



## NIX.CZ taking over one of Slovakia's two peering nodes: Welcome **NIX.SK**

In early January, the neutral peering node NIX.CZ Association began to gradually take over the running of the SITELiX project, one of the two interconnection nodes active in Slovakia. The director of the Association Martin Semrád then presented some of the changes connected with this process during the CEE Peering Day conference, which took place in the second half of March in Bratislava. On this occasion, he spoke specifically about expanding the offer for Slovak networks, the new name NIX.SK and the introduction of a new service, Route Server, previously lacking from the Slovak market.



**NIX.SK** The NIX.SK project (previously SITELiX) remains a neutral peering node for the Slovak Republic and will not be interconnected with the Czech peering node. NIX.CZ Association will be running the node from Prague, although there will be a unit residing in Bratislava, mainly for tax and administrative reasons.

*"The similarity with the name NIX.CZ is not a coincidence. We would like for the new name, NIX.SK, to symbolize the values and vision we have been developing in the Czech Republic for now more than 18 years. A key innovation is our new Route Server service, which will facilitate the creation of peering connections for newly joining companies. Networks connected to the Slovak peering nodes were previously unable to use Route Servers.*

*We have also expanded the NIX.SK offer to include 100 Gb connections. No such high-capacity connection had previously been available in Slovakia,"* said the Director of NIX.CZ Martin Semrád during the March Peering Day conference.

The Slovakian interconnection market acquires a strong new partner with abundant experience in data transfer between Internet operators. NIX.CZ is also hoping to bring new international content providers to Slovakia, which are currently active in the Czech Republic and elsewhere, in order to improve their interconnections with Slovak networks.

For more information about the NIX.SK project, please go to [www.nix.sk](http://www.nix.sk) or read the [press release](#) on NIX.CZ entering the Slovak market.

## Quarterly update

### NEWLY CONNECTED NETWORKS

DataSpring s. r. o. AS201730  
Pe3ny Net s. r. o. AS48926  
AmigoNet s. r. o. AS59970  
B-Net Internet AS197307  
ČTÚ AS201594  
GIGANET.cz AS199298  
Host Virtual, Inc AS36236



The third annual CEE Peering Day conference took place in Bratislava, Slovakia on 18–19th March 2015. This year's event was attended by more than 200 representatives of ISPs, IXPs and data centre operators from all over the world, who came to discuss their experience in some of the current topics related to interconnection. The NIX.CZ Association presented some of the latest news related to

its recent takeover and planned development of the Slovak peering node NIX.SK. Again this year, the event was organized in partnership with the Vienna peering node VIX.at.

The workshops organized by RIPE NCC were among the highlights of this year's programme and had been fully booked weeks before the beginning of the

conference. As part of the main programme a number of members of the FENIX project shared their experience with the attendees: FENIX – ACTIVE 24, CESNET, Seznam.cz; there were several contributions from representatives of national cyber security teams – CSIRT.SK and CSIRT.CZ. You can download their and other speakers' presentations in PDF format at: [www.peeringday.eu](http://www.peeringday.eu).

## The FENIX Project celebrates its 1st anniversary: New members announced, plans to expand to Slovakia revealed



connecting trusted networks

Two years ago, some of the key Czech Internet services were targeted by massive DoS attacks. This security breach led to the creation of FENIX, an internet security project focusing on improving protection against

DoS nad DDoS attacks. In late January, the project marked its first year anniversary. Since its foundation, the six original members have been joined by three more organizations – Casablanca INT, ČD-Telematika and COOLHOUSING. The project has made a great deal of progress in the last 12 months and NIX.CZ Association is currently considering the possibilities of its further expansion.

*"In 2014, we introduced a number of changes to the FENIX project, of which we inform the public via our website. I would specifically like to stress the very*

*positive reactions to FENIX that we have received from the professional community abroad, for example during events organized by Euro-IX or at RIPE NCC conferences. We would like to start the process of expanding abroad by prioritizing our eastern neighbours. On the occasion of the creation of NIX.SK, we will therefore start by offering membership to our partners managing Slovak networks,"* said the Director of NIX.SK Martin Semrád.

More information about FENIX can be found on the website [fe.nix.cz](http://fe.nix.cz).