



Islalink Partners with MIX to deploy in Milan the first PoP of the IONIAN Subsea Cable

Milan, June 5, 2023 – Islalink, an independent and neutral fibre-optic infrastructure provider, headquartered in Madrid, Spain, announced that the mainland PoP of their new subsea cable "IONIAN" is up & running in Milan in the MIX Carrier Hotel based in the historical Italian telco campus Caldera Park, the area with the highest concentration of data centers in Italy, where MIX is based since 2000.

MIX, the main public Internet exchange point in Italy, was selected by Islalink to deploy the WDM PoP that provides telecommunication services between Italy and Greece, reaching Athens & Thessaloniki, through a new, state-of-the-art transmission system, on a totally diverse, secure and robust route.

"We are very proud of having been selected by Islalink to host the first Italian PoP in the mainland confirming the role of MIX as the main Internet interconnection hub." said Alessandro Talotta, CEO of MIX. "With the IONIAN Submarine System terminated in our Carrier Hotel, we are happy to add significant value to our customers and members. The chance for many networks, based in Italy and Greece but not only, to be connected through this new high-performance fiber route is a great opportunity of development for both countries. Our recent announcement of two new IX PoPs in Rome and Caserta will certainly benefit of this partnership."

Esther Garcés, CEO of Islalink, concludes that "Having MIX as a partner is key for the IONIAN project: MIX PoP is the most significant interconnection point in Milan, bringing together carriers, OTTs and providers from Italy and abroad. Enabling MIX as a service PoP for IONIAN is a natural step for providing our services to the market. On top of that, MIX strong expertise in colocation and service delivery, give us a lot of confidence in such a challenging endeavor. We are very confident that IONIAN will bring diversity and service quality for networks looking to interconnect between Italy – Greece and beyond".



MIX – Milan Internet Exchange

MIX, located on the Caldera campus in Milan, it is the main Internet Exchange Point (IXP) of Internet networks in Italy and among the first in Europe in terms of traffic, with daily traffic peaks of over 2.3 Tbps. It is one of the few European IXs equipped with its own data centers where it offers interconnection services to around 380 Italian and foreign companies equipped with their own independent network (AS), guaranteeing a high quality, scalable and robust service. MIX is the first Italian IXP to pass the stringent controls required by the ISO27001:2013 certification, a standard that covers all the safety aspects of IT systems and processes. It also obtained the Open-IX OIX-1 certification (issued to 14 IXPs worldwide), confirming the level of excellence in terms of security and reliability of the services of the main Italian IXP. MIX is one of the founding members of Open Hub Med, the first neutral hub in Italy for the interconnection of the networks of the Mediterranean basin towards Northern Europe.

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Islalink

Headquartered in Madrid, Spain, Islalink is an independent and neutral fibre-optic infrastructure provider, specialized in submarine fibre-optic cables and related activities. Islalink has more than 20 years of experience, has laid more than two thousand six hundred kilometres of submarine cable and successfully completed 11 landing operations. In addition to IONIAN, it currently operates a system connecting the Balearic Islands to mainland Spain. Islalink is a pure-play wholesale provider: it does not provide retail services, so it can be a provider of all retail operators without any conflict of interest. Islalink is 100% owned by Fiera Infrastructure.

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