



## NL-ix EXPANDS TO BELGIUM!

As a logic follow-up on our recent roll-out to South-East Netherlands (Eindhoven, Maastricht), NL-ix has signed agreements to further expand to Antwerp and Bruxelles.

Belgium providers have more than once expressed interest to benefit from the huge Amsterdam/Netherlands-connected peering-base, since this area is commonly acknowledged as the largest 'peering-Harbour' on earth.

The following new Belgium datacenters will be covered:

- *Antwerp: LCL, Antwerp-DC, KPN (Atlantic House)*
- *Bruxelles: InterXion, LCL, KPN*

The above network built-out is targeted to be ready June 1. However, interested customers may contact us already to receive more information, or even quotes, at: [sales@nl-ix.net](mailto:sales@nl-ix.net)

In a good tradition, the six new NL-ix POP's in Belgium will be celebrated in a similar famous event as NL-ix organises each year in Scheveningen, Netherlands. **Save the date already!**

**NL-ix EARLY SUMMER DRINK 2012, BRUXELLES, April 25**

See: <http://www.nl-ix.net/drink>

## NL-ix TO ESTABLISH 'SUPER-CORE-SITE' IN NEW EQUINIX AM3 DATA CENTER

Equinix and NL-ix recently announced that NL-ix is to establish a 'super-core-site' with up to 100 Gbit/s port-capacity in the new 6400 square metre AM3 facility, Equinix's latest International Business Exchange™ (IBX®) data center.

Scheduled for completion in Q3 2012, the AM3 facility is located in Amsterdam Science Park which, with over 250 networks, is one of the highest-density network zones in continental Europe.

To accommodate significant traffic levels and peering opportunities, NL-ix plans to establish its third 'super-core-site' in the AM3 data center, interconnecting the current core-nodes and handling the majority of NL-ix traffic.



Jan Hoogenboom and  
Michiel Eielts

*"The new Equinix data center is strategically located in one of the highest-density network zones in continental Europe, so it makes a great deal of sense to establish a high-capacity node in this state-of-the-art facility,"* said Jan Hoogenboom, NL-ix CEO. *"All of our members as well as Equinix's extensive customer base stand to benefit substantially from the new node."*

*"Hosting an NL-ix super-core-node gives our new facility an excellent head-start where connectivity providers and their customers are concerned,"* said Equinix Netherlands Managing Director Michiel Eielts. *"Combined with the dynamic network, cloud and content ecosystems at work in Platform Equinix, the new facility will be in a position to enable customer growth in one of the most dynamic, fast-growing and network-rich locations in continental Europe."*

## NL-ix STATISTICS

Per January 5, 2012

Members:	290
Ports:	833
Datacenters:	43
Cities:	19

## NEW NL-ix MEMBERS in Q4

Worldstream, E-Quest, Edgecast, Zorgring, Cbizz, Teleena, Telecats, InnoSys, IP-Visie

[www.nl-ix.net/members.php](http://www.nl-ix.net/members.php)

## NEW EMPLOYEES JOIN NL-ix

Due to our strong 2011 expansion, NL-ix has increased staff again per December 1 with two new colleagues:



**Sandra Willems-Pakvis**  
Sandra takes responsibility for the NL-ix' office and sales processes.



**Teus Oskam**  
Teus will manage NL-ix' International Accounts.

Like Marc Vinnie and Erik, Teus and Sandra can all be reached at [sales@nl-ix.net](mailto:sales@nl-ix.net)

## NL-ix IS PRESENT AT:

**March 19-21:** Global Peering Forum 7, New Orleans

**March 31:** Quanza ISP-Kartcompetition, Huizen

**April 1-3:** EuroIX, Amsterdam

**April 25:** NL-ix' EARLY SUMMER DRINK 2012, BRUXELLES

## NL-ix LAUNCHES 'METRO MPLS'

As part of the current massive network upgrade, in which NL-ix migrated to state-of-the-art Brocade MLX switches in the majority of its 43 datacenters, NL-ix recently launched 'Metro MPLS' as an interesting new option in its regional and nationwide transmission portfolio.

Compared with our traditional 'Metro Ethernet' services, the new 'Metro MPLS' offers transparent ethernet (e.g.: dot1.q, unlimited mac's) with more redundancy, and less restrictions.

Moreover, compared with our popular 'Metro Wave' services, the new 'Metro MPLS' will not only be more redundant, but may also be delivered much faster and much more flexible.

Although not each of our 43 datacenters is equipped yet with the new MPLS capable equipment, customers are invited to contact us to receive more information and quotes at [sales@nl-ix.net](mailto:sales@nl-ix.net)

## DID YOU KNOW...

- that we have our **\*\*LAST CALL\*\*** for the coming BGP4 and IPv6 course on **Monday February 13 (BGP4)** and **Tuesday February 14 (IPv6)**. You can still subscribe till one day before the courses. More information at [www.nl-ix.net/courses](http://www.nl-ix.net/courses), or mail [sales@nl-ix.net](mailto:sales@nl-ix.net)
- that, due to its continuous growth, NL-ix yet again has vacancies on an interesting position:
  - **NOC Engineer** ([www.nl-ix.net/jobs](http://www.nl-ix.net/jobs))If you think you are qualified, and keen to join us, please mail your motivation and resume to [jobs@nl-ix.net](mailto:jobs@nl-ix.net)

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ABRAHAM DE KEISER OF ZIGGO



Recently Ziggo, one of the top 3 Dutch operators, upgraded its capacity at NL-ix to 120 Gbit/s of peering ports over two datacenters. While talking things over, Ziggo's Interconnect manager Abraham de Keiser told us that he is the owner of a very unique ship: the in 1924 built Tugboat

'HECTOR', with the magnificent and beautiful INDUSTRIE diesel-engine of 60 HP. This 87 years old ship was build as "Zwaluw" at shipyard 'Arend Apol' in Wirdum, Groningen.

Abraham became owner of the Hector in 2007 and together with his father he is able to restore and maintain this ship for the future and the historical consciousness of the Dutch nautical heritage.

In asking Abraham what triggered him to buy such an old ship his answer is clear: *"Since my childhood I have always admired the beauty of old steel ships and the first dieselengines made by the craftsmanship of dutch shipyards and dutch engine manufacturers in the industrial period. This boat turned out to be a unique property to sail with, but equally after some major restoration works an attractive place to be at !"* For a further look: [http://www.abelforte.nl/industrie\\_genoten/index.php?itemid=190](http://www.abelforte.nl/industrie_genoten/index.php?itemid=190)