

Press Release

DE-CIX Annual Report:

Record-Breaking Traffic Peaks and a 10% increase in Global Network Connections

Frankfurt (Germany), 6 May 2025. In its 30th jubilee year, DE-CIX, the world's leading Internet Exchange (IX) operator, has today released its results from the financial year 2024, demonstrating double-figure growth in networks, data traffic, and capacity. The company finished the year with more than 4,000 networks connected worldwide, up 10% on the previous year, and 170 terabits connected customer capacity, growth of 20%. Global peak traffic from peering – the direct interconnection of networks – finished the year just shy of 25 Tbit/s, up 11% from 2023. Global revenues grew by 8.3% to 68.6 million Euros. Having added a further five IX locations during 2024, and announcing its market entry to Brazil, DE-CIX is today present in 60 markets on five continents, as it looks forward to the celebrations of its 30th anniversary on 26th June 2025.

The company operates several of the world's most important IXs, including DE-CIX Frankfurt, the largest IX in Europe, DE-CIX New York, the largest in the Northeast of the US, DE-CIX Mumbai, the largest in India, and the UAE-IX powered by DE-CIX, the largest in the Middle East. With its connected networks and its geographical coverage, DE-CIX is unsurpassed worldwide in the provision of peering services via IXs — whether wholesale network peering, cloud peering, or application network peering. Peering is used by network operators to optimize data pathways and enhance the performance and security of the digital content, services, and applications that make up the Internet. As well as catering to the long-standing wholesale network operator customer group, DE-CIX also provides enterprise-grade peering and interconnection services to global corporations and Fortune 500 companies. As such, the operator has a decisive influence on the global traffic flows that power the Internet, digital economies, and digital life.

Building Al-ready infrastructure at the Deep Edge for the age of zero latency

"In our 30th anniversary year, the time has come for a new style of peering to meet the needs of the new Internet. Peering – direct network interconnection over an IX – will be central to

creating Al-ready infrastructure for all future use-cases," says Ivo Ivanov, CEO of DE-CIX. "Alongside Internet Exchanges creating network density in major aggregation points, Al Exchanges will be needed at the Deep Edge to support the development of multi-Al inference functionality in the next generation of products and services. Therefore, we will see a layered approach to infrastructure, integrating the hyper-local, the regional, the pan-regional, and the global. At DE-CIX, we are working towards the realization of this vision to meet the needs of tomorrow – ready for the next 30 years of innovation and peering excellence."

On the 26th of June 2025, DE-CIX is proudly celebrating the 30th anniversary of its first Internet Exchange (IX) in Frankfurt, Germany – a milestone not only in the company's history, but also in the development of the global Internet. Exactly 30 years to the day since its foundation, the celebration will take place in Frankfurt with the DE-CIX Global Interconnection Summit. Amongst many, one of the highlights will be the publication of a new study delving into existing and emerging Digital Capitals, of which Frankfurt is a leading example globally.

The full DE-CIX Annual Report 2024 can be downloaded here: https://www.de-cix.net/en/about-de-cix/annual-report

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About DE-CIX

DE-CIX, pronounced DEE-KICKS [d'i:-k'ɪks], is the world's leading operator of Internet Exchanges (IXs). Founded in 1995, the company is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2025. DE-CIX offers its interconnection services in 60 locations in Europe, Africa, North and South America, the Middle East, and Asia. Today, accessible from data centers in over 600 cities world-wide, 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 other interconnection services. DE-CIX Frankfurt is one of the largest Internet Exchanges in the world, with a data volume of over 45 Exabytes per year (as of 2024) and close to 1100 connected networks. Close to 250 colleagues from over 35 different nations form the foundation of the DE-CIX success story in Germany and around the world. Since the beginning of the commercial Internet, DE-CIX has had a decisive influence – in a range of leading global bodies, such as the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) – on co-defining guiding principles for the Internet of the present and the future. As the operator of critical IT infrastructure, DE-CIX bears a great responsibility for the seamless, fast, and secure data exchange between people, enterprises, and organizations at its locations around the globe. Further information at www.de-cix.net

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