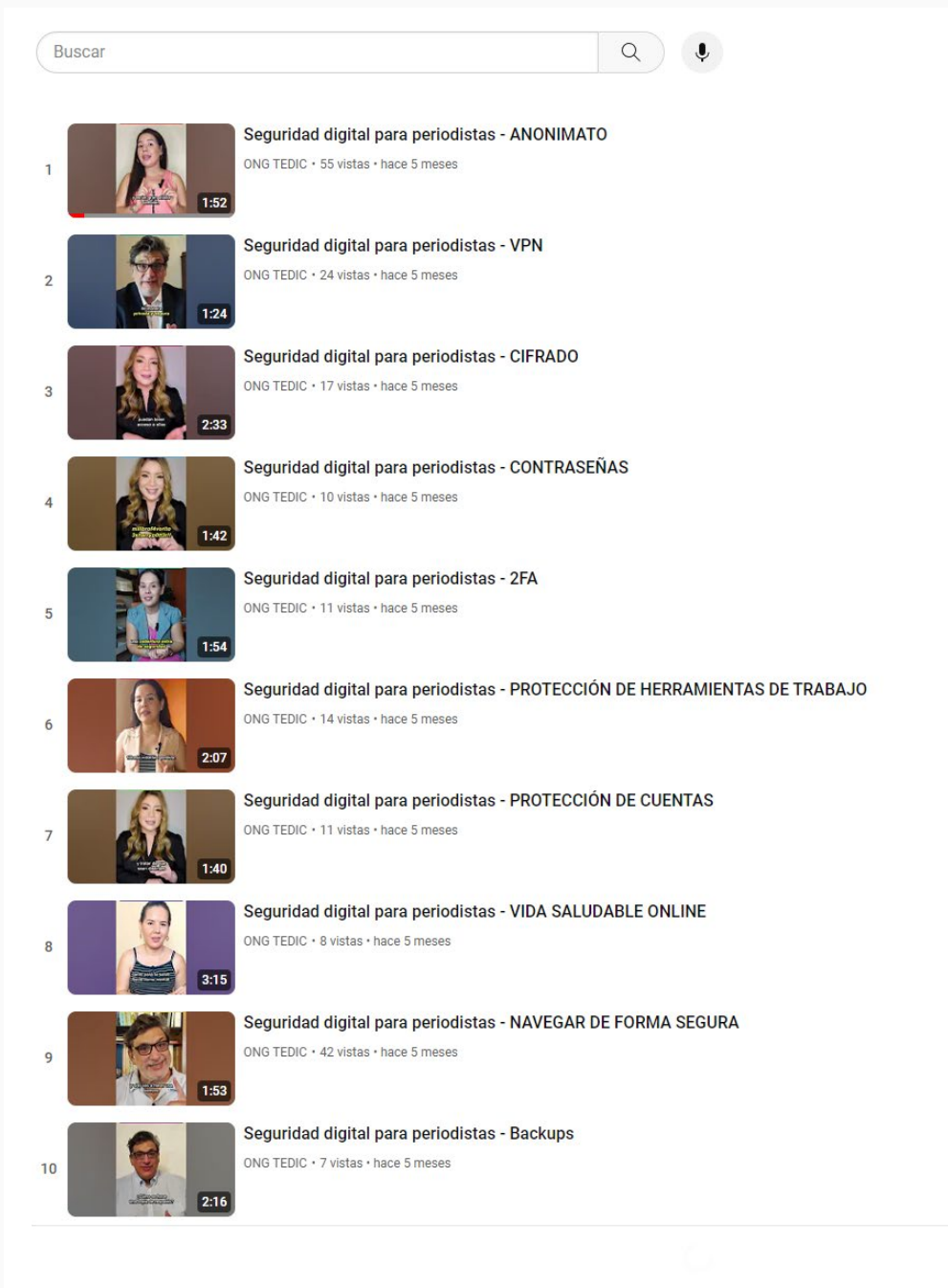
Each of the ten campaign videos focuses on a specific aspect of digital security, ensuring journalists and communicators can navigate the digital world confidently and safely. These ten videos’ content is the product of meetings and interviews with more than ten journalists. In these meetings, we jointly sought to identify the main challenges for those in need of digital security tools:



1. Anonymity
2. VPN
3. Data encryption
4. Passwords
5. Two-steps verification
6. Secure browsing
7. Back-ups
8. Protecting work tools
9. Protecting accounts, and
10. A healthy digital life



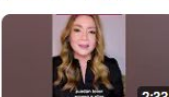
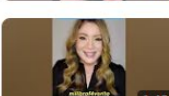






The campaign counted the participation of three well-known media personalities in Paraguay: Angie Prieto, Rocío Pereira Da Rosa and Diego Marini.

