



France-IX launches PASS Service interconnection solution between Paris and Marseille exchange points

Peering As a Supplementary Service – PASS – offers direct peering members at one IXP location the option to peer at the other, gaining simple and affordable access to the global France-IX community

Paris and Marseille, France – May 15, 2019 – [France-IX](#), the premier Internet Peering Service Provider in France, today announced the launch of its PASS Service – a fully secured transport service and peering privileges solution that enables IXP members, directly connected at one France-IX location – Paris or Marseille – to benefit from simple, fast and affordable access to community members that peer at the other.

The new PASS Service is a Peering As a Supplementary Service solution that becomes operational today. Without needing a physical port in the other city, members with a direct peering connection in Paris will gain access and peering privileges with more than fifteen unique networks in Marseille; and members with a direct connection in Marseille, will be able to peer with over 350 unique networks in Paris. PASS Service users will also gain increased resiliency on their interconnections with current peers thanks to two direct paths delivered by two different providers, one via Lyon and the other via Clermont-Ferrand without any single point of failure, via 100G DWDM optical network transport solutions between Paris and Marseille. This enables France-IX to achieve an RTD (round-trip delay) lower than twelve milliseconds making Marseille even closer for France-IX Paris members who wish to expand there and facilitate content access across Africa, the Middle-East and Asia.

“No matter if our members are directly connected in the physical location of Paris or Marseille, our new PASS Service now enables them to reach the whole of France-IX, and several hundreds of members that make up our rich ecosystem of carrier networks, CDNs, social networks, streaming, gaming, cloud and IT service providers who choose to interconnect for the interest of all,” says Franck Simon, President of France-IX Services. “The PASS Service is yet another innovative solution that makes France-IX the best choice for peering in Europe – get to Marseille or Paris and the whole of the France-IX peering community is yours.”

By launching PASS, France-IX continues its mission of providing Internet networks with simple, reliable, trusted, fair and competitive interconnection services in France, in full neutrality and financial independence, and of developing a multi-service and international interconnection platform to increase the agility and the affordability of communications services.

Fast, simple and affordable

France-IX Paris or Marseille direct peering members can easily request PASS online on France-IX’s website. Members do not need a new cross-connect or a new port, as their existing peering port is the unique point of access for all their France-IX traffic, local and remote. Once ordered, provisioning is ultra-fast, and members are not required to wait months for equipment and network deployment. The service is in production in a matter of days and can be ceased at any time, having no minimum contract duration, providing members with an agile and flexible solution at only an additional 15-25 percent on the current recurring cost for an existing member.

The service is available on all peering ports: 1, 10 or 100 GE in the 12 France-IX PoPs and access is provided through a transport solution managed by France-IX, which aims at a service availability in line with France-IX standards (>99.995% per year, per city). Traffic is guaranteed up to the total contracted traffic subscription. There is no constraint on how much traffic one member can send locally or remotely. The only constraint is the limit of the contracted traffic subscription (total for the two cities). PASS is configured as an additional peering LAN, distinct from the local peering LAN so that every member can separate its traffic and technical operations.

The new PASS Service is available to France-IX members who have a direct peering port in just one IXP location and cannot be subscribed by networks connected through France-IX resellers and remote IX partners. For more information, please visit the PASS Service [Pricing page](#) on France-IX's website.

About France-IX

France-IX is the Premier Internet Peering Service Provider in France, offering public and private interconnection services through its carrier and data centre neutral exchange points in Paris and Marseille.

France-IX interconnects several hundreds of telecommunications carriers, ISPs, content providers, content delivery networks and all other Internet networks worldwide with significant traffic in the Internet French market. This enhances the affordability and latency of the Internet traffic exchanged between its members and thus improves the overall quality of the Internet in France.

Founded in June 2010 with the support of the French Internet community, France-IX is a member-based association whose core values are neutrality, sustainability and constant improvement of the Internet. For more information go to France-IX website www.franceix.net

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