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### **France-IX relies on IELO for the partial renewal of its fibre optic network for its exchange platform (IXP)**

**[France-IX](#), one of Europe's leading Internet Exchanges (IXP), selected IELO, a wholesale operator in fibre optic infrastructure for corporates, to connect the majority of its points of presence (PoPs) thanks to its fibre optic network.**

France-IX is the premier provider of Internet traffic exchange services – also called Peering – in France. The group also offers public and private interconnection services through its carrier and data centre neutral exchange points in Paris, Marseille and Lyon.

As part of its growth strategy in the metropolitan area, France-IX intended to enhance the interconnection scheme between its points of presence by optimising its fibre optic infrastructure, while at the same time securing its links and guaranteeing diverse routes.

With this in mind and after an in-depth technical and financial analysis of the various market offerings, the group decided to rely massively on IELO, which will cover more than 50% of its fibre optic network. The high density of IELO's network will allow France-IX to benefit from short routes and thus from many opportunities, in accordance with the diversity constraints established on the metropolitan scale.

*“The connection between our different sites is part of our growth strategy in France. IELO's expertise in fibre optic meets our connectivity needs and will enable us to efficiently interconnect our points of presence and offer optimum peering solutions to companies who are willing to join France-IX”, says **Franck Simon, President of France IX Services.***

*“The choice of France-IX's teams highlights IELO's commitment to build a different, denser network providing a wide choice of routes and offering optical qualities that go well beyond industry standards. We are delighted that this project, which is key to the French Internet, involved IELO as the main partner and I hope this collaboration will continue as new projects will be developed at France-IX”, concludes **Julien Ducros, Head of Strategy and Business, IELO.***

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### **About France-IX**

Premier provider of Internet traffic exchange services in France, France-IX merged in December 2020 with Rezopole in order to consolidate its role of leading multi-service interconnection platform in France and offer a wide range of services to its members. France-IX offers public and private interconnection services through its carrier and data centre neutral exchange points in Paris, Marseille and Lyon, as well as additional services including equipment hosting, NAP (Network Access Point), technical training or industry promotion services. The group interconnects several hundreds of players (telecommunications carriers, ISPs, content and cloud infrastructure providers) and all other Internet networks worldwide with significant traffic on the Internet French market. Its services are aimed at all organisations seeking to optimise their costs and Internet connection as part of their digital transformation.

Founded in June 2010 with the support of the French Internet community, France-IX has over 500 members today and bears the following values: neutrality, sustainability and constant improvement of the Internet. For more information, please visit the France-IX website: [www.franceix.net](http://www.franceix.net).

### **About IELO**

IELO is a neutral operator of telecom infrastructure dedicated to professionals, whose mission is to provide the very highspeed networks essential to any digital activity. Born from the initiative of French entrepreneurs, IELO has achieved in July 2020 a significant fund raising to become the 3rd largest wholesale operator in France, and the first alternative wholesale operator. IELO's national network, with 2,800 km of optical cables, is constantly growing. 800 km have been deployed over the last few months, validating the group's strategy of privileging the internal deployment of its infrastructures. IELO realized 13 M€ in 2019 and plans to realize 18 M€ in 2020. The company has 190 employees and is recruiting many skills in different regions. <http://www.ielo.net>

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