**The campaign reached over 450,000 people on social media and was shared on regional and international networks!**

 [Playlist YouTube Digital security for journalists](#)



Buscar  

- 1  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - ANONIMATO**  
ONG TEDIC • 55 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 2  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - VPN**  
ONG TEDIC • 24 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 3  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - CIFRADO**  
ONG TEDIC • 17 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 4  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - CONTRASEÑAS**  
ONG TEDIC • 10 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 5  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - 2FA**  
ONG TEDIC • 11 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 6  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - PROTECCIÓN DE HERRAMIENTAS DE TRABAJO**  
ONG TEDIC • 14 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 7  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - PROTECCIÓN DE CUENTAS**  
ONG TEDIC • 11 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 8  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - VIDA SALUDABLE ONLINE**  
ONG TEDIC • 8 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 9  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - NAVEGAR DE FORMA SEGURA**  
ONG TEDIC • 42 vistas • hace 5 meses
- 10  **Seguridad digital para periodistas - Backups**  
ONG TEDIC • 7 vistas • hace 5 meses

## Organisational Security Support (ORSEG)

As part of our mission, we carry out an organisational security strengthening process every year aimed at various organisations and media in Paraguay and the region. This process includes a comprehensive digital security audit, which allows us to identify and address specific vulnerabilities within the organisational structures. In addition, we assist these organisations in acquiring secure technologies appropriate to their needs, including installing encrypted and secure communication tools.

In addition to these technical actions, we provide advice on the design and implementation of customised digital security protocols, which are specifically adapted to each organisation's needs and characteristics. This accompaniment also extends to the design of protocols in complementary areas such as privacy and personal data protection and the planning of measures to strengthen other security dimensions: emotional, physical, and legal. Our comprehensive approach ensures that organisations are technologically equipped and have a solid foundation to manage the various aspects of organisational security proactively.



## Bootcamp 2023: “Political finance, data, election and technology”

In its sixth edition, Bootcamp 2023 held two training sessions in April and October in Asunción and Ciudad del Este. In a year marked by the general elections in Paraguay, these two editions focused on elections, data, and technopolitics. This was the first year in which the Bootcamp was held in Asunción and Ciudad del Este.

The Bootcamp is a training programme for journalists based on exchanging experiences, knowledge, and tools for producing journalism and digital rights projects. These meetings and talks were given and moderated by national and international professionals from the Latin American region with extensive experience in the field. We aim to continue training journalists from all over the country and the region.

For the 2023 edition, the sixth and seventh, of the Bootcamp, we generated strategic alliances with Paraguayan media outlets, including: Última Hora, El Nacional, El Independiente and Radio Libre for its edition in Asunción and with the Universidad Americana, Universidad Unida and the media Última Hora, El Urbano, El Puente and Quántico for its edition in Ciudad del Este.

After two periods of selecting journalists and students, we developed a series of six training days for each edition and a one-and-a-half-month mentoring programme for the production of journalistic pieces on **personal data, disinformation, digital gender violence, regulation of internet intermediaries, techno-politics, and democracy.**

We have speakers from the following organisations and countries:

- Transparencia Eleitoral Brasil – Brazil
- Chequeado – Argentina
- Visualizando – Argentina
- Semillas para la democracia – Paraguay
- Artículo 19 – Mexico
- TEDIC – Paraguay



## BOOTCAMP 2023

As an outcome of the mentoring programme, 10 journalistic articles were written and published covering the following topics: political spending on social media, social media as a political tool, political financing, political campaigns on social media, accountability and transparency, and digital violence against women politicians.

All articles are available on the website [bootcamp.tedic.org](https://bootcamp.tedic.org).

In addition:

We had the visit of Paula Saucedo, Protection and Advocacy Officer of [Artículo19 - Mexico and Central America](#), who gave the last keynote speech of the Bootcamp 2023 on Political Finance. The talk, entitled “Security and narco-surveillance of journalists. The Mexican case” provided a better understanding of the implications of the technology implemented by powerful groups, exposing recent examples of the use of surveillance software and the risks involved in the exercise of freedom of expression in the face of the advance of organised crime in our continent. Paula also accompanied us to visit the editorial offices of Última Hora and El Independiente, where she shared her experience with journalists.

