



# Quad9 public domain name service moves to Switzerland for maximum internet privacy protection

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## Quotes

### [Center for Democracy and Technology](#)

"End users have made it clear to industry that privacy should be a central focus for internet platforms and infrastructure. This demand-side dynamic cannot be fulfilled with the promises of encryption technology alone, however. Quad9 understands the need to complement their secure and privacy-preserving protocols with policies and practices that protect users, too. Based in Europe, Quad9's DNS service now leverages a strong regulatory environment in the public interest."

Mallory Knodel, CTO, [Center for Democracy and Technology](#)

### [Digitale Gesellschaft \(Digital Society\)](#)

"The privacy and security of Internet users depend on the availability of private and secure services, critically including Domain Name System resolvers. Digitale Gesellschaft operates one such DNS resolver for Switzerland, and we welcome Quad9 and its established global reach to Switzerland."

Eric Schönberger, [Digitale Gesellschaft](#) (Digital Society)

### [Equinix Switzerland](#)

"Digital leaders in Switzerland are reviewing IT strategies to ensure best practices across their digital transformation journeys. Companies like Quad9 are providing key solutions in this area, supporting everyday web traffic, fundamental to the internet puzzle. We are delighted to host this important service at Equinix."

Roger Semprini, Managing Director, [Equinix Switzerland](#)

### [Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams \(FIRST\)](#)

"Quad9 provides an invaluable service keeping internet users secure. Their continued development as an international non-profit, domiciled in a place with strong privacy laws, will ensure that this mission continues to be successful."

Dr. Serge Droz, Chair, [Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams \(FIRST\)](#)

### [Internetstiftelsen](#)

"Quad9's move to Switzerland is a welcome improvement in the world of public resolvers. This change of domicile makes Quad9's commitment to privacy clear: their policies are now bound by the strength of Swiss law. We welcome you to your new home in Europe, Quad9!"

Ulrich Wisser, Senior DNS Expert at the [Swedish Internet Foundation](#)

### [International Association of Privacy Professionals \(IAPP\)](#)

"I'm really impressed by the privacy architecture of Quad9. In addition to providing great security as a DNS resolver, Quad9 doesn't collect or retain personal data. Now, it is relocating to Switzerland, where it will become subject to the rigors of Swiss data protection law, which is similar to GDPR. In addition, it obtained findings of law from the Swiss government whereby it won't be required to retain personal information, nor will it be subject to requests from law enforcement or national security."

Omer Tene, Vice President and Chief Knowledge Officer, [International Association of Privacy Professionals \(IAPP\)](#)

### [International Telecommunication Union \(ITU\)](#)

"This step by Quad9 is a good example of what may need to be done to increase confidence in the Internet globally. It also demonstrates the importance of all stakeholders playing their respective roles - technical community providing a robust technical solution, private sector enabling and supporting the model, and robust government regulation providing a trust-guarantee. A welcome addition to the Internet infrastructure."

Tomas Lamanuskas  
Head of Corporate Strategy Division, [International Telecommunication Union \(ITU\)](#)

### NLnet Labs

"With its transparent privacy policy, board of directors of multiple stakeholders, and strong presence on six continents, Quad9 sets an example for public domain name services for the benefit of the common good. I am proud to be on the governing board of

the Quad9 project during its important transition to European governance. This marks an important milestone for global privacy, with the protection of Swiss law and oversight now available to DNS users around the world."

Benno Overeinder, Director, [NLnet Labs](#)

### Open-Xchange

"As a European DNS vendor, we welcome Quad9's decision to relocate to Switzerland, providing a much needed GDPR-guaranteed public resolver. This proves that strong privacy laws actually attract business."

Vittorio Bertola, Head of Policy & Innovation, [Open-Xchange](#)

### ProtonMail

"Privacy matters, but is increasingly endangered. We're happy to have another major internet infrastructure provider joining the European tech ecosystem, illustrating again that privacy is the future for European tech."

Dr. Andy Yen, Founder and CEO [ProtonMail](#)

### RIPE

"Quad9's organizational move to Switzerland is important for the free and open internet because it provides much-needed geographic and legal diversity in the open DNS resolver space. It also shows that Quad9 is actively seeking to work within the legislative framework that best serves the privacy of its users.

I support the Quad9 open resolver because it puts the end user first and helps build a secure and private internet without collecting – and therefore without the possibility of commercializing – users' personal information. I believe Quad9's philosophy of openness and transparency in handling users' data resonates strongly with the core beliefs of our community."



Christian Kaufmann, chairman [RIPE](#)

#### [The National Cyber Security Centre \(NCSC\)](#)

"The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) of Switzerland supports the idea of conducting Quad9's activities in a non-profit organisation (NPO) in Switzerland. As a neutral location, Switzerland is the premier site for such activities. Together, as a Public Private Partnership (PPP), we can make the internet safer and position Switzerland as a trustworthy location."

Florian Schütz, [Federal Cybersecurity Delegate](#)

#### [Swiss Internet Security Alliance, SISA](#)

"Swiss authorities and leading companies have joined forces in the Swiss Internet Security Alliance, SISA, to make the internet a safe place. We are glad that there are nonprofit organizations like Quad9 that offer Internet users better protection against phishing and malware with a few simple steps, free of charge. Welcome to Switzerland, Quad9! "

Daniel Nussbaumer, President [Swiss Internet Security Alliance, SISA](#)