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ielo and MIX partner to strengthen France–Italy connectivity

Following the launch of its first point of presence in Italy, ielo, the French fibre infrastructure operator, announces a strategic partnership with MIX, the country's leading Internet Exchange Point (IXP). This collaboration is part of ielo's broader European interconnection strategy, with existing presence across major hubs such as Amsterdam, Frankfurt, London and Zurich, and aims to foster more direct traffic exchange between France and Italy.

Paris/Milan 16 July 2026 –Through this partnership, ielo enables French and European operators to access MIX without requiring a local presence. MIX, notably established on the Via Caldera campus in Milan, is Italy's leading interconnection hub.

This interconnection promotes more direct routes between France and Italy by relying on a local exchange point rather than Northern European hubs. It therefore reduces the number of intermediaries between networks and improves control over traffic routing paths.

For MIX, the arrival of French operators broadens the diversity of networks connected to the platform and contributes to more direct local traffic exchanges.

ielo's point of presence in Milan relies on activated capacity links between Lyon, Nice and Milan. These connections provide capacity to Milan and ensure interconnection with the networks present on MIX.

« Beyond simply establishing a presence in Italy, our goal is to concretely facilitate access for European operators to the MIX ecosystem and create more direct interconnections between France and Italy, without depending on Northern European hubs », explains Hélios de Creisquer, Chief Technology Officer at ielo.

« We are pleased to welcome ielo into the MIX ecosystem as a peering partner. This collaboration enables international ISPs and carriers to reach Italian networks without establishing a dedicated local presence, while creating a more direct interconnection axis between France and Italy. As a neutral and independent exchange, MIX benefits from the greater network diversity and more efficient local traffic routing that partnerships like this bring. », affirms Mattia Flena, Commercial Director at MIX.

More broadly, this initiative is part of the development of ielo's remote peering services across Europe's leading Internet Exchange Points, enabling ielo partners to quickly access new ecosystems without requiring a local point of presence, while optimising deployment timelines and costs.

ielo continues to strengthen its network infrastructure in close alignment with the needs of telecom operators, datacenters and institutional stakeholders.

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ielo is a neutral and independent French telecom infrastructure operator that designs and operates its own fibre network. A network built for telecom operators, datacenters and institutional stakeholders - and made available to them as if it were their own.

Founded from the merger in 2016 of two companies created by professionals from the Internet and open-source software communities, ielo accelerated its growth in 2020 following a significant fundraising round. In 2026, ielo operates more than 21,000 km of metropolitan fibre network, over 12,000 km of long-distance fibre network and connects nearly 200 datacenters to the ielo network. This latest-generation, fully homogeneous infrastructure is designed, deployed and maintained in-house to deliver the highest levels of availability.

MIX – Milan Internet Exchange

Founded in 2000 and headquartered at the Caldera campus in Milan, MIX is Italy's leading Internet Exchange Point (IXP) and one of the largest in Europe by traffic volume, with daily peaks exceeding 3.7 Tbps.

MIX provides interconnection services to over 460 Italian and international networks (AS), delivering high-performance, scalable and secure connectivity. It is one of the few IXPs in Europe to operate its own data centres, ensuring full control over infrastructure and service quality.

MIX was the first Italian IXP to achieve ISO/IEC 27001:2013 certification for information security management and also holds Open-IX OIX-1 certification, attesting to the robustness and reliability of its infrastructure.

MIX operates four edge IXP nodes in Italy – in Palermo, Bologna, Rome and Caserta – and one in Greece, in Thessaloniki.

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