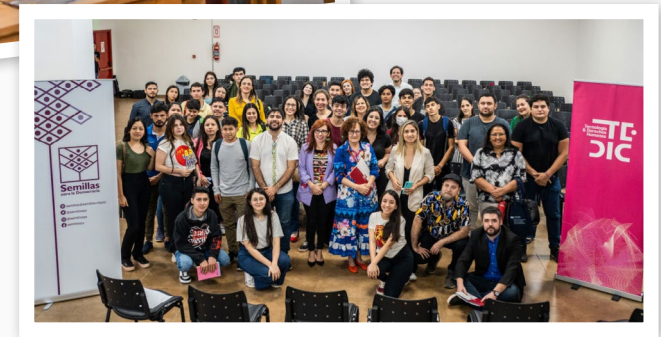
 [Paula Saucedo & Leonardo Gómez Berniga at 5díasTV](#)

In Asunción, we organised and participated in the panel debate “Security of journalists and human rights defenders in the face of digital threats”. The event was supported by Semillas para la Democracia, CODEHUPY, Revista Emancipa, Sindicato de Periodistas de Paraguay, Mujeres que Crean and Sociedad de Comunicadores de Paraguay.

In Ciudad del Este, we organised the seminar [“Power under the magnifying glass: information against impunity”](#), held at UNIDA University. This seminar was a space for reflection and discussion on the importance of transparency and the fight against impunity in electoral processes. More than 45 participants attended it. It included presentations by Carlos Peris, a specialist in organised crime, Marta Ferrera, director of Semillas para la Democracia and Ruth Benítez and Robert Irrazábal, journalists from the newspaper Última Hora.

Also, in Ciudad del Este, we had two training workshops by Andrés Snitcofsky, an Argentinean expert on data and elections. Andrés presented “Animarse a visualizar”, where he shared conceptual tools and techniques for creating compelling data visualisations.

**More than ten students and journalists were able to attend this training workshop!**



This project was supported by Semillas para la Democracia. This organisation promotes the CREER Project “Greater citizen control to fight the influence of organised crime and corruption in elections”.

## A digital transition that considers environmental justice

Climate change and the development of the digital age are two fundamental realities of our time that intersect in multiple ways, bringing both challenges and opportunities.

Together with the Kuña Aty Women's Committee of Táva Guaraní and the [Terraforming Institute](#) of Chile, we worked on the development of this project that seeks to answer some of the following questions:

- What are the opportunities and challenges of advancing digitalisation for our environment? How do we reduce the effects of the climate crisis?
- What is the contribution of rural communities to rethink practices that accelerate the deterioration of our environment?
- How do we achieve a digital transition with a social justice perspective?

To this end, we made three trips to the Táva Guaraní community in San Pedro. In the first meeting, we developed the first listening group where we collectively identified the digital transition needs of the Táva Guaraní women and their community. These days of collective dialogue allowed us to nurture each other's knowledge and advance in developing subsequent project activities. These activities included a series of workshops on digital security, the development of a website for the organisation, the development of digital security videos in Guaraní and a podcast recording workshop that resulted in 3 episodes of a series entitled "[Ñe'e ñembohasa](#)", spread the word, in English.

The main idea and objective of all these contents were always the development of local and community skills for the preservation of the peasant identity in a digital transition and the search for the women of the Táva Guaraní community to be able to participate in digital environments in an autonomous, safe way, being the protagonists of this transition, if they so wish.





In addition, with Paz Peña from the Instituto Terraformación in Chile, we produced a publication that aims to guide the Paraguayan state when thinking about a digital transition from a climate justice perspective.

In this Project, we developed:

- A new podcast series in Guaraní entitled “Ñe’e ñembohasa”, pasar la voz, in Spanish. Stories starring the women of the Táva Guaraní community.
- A digital security course in Guaraní presented in a series of 10 video-capsules in Guaraní with Spanish subtitles.
- A communication campaign on social networks to present all products in Guaraní and bring content in a language that needs greater representation on the Internet.
- The publication of a document with recommendations for the Paraguayan State.
- The printing of 50 posters with the identity of the project, which were given to the women of Táva Guaraní.

Other actions:

- We helped recover seven accounts of journalists and human rights defenders on the META platform, a platform of which we are a legitimate partner for the recovery of accounts of journalists and human rights defenders in Paraguay.
- In addition, the TikTok platform joined us as the legitimate counterpart for complaints and account recovery for journalists and human rights defenders in Paraguay.



