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Netnod launches new Internet exchange point in Copenhagen

Copenhagen, recently declared the happiest city in the world, gets happier as a new hot spot for Internet traffic.

Netnod, the largest Internet exchange point (IXP) operator in Northern Europe has today agreed to take over the operations of the Danish Internet exchange point, COPHIX.

Netnod will not only take over the operation of IXP services at the three existing COPHIX locations in Copenhagen, these locations will also be interconnected with the existing Netnod exchange point in Malmö, creating the new distributed IXP, COMIX.

This expansion will connect two separate cities across the Öresund bridge, and will thereby drastically increase the value for network operators in Copenhagen as well as those in Malmö. This new distributed IXP, COMIX, will thus link local and international operators in Southern Sweden and in Denmark.

"We have for a long time had discussions with Internet operators in Denmark, who have been wanting a better interconnection solution in Copenhagen," explains Netnod CEO Kurtis Lindqvist. "By taking over the responsibility of COPHIX and expanding it into Southern Sweden, we are creating the optimum solution for content providers and network operators to interconnect and service a very large and dynamic region. We are very excited about the new possibilities that the COMIX solution offers to networks in both countries." Lindqvist continues.

COPHIX consists today of three interconnected sites in Copenhagen: Telia Telehouse, Interxion Copenhagen and Global Connect.

"With Netnod taking over the operation of COPHIX and connecting it to Malmö, COPHIX customers will gain access to Netnod's international network and contacts. It is clear that the new IXP, COMIX, will attract new networks to the region, which will benefit the Internet ecosystem as a whole, including the end users in the Öresund region" says Boney Walia, Manager of COPHIX. "As a neutral, non-profit IXP, with a longstanding history of running robust infrastructure and with an excellent reputation, Netnod was the natural partner for us to work with. We believe that the Netnod COMIX exchange point will put the Öresund region on the map, as the natural location to establish your network presence!" Walia continues.

An Internet exchange point is a place where Internet operators, Internet Service Providers (ISPs), content providers, and other networks can connect to exchange traffic, also know as "peering". By connecting to an IXP, Internet operators save costs,





reduce latency, and increase speed in their networks. It also places the control of the traffic in the hands of the operator, ensuring a higher quality of service for their customers. Exchange points are a vital part of the Internet, as they increase robustness and stability in the Internet, and also importantly facilitate the exchange of Internet traffic between different networks. It is an established fact, that the presence of a well-run Internet exchange point, can boost Internet development in that region.

About Netnod

Netnod is a non-profit, neutral and independent Internet infrastructure organisation based in Sweden. Netnod is owned by the foundation TU-stiftelsen. Netnod operates five Internet exchange points (IXPs) in different cities in Sweden, as well as one IXP in Copenhagen, where Internet operators can connect and exchange traffic (peer). The Netnod IXP has among the highest amount of traffic per peer in Europe and is fully IPv6 enabled.

Netnod also manages a variety of DNS services. Netnod provides anycast services to TLDs worldwide from more than 50 sites around the world.

Netnod is also the proud operator of i.root-servers.net, one of the 13 logical DNS root name servers in the world. This service is provided as a public service to the Internet community at-large, as part of Netnod's goal to work for the Good of the Internet.

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About COPHIX

COPHIX is the Internet exchange point situated in Copenhagen, Denmark. COPHIX is a neutral and independent peering point. COPHIX services include public peering and private interconnections. Members are able to connect at three different locations, all located within Copenhagen.

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