



Press Release

Celebrating 10 years of DE-CIX & Nokia partnership: DE-CIX's newest Internet Exchange is now ready for service in Finland

Frankfurt am Main (Germany), Espoo (Finland), 31 May 2023. <u>DE-CIX</u>, the world's leading Internet Exchange (IX) operator and home to the largest carrier and data center neutral interconnection ecosystem globally, today announces its newest Internet Exchange, in <u>Helsinki</u> (Finland), is ready for service. The new DE-CIX IX is now available in Equinix's data centers in Helsinki (HE-CIX), with more enabled sites to be announced in due course. In parallel with the launch of the new digital hub, which will be an important part of the DE-CIX interconnection ecosystem in the Nordics, DE-CIX and <u>Nokia</u> today celebrated the 10th anniversary of their trailblazing partnership at Nokia's headquarters in Espoo, close to the Finnish capital.

The award-winning DE-CIX Apollon interconnection and cloud platform includes cloud routing services for companies of all sizes to manage their hybrid and multi-cloud scenarios and gain control of their data beyond the public Internet. With the approach of one access, all clouds, and every network, DE-CIX is bringing its InterconnectionFLEX service to Finland, which provides enterprises with a complete interconnection package as a holistic solution for cloud connectivity, virtual private network interconnects, and direct interconnection between networks, also known as "peering".

DE-CIX's and Nokia's long-standing relationship, which is based on joint research and development efforts and standardization initiatives, has resulted in highly reliable, low-latency and seamless peering and interconnection services for customers around the world for more than ten years now. Nokia provides the most innovative hardware – such as the newly developed FP5 network processor, designed to support 800 Gigabit Ethernet. This technology can be found in the latest Nokia 7750 SR-14s models, which DE-CIX uses, for instance, at Europe's largest IX, DE-CIX Frankfurt.

"Having worked for over a decade to drive our global expansion – with Nokia always responding to the specific regional needs and requirements with world-class hardware – we're delighted to bring our future-proof interconnection services to Nokia's homeland of Finland. As we provide local and internationally acting enterprises with a modern, scalable infrastructure to gain control of their business-critical data journey, we are pleased to continue to have Nokia as a trusted partner. We are looking forward to our joint response to tomorrow's world, where emerging technologies such as the future digital applications for the immersive Internet are also already defining the new standards for latency, data security, and redundancy," says Dr. Thomas King, CTO of DE-CIX.

"We're proud to celebrate this significant milestone with DE-CIX. Our 10-year journey together has been paved with innovations and we're pleased to build upon this success. Together, we are continuing DE-CIX's innovation vision with the expansion of its interconnection services to meet growing demands not only in Finland but around the world," says Rafael de Fermin, Senior Vice President of the Nokia Network Infrastructure Business in Europe.

Customers in Finland can now benefit from direct access to over 50 clouds, 2000+ local and international networks and over 250 data centers in Germany, Southern Europe, the USA, and Asia – with one single contract and full flexibility, including a comprehensive interconnection consultation. In addition, DE-CIX in Finland will act as a digital hub for regional connectivity, enabling local networks low-latency interconnection and localization of global content, while increasing network stability, scalability, and security. The DE-CIX interconnection and cloud platform also offers advanced service features and automation, including access to the DE-CIX self-service portal and the DE-CIX API.

DE-CIX will further extend its presence in the Nordics with two new Internet Exchanges in Denmark and has recently announced that two locations in Norway are ready for service. The company offers its interconnection services in more than 40 metro-markets in Europe, Africa, North America, the Middle East, and Asia. Accessible from data centers in over 600 cities worldwide, DE-CIX interconnects thousands of network operators (carriers), Internet service providers (ISPs), content providers and enterprise networks from more than 100 countries, and offers peering, cloud, and interconnection services. DE-CIX in Frankfurt, Germany, is one of the largest Internet Exchanges in the world, with a data volume of almost 34 Exabytes per year (as of 2022) and close to 1100 connected networks.

About DE-CIX

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As a B2B technology innovation leader, we are pioneering networks that sense, think and act by leveraging our work across mobile, fixed and cloud networks. In addition, we create value with intellectual property and long-term research, led by the award-winning Nokia Bell Labs.

Service providers, enterprises and partners worldwide trust Nokia to deliver secure, reliable and sustainable networks today – and work with us to create the digital services and applications of the future.

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