All these actions around the protection and digital security of journalists and human rights defenders were possible with the support of Digital Defenders, the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), Semillas para la Democracia and the CREER project and the META and TikTok platforms.

The background features a blue-to-purple gradient. Overlaid on this is a dense, intricate network of thin lines in red and green. These lines form a complex, web-like structure that resembles a neural network or a data flow diagram. The lines are most concentrated in the upper right and lower right areas, with some lines extending towards the left. The overall effect is one of dynamic, interconnected activity.

# **INTERNATIONAL IMPACT**

# Impact on global regulations and positions

As an organisation committed to human rights, we join the international community and other human rights and digital rights organisations in advocating for international regulations and denouncing human rights abuses, requesting respect, protection and guarantee of our fundamental rights through position statements, collective actions and participation in consultations with international bodies. In order to achieve this objective, this year:

- We sent our [contributions to the Global Digital Compact](#) (GDC).
- We signed a letter for the [Global Digital Compact \(GDC\) to have a gender crosscutting perspective](#).
- We participated in UNESCO's ["Internet for trust"](#) conference.
- Together with other international organisations and networks, we take a stand against the [violation of rights in Gaza](#) and the need to stop the use of autonomous weapons.
- We made visible the [importance of talking about digital identity](#) in a local and global context.



## Articulated work

This year, we highlight our work with ALSur, a consortium of 11 civil society organisations and academia, of which we have been a member organisation as well as executive and administrative coordinator since 2020. Among the main advocacy actions carried out during the year, through ALSur, are:

- Our joint contributions to the Global Digital Compact (GDC) were made jointly with all ALSur organisations. This enabled the development of a robust position based on TEDIC's various positions and studies on technology, education and human rights issues.
- Our participation in RightsCon and in the private session “Building a Latin American agenda for digital security” which brought together more than 35 representatives of civil society and governments from the region –including Chile, Peru, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Bolivia– and the participation of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR).
- Our participation in RightsCon in a private session that linked researchers from the Fairwork network with public policy makers at the MERCOSUR level, in order to generate spaces for reflection on evidence collected in various member countries of the bloc and in relation to the enjoyment of labour standards in the emerging platform economy, including Paraguay. In order to establish points of contact between MERCOSUR members and researchers linked to the platform economy in each of the member countries of the bloc.
- We met in Kyoto, Japan to organise our annual strategic plan, in order to plan for the future global discussion processes that 2024 holds for us as a region.
- Official launch of the Digital ID Coalition: As members of the Digital ID network, we participated in the official launch of the Digital ID Coalition at the IGF Global, where we held a dialogue with the UN Tech Envoy to articulate as a group and present our concerns regarding foundational digital identity systems.

As we look back on our journey this year, it is essential to highlight our commitment and effort to network and systematically work with various international networks. Our active participation in networks and coalitions such as CAO, the Civil Society Forum on Personal Data (FSC), GNI, WRO, APC, ALSur, the OAS Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, UNFPA, among others, is a fundamental pillar in our advocacy work at the international level, enabling collaborative and cross-border work that strengthens our influence and broadens our perspective. .



# Community and digital security

This year we ventured to build [new forms of territorial connection](#) –both online and offline – strengthening our links with diverse friend communities by articulating collective actions together with activists from feminist, LGBTBIQ+, cultural and artistic sectors.

We also continue to discuss regionally and internationally our local strategies for the defence of free knowledge and a collaborative Internet culture that strengthens the exercise of our rights in digital environments and beyond. To achieve these goals:

- Together with other feminist organisations, we participated in the workshop “Feminist Internet Safety” in which we shared tips and resources on [digital safety to practice sexing safely](#).
- We participated in the [“Feria al Parque”](#), the June Pride march fair, the Colectiva Robusta fairs and the [Sorora Festival](#) together with other civil society organisations and activists in Paraguay. In these spaces we shared our campaigns “Mis Datos Mis Derechos (My data, My Right)”, “Mente en Línea (Mind on line)”, “Internet Disidente (Internet Dissident)”, “Libres y Segures en Internet (Free and Safe on the Internet)”, among others.
- Throughout the year we raffled our new merchandise designs more than three times with our entire community.
- We participated once again in the [Creative Commons Global Summit](#), held this year in Mexico City from 3 to 6 October.
- We participated in the prestigious [Digital Rights Defenders and Social Festival](#) in Estoril, Portugal. This enriching meeting brought together more than 500 people with whom we shared experiences and strengthened partnerships.
- We attended the fifth COSIC meeting in Bogotá, a vital space to improve the digital security of our organisation and community.
- We participated in the [Crypto Rave](#) - Sao Paulo (May 2023), in charge of the discussion table “Nós cuidamos uns dos outros; a vossa saúde digital é importante (We care for each other; your digital health is important)” presenting our projects on digital care with a focus on human rights.



