



In 2021, NIX.CZ Association celebrated its 25th anniversary

NIX.CZ offers peering services in Prague, Bratislava and Vienna.

One of the largest peering nodes in Europe, the Czech node NIX.CZ, celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding last year. A quarter-century ago, it was founded jointly by CESNET, CZECH ON LINE, Datac, GTS Czech Com, Internet CZ, Podnik výpočetní techniky, IBM Czech Republic and SPT TELECOM. Currently it has 64 members and connects 201 networks not only in the Czech Republic but also in Slovakia (Bratislava) and Austria (Vienna).

The Association has been the driving force behind a large number of projects aimed to develop a field which today constitutes the basic pillar of the digital economy. These

include the FENIX security project or the Bird Spy tool. NIX.CZ organises the annual Peering Days conference for network specialists and data center operators, as well as the community meetings known as CSNOG.



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Jan Gruntorád, one of the founders of NIX.CZ, has been inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame



Jan Gruntorád, the founder and long-time director of the CESNET academic association, who was an early champion of the introduction and development of the Internet

not only in the Czech Republic but also in the CEE region. For his lifetime achievements he was inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame in late 2021.

„The NIX.CZ association is one of those organisations which Jan Gruntorád not only helped to found, but also participated in its operation for many years. In this context, I would like to congratulate Jan Gruntorád on behalf of our association on his induction into the Internet Hall of Fame and also thank him for his work and efforts in the development of the Internet and Internet projects in the Czech Republic“, said Adam Golecký, director of NIX.CZ.



ONDŘEJ FILIP OF NIX.CZ REMAINS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EURO-IX

Ondřej Filip of NIX.CZ has been reelected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the European Internet Exchange Association (EURO-IX), an association European peering nodes. Filip first joined the Board of the organisation in 2008 to represent the Czech peering community surrounding the Czech neutral peering node NIX.CZ.

“It is a great honour to be part of the direction of such a major organisation, which EURO-IX no doubt is. I am happy that the members of EURO-IX have a positive view of the work the Board has been doing and also that I can continue to develop projects which will benefit the European peering community alongside my colleagues. During the next mandate, our aim will again be to support projects that develop the field of peering as a whole,” Ondřej Filip commented on his reelection as the head of the Board of Directors of EURO-IX.

The international Peering Day conference this April in Athens

Next year's Peering Day conference which brings together network specialists will take place on 26th to 28th April in Athens, Greece.

The annual event, unfortunately put on hold by the coronavirus pandemic, will be held already for the eight time and its organisers, the peering nodes NIX.CZ (Czech Republic), VIX.at (Austria) and BIX.hu (Hungary), are again inviting peering centre and data centre operators, as well as network administrators from around Europe and worldwide.

The conference will again feature a number of interesting lectures and workshops, as well as space for face-to-face meetings. More information including the registration form is available at www.peeringdays.eu.

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NIX.CZ Working Groups in 2021

Despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and the uncertain times, NIX.CZ organised two working groups in the past year, one in June and another one in November.

Both focused on presenting current technical and regulatory activities. In addition to these, the FENIX Project held its own working group in September, regularly attended by the representatives of companies which provide network connections to key services and therefore need to maintain operations even during the most critical emergencies. This year's working group was attended by experts from the National Cybernetic Operations Centre (NCKO), who presented their vision of the cyber defence implementation in the Czech Republic.

NIX.CZ Association would like to thank all of its members, partners and collaborators — both organisations and individuals — for working with us in 2021. We are looking forward to continuing to work together in 2022. All the best in the New Year to everyone!

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