Press Release

Sparkle announces a strategic partnership on IP and Virtual NAP Services with France-IX, the premier Internet Peering Service Provider in France

Sparkle will offer its Global IP Transit Service Seabone to all France-IX's members and will improve the coverage of its Virtual Network Access Point (VNAP) service in Europe

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Sparkle, the international service arm of TIM Group and among top 10 global operators, has entered into a partnership with France-IX to offer its Tier-1 IP Transit service Seabone to France-IX's members.

Through this strategic agreement Sparkle offers Seabone in France-IX hubs in Paris and Marseille, and France-IX customers will benefit from Sparkle's state-of-the-art Tier-1 IP backbone's global presence.

In addition, customers around the world will be able to connect from any Sparkle PoP to France-IX through an enriched VNAP solution that includes - in one single package- access to a virtual router, an Ethernet port and the immediate inclusion in the "peering club".

At the same time, customers demanding connectivity to global cloud players, tele-houses, datacenters or customer premises worldwide, can benefit from Sparkle's cost-effective, flexible and transparent Ethernet Suite solution.

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About Sparkle

Sparkle is TIM Group's fully owned Global Operator and among top #10 international service providers worldwide. Through its backbone of around 560,000 km of fiber spanning from Europe to Africa, the Americas and Asia, Sparkle offers a full range of IP, Data, Cloud, Data Centre, Mobile Data and Voice solutions to fixed and mobile operators, Internet Service Providers, Media and Content Players, as well as Multinational Enterprises. Its sales force is active worldwide and distributed in 36 countries.
Find out more about Telecom Italia Sparkle at **www.tisparkle.com**

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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