- We organised two panels at MozFest 2023, during which [we shared in the community](#) about the different campaigns that we have been carrying out for digital rights from organisations and civil society to strengthen activism in the region and discuss [the future of surveillance](#) in the workplace.
- Celebrating [National Volunteer Day in Paraguay](#), we organised a workshop on digital activism and security in collaboration with the [World Wildlife Fund in Paraguay \(WWF\)](#), focusing on the importance of data protection and privacy in digital activism

## ¡EXTRA!

Throughout this year we conducted several workshops on digital security and feminist Internet at national and international level, in asynchronous virtual formats and moodle. These workshops were attended by around 200 beneficiaries.



**EVENTS**

Participamos de **59 eventos** en total como panelistas o moderadores a nivel nacional e internacionales, entre ellos se destacan:

### RightsCon 2023 – Costa Rica

With the attendance of 8,332 participants, including 2,871 face-to-face and 5,466 online, the conference brought together representatives from 174 countries and 689 organisations. From TEDIC, we participated in person, being in charge of 8 sessions in which Maricarmen Sequera and Eduardo Carrillo, co-directors of the organisation, and Araceli Ramirez, coordinator of the organisation's communication area, participated. In addition to the eight sessions organised, there were other round tables for discussion and participation in different spaces for dialogue and training, intending to influence the regulatory and technological policy agendas at the global and regional levels, establishing new alliances, and offering critical approaches to evaluating the various international agreements under discussion.

#### Sessions organised:

- [Session 1](#): “Internet Service Providers and Data Privacy Rights: Challenges, Trends and Ways Forward in Latin America and Spain”.
- [Session 2](#): “Seeking multilateralism in the platform economy: strategies for promoting workers’ rights in the Global South”.
- [Session 3](#): “Reclaiming and building workers’ power in an era of workplace surveillance.”
- [Session 4](#): “Dialoguing on inter-American standards to build a public and democratic debate online”.
- [Session 5](#): “Non-discrimination by design: how can digital work platforms combat gender-based bias/violence?”
- [Session 6](#): “Data and Action: Using Data Analytics for Incident Response and Threat Prevention”.
- [Session 7](#): “Neither China nor Silicon Valley: A Regulatory Initiative from Latin America and the Caribbean”.
- [Session 8](#): “F\*ck it, we’ll do it ourselves: building products to prevent and counter gender-based violence online”.



In addition, throughout the week of the event, we participated in several private meetings and discussion sessions. One of these meetings convened us as a member organisation of the [AISur](#) consortium, which brought together more than 35 representatives of civil society and governments from the region –including Chile, Peru, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Bolivia– and the participation of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of expression of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR) in the private session [“Building a Latin American agenda for digital security”](#).

## Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2023 - Japan

Since its inception in 2006, the IGF has been an annual space for multi-stakeholders, including governments, business, civil society and academia, to discuss relevant Internet issues such as the upcoming launch of the UN Global Digital Compact (GDC) document; the regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies, the regulation of platforms, the narrowing of technology use and access gaps, and the need for sustainable approaches to the climate crisis.

[TEDIC has participated in this event since 2014.](#) This year, Eduardo Carrillo and Maricarmen Sequera were present as co-directors of the organisation. They were in charge of the following sessions:

- [Session 1:](#) Advancing digital inclusion and human-rights:ROAM-X approach.

This session focused on how digital inclusion can improve the respect and promotion of human rights in the digital environment, considering aspects such as equitable access to technology and the importance of digital literacy.

- [Session 2:](#) Strategic Litigation in LATAM on Gender Digital Violence.

In this session, we address the challenges and strategies related to strategic litigation in cases of digital gender-based violence, a critical issue in the fight for rights and gender equality in the digital space.

- [Session 3:](#) Strengthening worker autonomy in modern workplace.

In this session, we discuss how the digital transformation of work redefines the boundaries of employer-worker relationships, addressing the need for changes in labour issues in the platform economy.

In addition, together with the other organisations in the AISur consortium we also participated in our [annual meeting](#) to advance the strategic planning agenda. Taking advantage of our presence in Kyoto, we dedicated an entire day to finalising the design of the consortium's governance scheme, a process of institutional strengthening that has been underway since 2022.





