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NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE AS COMMONS

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Community Networks
netCommons: Challenges

• Community networks are not well understood: “Free” Internet Or local services?

• Some networks remain small local experiments, some other grow up to tens of thousands of nodes. What are the technological and governance models that can help CN thrive?

• How can we frame CNs in a broader perspective? Political Economy, Urban, Social and Media Studies.

• Can we influence policy makers in order to take into consideration the role of CNs? Yes, we need to work with the communities to have their voice heard.
Thanks.

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