

## DE-CIX Barcelona goes live with three premium enabled sites and 30 connected networks

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- Barcelona has increased its bandwidth by 35 % since 2016 a new study shows.

Madrid/Barcelona, Spain – 14 October 2021. [DE-CIX](#), the world's leading Internet Exchange (IX) operator, continues its commitment to boosting the Iberian interconnection ecosystem and announces that [DE-CIX Barcelona](#), the new interconnection platform in the Catalan capital, is fully operational. DE-CIX Barcelona now offers interconnection services like [peering and private interconnection, along with cloud exchange services](#) through its award-winning Apollon platform, and additional access to top public clouds, including Microsoft Azure, AWS, Google Cloud, IBM Bluemix and Oracle. Following agreements on availability in the premium enabled sites in the bitNAP and Equinix data centers, the company now announces that it will also offer its interconnection services in the EdgeConneX data center in Barcelona.

With this latest expansion to Barcelona, DE-CIX is establishing the largest neutral interconnection ecosystem in Southern Europe, together with its further IXs in Lisbon, Madrid, Palermo, and Marseille. All DE-CIX IXs in Southern Europe serve domestic markets, as well as establishing new European gateways to South and North America, Africa, and Asia. On top, along with interconnecting to DE-CIX Madrid and Marseille, DE-CIX Barcelona is interconnected with one of the world's largest IXs, DE-CIX Frankfurt, through which the company is opening up one of the largest cloud exchanges in the world to enterprises in the Catalan region.

Close to 30 network operators (carriers), Internet service providers (ISPs), content providers, and enterprise networks have already started to exchange traffic and make use of the company's interconnection and cloud services in DE-CIX Barcelona. Among those are global players such as Google and Microsoft, as well as local entities such as the Centre de Telecomunicacions i Tecnologies de la Informació de la Generalitat de Catalunya (CTTI).

According to the Vice President and Minister for Digital Policies and Public Administration of Catalonia, Jordi Puigneró, “the landing of DE-CIX in Barcelona, guaranteeing a **first-level** and global Internet Exchange, augments and amplifies the impact of the arrival of international

submarine cables and the digital port that will host them – all of these being key components to achieve the objectives of the Catalan government’s digital strategy. This Internet Exchange will be an enrichment for our economy and our citizens, since it positions Catalonia as a pole of attraction for companies and international investments in the field of data centers and data exchange points, and will allow substantial improvements in user experience for all those services that require very low latency. We are talking, therefore, of a key investment in the generation of wealth, talent and high value-added jobs.”

“Barcelona is among the top 10 economic centers in Europe by GDP and is also the most promising emerging digital hub, thanks to the great potential of the submarine cables to be deployed in the near future. This will bring the entire digital ecosystem of the Iberian Peninsula to a new level,” said Ivo Ivanov, CEO of DE-CIX International.

The latest study conducted by DE-CIX in collaboration with EllaLink and Interxion this year, [“The Southern European Interconnection Landscape”](#), demonstrates Barcelona’s potential as an interconnectivity hub, with bandwidth increasing by 35% since 2016. With three IXs in operation, and its first international submarine cable coming in 2023, the city is ready to meet the requirements for reliability, speed, and interconnection demanded by infrastructures to ensure optimal network performance with the growing demand for Internet access.

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#### **About DE-CIX Iberia**

DE-CIX on the Iberian Peninsula consists of three interconnected Internet Exchanges (IXs) in Madrid, Lisbon and Barcelona. Together with DE-CIX Marseille (France) and DE-CIX Palermo (Italy) and with 450 connected networks in 11 different data centers, DE-CIX Southern Europe is home to the largest data center and carrier neutral interconnection ecosystem in the region.

Within DE-CIX in Southern Europe, the IXs in Lisbon, Barcelona, Marseille and Palermo act as a perfect gateway to Europe to interconnect directly with local, regional and global networks from America, Africa, and Asia, so that businesses and people can be as close as possible to each other and to the continent. Within its 5 years of existence, DE-CIX Madrid has grown to become the digital hub of this ecosystem, managing traffic throughputs of more than 700 Gbit/s.

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