## Global Trends in Human Rights and Democracy Online

Sao Paulo (February 2023)

We discussed current trends in human rights and democracy in the digital sphere.

## Internet for Trust – Towards Guidelines for Regulating Digital Platforms as a Public Good

Paris (February 2023)

We participated in the consultative meeting and different closed discussion tables on developing the guide for regulating digital platforms organised by UNESCO. From TEDIC, we have been actively collaborating since the beginning of this consultation in 2022.

## Dialogue with UN Women Bolivia

Online (March 2023)

We participated in the side event of [#CSW2023](#) in the presentation “Innovation, technological change, and education in the digital era to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls” organised by [UN Women Bolivia](#).

## C20 for Technology, security, and transparency

Online (March 2023)

We participated in this policy dialogue, which brought together international CSOs to contribute to recommending policies that represent the voices of civil society in the run-up to the G20. TEDIC shares the research on security, technology, and borders that we have been working on in partnership with Data Privacy Brazil and Privacy International.

## Forum 2000: Technology and Democracy

Sao Paulo (March 2023)

We attended the talk “Civic Space and Digital Threats to Democracy”, discussing the state of civic space in the region and the role of technology in this scenario.

## ADC in Focus: elections and technology

Online (April 2023)

Ahead of the general elections in Paraguay, we participated in the panel on “Electoral propaganda spending on social networks” together with other regional organisations.

## Americanist Congress on Technology and Human Rights in border areas

Foz de Iguazu (July 2023)

We presented the exploratory study [Technology and Human Rights in border areas](#), which explores the security programmes CIOF/Muralha Inteligente (Brazil) and the Automated Migratory System of Facial Recognition (Paraguay). It proposes a space for reflection to analyse various border security programmes, which have a component of digital technologies, to understand the risks and opportunities in this area from a human rights perspective.

## Open and Inclusive Parliaments: Experiences and Strategies in Latin America

Brasilia (August 2023)

We participated in the discussion organised by ParlAmericas and the Federal Senate of Brazil on issues related to gender equality in parliaments, such as addressing gender-based violence and care policies. In addition, we shared experiences and good parliamentary practices, both at the functional and administrative levels and in the legislative sphere.

## Seminars in Latin America on Freedom of Expression

Online (October 2023)

Columbia Global Freedom of Expression, UNESCO and the Foundation for Press Freedom developed this space to address the different contemporary issues facing freedom of expression in Latin America. From TEDIC, we participated in the debate on Content moderation in social networks: Who decides what should be on the Internet?

## Seminar on data governance and artificial intelligence in Mercosur

Online (November 2023)

We participated in the panel: “Data governance in the era of digital transformation in Mercosur”, exploring the experiences of the countries of the region and the challenges that must be faced today in the adoption of technological leaps in Southern Cone countries in the face of historical regulatory debts such as the comprehensive law on personal data protection, especially in Paraguay.

## ABRELATAM and CONDATOS 2023

Montevideo (November 2023)

## IGF Paraguay

Asunción (October 2023)

Together with members of the Paraguayan Personal Data Coalition and the Science and Technology Commission of the Chamber of Deputies, we presented a panel on the challenges and opportunities of having a comprehensive law on personal data in Paraguay.

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# **COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL NETWORKS**

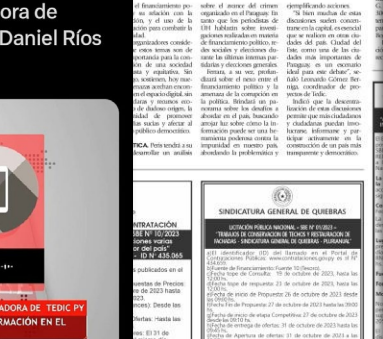
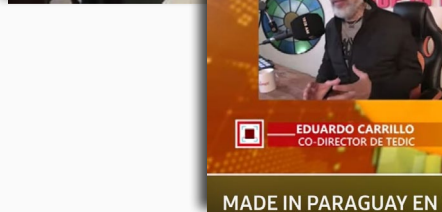
# At TEDIC, we believe in the power and importance of communication to improve the world

In 2023, we emphasised disseminating all of our work across various platforms and formats, from social media campaigns to media interviews, blog writing, and merchandising development. Spreading the word about our work, building partnerships, and being closer to the people are always our goals.

