

Press release

New interconnection options for the Stuttgart region:

Internet Exchange DE-CIX and Stuttgart-IX agree on cloud cooperation

Frankfurt am Main, 2 February 2021. [DE-CIX](#), the operator of the world's largest Internet Exchange in Frankfurt am Main, and [Stuttgart-IX](#), the Internet Exchange for the Stuttgart region, have entered into a strategic partnership. The goal of this partnership is to enable local Internet service providers and regionally based enterprise customers from the Stuttgart metropolitan region to access the [DE-CIX Cloud Exchange](#). For this purpose, Stuttgart IX will be connected to DE-CIX in Frankfurt via a direct, redundant connection, enabling direct access to national and international cloud providers.

"This new partnership and the connection of Stuttgart-IX to DE-CIX in Frankfurt will particularly benefit regional enterprise customers in the Stuttgart area in terms of digitalization and networking," said Dr. Thomas King, Chief Technology Officer at DE-CIX. "It's not just since the Corona pandemic that the digital infrastructure that enterprises use every day to run their businesses has increased massively in importance. The direct and secure exchange of data with large and also specialized cloud platforms, with partner companies from the enterprise's own business ecosystem or with their own national and international offices is business-critical nowadays and is faster and more secure via DE-CIX's interconnection platform."

Moritz Frenzel, Network Architect at Stuttgart-IX, adds: "We are pleased to offer the Stuttgart region a local gateway to the cloud, and thus to be able to offer our participants connections to Amazon, Google, Microsoft & Co. in addition to local peering. This enables enterprises from the Stuttgart area to benefit from the cloud providers' offerings without having to leave Stuttgart. We will continue to focus on our core competence, namely local, high-performance peering in Stuttgart, while DE-CIX opens the gateway to a variety of clouds for our participants."

Focus on enterprise customers

While Stuttgart-IX organizes data exchange in the regional area in an efficient, high-performance and cost-effective manner, DE-CIX is the gateway to the large national and international cloud

and business platforms. This will benefit national and international enterprise customers in particular, as well as local Internet service providers, who will be able to organize their direct connections outside the region via the cooperation.

Marketing via DE-CIX

Stuttgart-IX is a non-profit organization made up of volunteer Internet experts. DE-CIX, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of eco – Association of the Internet Industry (also a company originating from the midst of the Internet community) will, thanks to its extensive sales and marketing resources, take over the marketing of the new cloud offering.

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About DE-CIX

DE-CIX (German Commercial Internet Exchange) is one of the world's leading operators of Internet Exchanges. In total, in its 27 locations in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and North America, DE-CIX provides over 2100 network operators, Internet service providers (ISPs) and content providers from more than 100 countries with peering and interconnection services. The connected customer capacity of all DE-CIX locations worldwide exceeds 70 Terabits. Taken into operation in 1995, DE-CIX in Frankfurt, Germany, with a data throughput of more than 10 Terabits per second (Tbps) and over 1000 connected networks, is one of the largest Internet Exchanges in the world. Further information at www.de-cix.net

About Stuttgart-IX

The Stuttgart Internet Exchange, Stuttgart-IX for short, is the Internet Exchange Point ("IXP") in the heart of the motor city of Stuttgart. Since 2005, the carrier-neutral IXP has enabled carriers, CDNs, ISPs, companies, universities and many other Internet service providers cost-effective and fast regional interconnection. Besides Internet peering via BGP, the IXP also makes switch private Layer2 VLANs possible. Since mid-2011, ISP Service e.G. has been supporting the operation and is the legal entity behind Stuttgart-IX. Since the end of 2019, the operation of the core data center has been taken over by Nepustil.net. The operation of the platform, the configuration and management of the services is run on a voluntary basis by a group of Internet experts from the region. For more information, visit www.stuttgart-ix.de

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