New interconnection service from Netnod and NIX will transform peering in the region

Stockholm and Oslo - 5 April 2019 – Netnod, the leading provider of interconnection services in the Nordics, and NIX, the Norwegian Internet eXchange, today announced the launch of a new IX VLAN peering service connecting Norway to the rest of the Nordics. The new service, the first of its kind in the region, will provide the Nordics with quicker, cheaper and more effectively managed interconnections than ever before.

The VLAN peering solution enables customers at NIX to connect to any of the Netnod Internet Exchanges (IXes) in the Nordics and vice-versa. Using Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) connections means that, with no extra cross-connection or equipment needed, networks can now peer throughout the region at a fraction of the previous cost. For any network with a presence at NIX, it will be simple and extremely cost-effective to order a VLAN connection to any Netnod IX, including the Netnod IX Stockholm, the largest Internet Exchange in the Nordics. This opens up peering in the region enabling networks to expand their presence and peer with some of the largest ISPs, telcos and Content Delivery Networks (CDNs) in the world.

"We are pleased that through close cooperation with NIX we are able to give our customers even more choice of how they connect and exchange traffic," said Lars Michael Jogbäck, Netnod CEO. "Whatever your network setup and wherever you are located, the new IX VLAN peering service enables networks in Norway and throughout the Nordics to become better interconnected than ever before."

"Since 2015, Netnod and NIX have cooperated closely for a better Internet in the region," said Kjetil Otter Olsen, NIX CEO. "This new service will make it easier for Norwegian networks to get better connectivity both regionally and globally, and will also enable better connectivity to Norway for all networks connected to Netnod."

Netnod has also announced the launch of a point-to-point transport service allowing networks with a presence in Norway to establish private interconnections more effectively than ever before. Enabling interconnections across optical, physical and data link layers within Oslo, the Metro Access service provides private interconnects at 10G or 100G. Without the need for hardware and additional costs, Metro Access provides the most cost-effective and reliable point-to-point transport available and offers a cheaper alternative to dark fibre. A long-distance version of the service, Netnod WDM Transport, enables networks in Norway to establish regional interconnections. With on-net locations at major data centres in the region, and a fully provisioned service for local access, Netnod's WDM Transport provides a fully managed transport solution for networks in the Nordics.

More information about the VLAN peering solution available between Netnod and NIX is available at: https://www.netnod.se/netnods-vlan-solution

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About Netnod
Netnod provides critical infrastructure support ranging from interconnection services and Internet Exchanges to DNS services, root server operations and activities for the good of the Internet. With a worldwide reputation for its services and the expertise of its staff, Netnod ensures a stable and secure Internet for the Nordics and beyond.

Established in 1996 as a neutral and independent Internet infrastructure organisation, Netnod is fully owned by the non-profit foundation TU-stiftelsen (Stiftelsen för Telematikens utveckling). More information is available at: www.netnod.se

About NIX
NIX, Norwegian Internet eXchange, operates the main Norwegian Internet exchange points in Oslo and around Norway. NIX was established in 1993 and is fully owned by the University of Oslo.