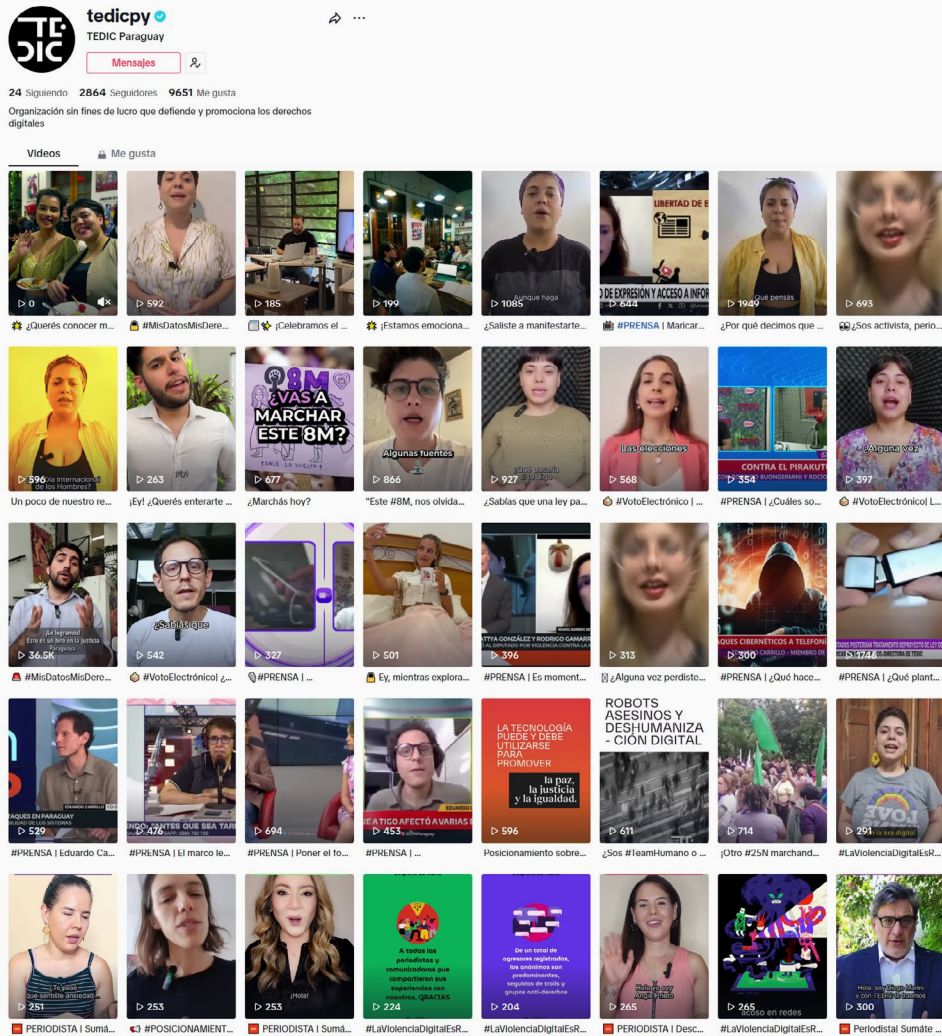
Throughout the year, we write not one, not two, but 51 blogs!

These articles serve as reliable information sources and help build an informed and conscious public discourse on the intersection between technology, human rights, and society. Our voice was heard on 73 occasions throughout Paraguay and the region, with press coverage in countries such as Brazil and Uruguay.

Thanks to the space and the collaboration with different media, this year, we have doubled our annual appearances in interviews and media such as Mega TV, ÚH, Canal PRO, Made In Paraguay, ABC TV, and Senado TV, among others. The hot topic? Democracy and politics, of course, in an election year! However, we do not stop there; we also discuss the digital economy, gender, and much more.








We are also trying to have a more prominent presence in the world of TikTok to connect in a super fresh and fun way - the idea is to give it even more of a fuse in 2024! Now, we are closer than ever with our new WhatsApp channel, where more than 100 people have joined us so they don't miss any of our news.



Last but not least, we've revamped our wardrobe with new merch! New "Libres y Segures" and "Mente en Línea" t-shirts, plus postcards and stickers about our crypto research, our super tote bags, and much more. Let's see our merch as more than just clothing or accessories: for us, it is a statement of principles.



