



PRESS RELEASE

NameX opens a new regional hub (IXP) in Naples: NameX Napoli

Naples, the largest city in Southern Italy, will have for the first time an Internet eXchange point (IXP), an crucial interconnection hub in the continuation of the development of the Mediterranean Internet network

NameX, the main IXP in central and southern Italy, opens a new IXP, for the first time in Naples. This new PoP is aimed at supporting the development and consolidation of the Italian Internet infrastructure with a new key interconnection point strengthening the quality and reliability of the Internet in Italy.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed the rapid acceleration of the digitalisation of businesses, schools and public administrations, combined with the increasing consumption of live and on-demand streaming content, which has made the Internet increasingly central in our everyday lives.

The current evolution requires a greater capillarity of network infrastructures, among which Internet eXchange Points (IXPs) play an important role, since they are the main interconnection hubs that contribute to the quality and reliability of the Internet. These are the reasons that led NameX to open its first regional IXP in Bari, at the beginning of 2022, and that today lead to the opening of its second regional IXP: NameX Napoli.

Naples is the main city of Southern Italy and it has been, until today, the largest Italian city without an Internet eXchange Point. Considering the high population density, the presence of a regional IXP has proved essential to allow all operators to continue their development, improving the delivery of content and low-latency services, but also enhancing the resilience and security of the Internet.

NameX Napoli follows the path of NameX Bari, with the goal of moving the interconnection towards the edge of the network, contributing to the development of the Mediterranean networking environment.

NameX Napoli opens in partnership with the Università Partenope, in a site close to one of the largest existing PoPs in the city (Napoli Tupputi - TIM).

Maurizio Goretti, CEO of NameX, presented the initiative as follows: "*NameX Napoli is the natural continuation of NameX's project to bring the exchange point closer to the edge of the network, creating regional PoPs. With this new operation, NameX confirms its vocation as a neutral infrastructure for improving Internet reliability and security in Italy and within the Mediterranean basin.*"

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About Namex

Namex - Roma Internet eXchange Point is a non-profit, neutral exchange and interconnection point between national and international Internet service providers (ISPs), counting more than 200 Autonomous Systems (AS). Namex is the main Internet hub of Central and Southern Italy, a crucial meeting point where important international providers of streaming, cloud services and content, and national access providers connect. The Namex consortium also counts many local ISPs operating in Italy, particularly in the South of the country. The purpose of Namex is to provide a neutral platform on which local and international operators can benefit from the interconnection services provided by the Consortium, improving the Internet infrastructure of Southern Italy. Namex has established itself as a strategic point of presence for all ISPs operating in Italy, and it is now a point of reference for all the operators which need to provide high-quality service throughout the country. Namex, in addition to Rome, is also present in Bari (Namex Bari) and Albania (ANIX, powered by Namex).

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