

## **Press release**

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### **Euro-IX to hold the largest-ever gathering of Internet Exchange Points**

The 6th Euro-IX Forum, to be held from 11-12 April 2005 in London, is set to become the largest ever gathering of Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) from throughout the world. More than 30 IXPs from 20 countries will come together to discuss the latest technical, commercial and regulatory issues that affect Internet traffic.

IXPs form a critical part of the global Internet, providing the infrastructure that allows for the large-scale switching of Internet data between Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The Euro-IX Forum, the only event of its kind, will offer IXPs the chance to examine and discuss the specific issues affecting the business performance and operational models of IXPs.

The Euro-IX Forum, now in its third successful year, will be hosted by The London Internet Exchange (LINX) and University College London (UCL).

"As the largest ever gathering of IXPs to date, the Euro-IX Forum in London will represent the recent dramatic increase in the international co-operation of organisations involved in Internet switching and peering", said Kurtis Lindqvist, Euro-IX Board Chairman. "The steady growth of the Euro-IX community and the continued success of its biannual forums is a clear sign of the importance of the Euro-IX mission and the interest of organisations, academics and policy makers in improving the efficiency and the security of the Internet on a global scale. The Euro-IX community has expanded beyond Europe in 2005, and now welcomes IXPs from other regions as associate members."

The agenda for Euro-IX Forum, London, will include industry and expert presentations on:

- IXP network monitoring tools
- Technical issues and Next Generation Networks
- Multicast developments
- Commercial, regulatory and security issues
- The viewpoint of current and potential IXP customers and vendors

More information on the agenda for the 6th Euro-IX Forum is available at:  
<http://www.euro-ix.net/forum/6th/programme.shtml>

The Euro-IX Forum, London, will be sponsored by Force 10 Networks, who will be updating the attendees on their plans to handle the issues faced regarding their Next Generation Switches.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About Euro-IX**

Euro-IX (European Internet Exchange Association) was formed in May 2001 with the intention to further develop, strengthen and improve the Internet Exchange Point (IXP) community. Today Euro-IX has 35 member IXPs originating from 23 countries around the world.

### **About Euro-IX Forums**

The Euro-IX Forums have been designed to bring together all the Euro-IX affiliated IXPs in one location for a two day period to discuss relevant topics of interest and give all members the chance to meet each other face to face. These forums have proved to be very successful and above all beneficial to the entire membership, thus a certain amount of Euro-IX funds are set aside each year to help support these meetings as well as a certain amount of funding coming through industry related sponsors.

### **About LINX**

LINX (London Internet Exchange Point), a mutual, non-for-profit organisation providing a physical interconnection for its members to exchange Internet traffic through co-operative peering agreements.

### **About Force10 Networks**

Force10 Networks is a global company with offices throughout the US, as well as the UK, the Netherlands, Japan, China and Korea. Among Force10 customers are world leading financial institutions, manufacturing organizations, research networks, media companies, search engines, telecommunication carriers and supercomputer clusters.

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