## Our social media metrics

		We interact with	New followers
	Facebook	455.600 people	+710
	Instagram	2.079.000 people	+1030
	X	3.636.100 people	+1350
	LinkedIn	56.019 people	+402
	TikTok	8760 people	+69





**COLLABORATIONS**

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## Nationals

At the national level, with the following:

- ABC – Media
- Alma Cívica – Civil Society
- Amnesty International in Paraguay – Civil Society
- Aireana – Civil Society
- Articuladas – Civil Society
- Asociación Paraguaya de Blockchain – National Community
- Library and Archives of the National Congress – Institution
- Centro cultural La Chispa – National Community
- Development Information and Resource Centre (CIRD) – Civil Society
- Deaf People’s Centre – National Community
- Interdisciplinary Centre for Social Research(CIIS) – Academia
- CEAMSO – Civil Society
- Cinecable – National Community
- Clínica jurídica feminista – Civil Society
- Colectiva Robusta – National Community
- Comisión de Ciencia y Tecnología de la Cámara de Diputados – Institution
- Coordinadora de Derechos Humanos del Paraguay (CODEHUPY) – Civil Society
- Cristianos inclusivos – Civil Society
- Diversidad Frontera PJC – Civil Society
- Diversxs Paraguay – Civil Society
- El Independiente – Media
- El Nacional – Media
- El Puente – Media
- El Urbano – Media
- ExpyLab – National Community
- Faculty of Social Sciences of the National University of Asuncion (FACSO) – Academia
- Fundación Arcoiris – National Community
- Girls Code – Civil Society
- Instituto de Desarrollo (ID) – Academia
- Kuña Poty – National Community
- Kuña Roga – National Community
- Kuña Sorora – National Community
- La Nación – Media
- Made in Paraguay – Media
- National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture – Institution
- Ministry of Justice – Institution
- Ministry of Public Defence – Institution
- Ministry of Women’s Affairs – Institution
- Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare – Institution
- Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies (MITIC) – Institution
- Mitakuña Rock Camp – National Community
- Organisation of Peasant and Indigenous Women (CONAMURI) – Civil Society
- Penguin Academy – Civil Society
- Presentes Encarnación – Civil Society
- Semillas para la Democracia – Civil Society
- Sin Antena FM – Media
- Somos Pytyvohara – National Community
- National Union of Student Centres of Paraguay (UNEPY) – Academia
- Última Hora – Media
- Feminist University Women of Itapúa (UFI) – Academia
- Youth Council Paraguay – Civil Society
- Ñanduti – Media

## Internationals

At the international level, we work with the following organisations and institutions:

- Access Now – Global
- ADC – Argentina
- ALSur – Regional
- Aos Fatos – Brasil
- Artículo 19 – Regional
- Association for progressive communications (APC) – Global
- CELE – Argentina
- Centro de Justicia y Derecho Internacional (CEJIL) – Global
- CETIC – Brasil
- Coalizao direitos na rede – Brasil
- Coalition Against Online Violence (CAOV) – Global
- Data Privacy Brasil – Brasil
- Democracia en Red – Argentina
- Derechos Digitales – Regional
- Datasphere Initiative – Global
- Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) – Estados Unidos
- FLIP – Regional
- Fairwork
- Fundación Karisma – Colombia
- Global Coalition for Tech Justice
- Global Network Initiative (GNI)
- Grupo América Latina y el Caribe (GRULAC) – Regional
- Hiperderecho – Perú
- Idec – Brasil
- Instituto Vero – Brasil
- Internet Bolivia – Bolivia
- InternetLab – Brasil
- Intervoces – Brasil
- Ipandetec – Panamá
- LatFem – Argentina
- Luchadoras – México
- Media Defense
- OBSERVACOM – Regional (Latin American Observatory on Media Regulation and Convergence)
- ONG Amaranta – Chile
- Privacy International – Reino Unido
- ParlAmericas
- Stop Killer Robots – Global
- Tactical Tech – Alemania
- Team Community's
- Thomson Reuters – Trustlaw
- Vita Activa – Regional
- Wikimedia – Global
- Women Rights Online Network – Global

## New alliances

This year we joined a new international network







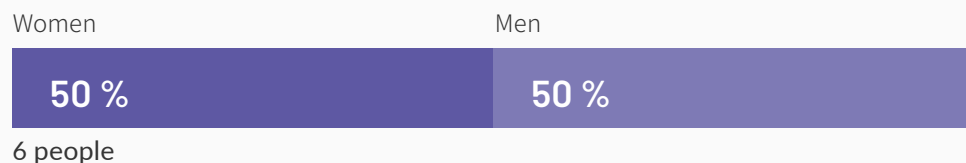
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- Fondo Mines Action Canadá
- Fundación Fondos de Mujeres del Sur (FMS)
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- Tactical Tech
- The National Endowment for Democracy
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- World Wide Web Foundation

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