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## Net Neutrality Revisited - Restricting the Growth of the Internet

**Wednesday, 28th of January 2009**  
**6:30 p.m. (reception & welcome remarks)**  
**7:00 p.m. (panel discussion)**

**Speakers:**  
**Sharon Bowles, MEP, ALDE**  
**Dr. Gernot Pehnelt, Director GlobEcon**

at the  
**Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union**  
**Rue Montoyer 47**  
**1000 Bruxelles**

The EU is considering legislation that will impact the future of the internet. Regulations governing tomorrow's internet must preserve its fundamental freedom while encouraging deployment of broadband to rural and underserved areas.

Legislation currently under consideration would prevent network operators from managing internet traffic. This could lead to unintended consequences, including a significant decrease in innovation online. No one can predict the future, so why risk passing legislation that may jeopardize future innovation?

Dr. Gernot Pehnelt's groundbreaking study 'Net Neutrality Revisited' explores the potential costs to European consumers of 'Net Neutrality' legislation, as well as its impact on economic growth and development.

Please join Sharon Bowles, MEP, and Dr. Pehnelt as they discuss these important challenges of the 21st Century.

We kindly request you to RSVP by e-mail by 27 January 2009 to [gp@globecon.org](mailto:gp@globecon.org)