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On 4th March, the new commercial internet exchange point LU-CIX was launched by Cegecom, Datacenter Luxembourg, GMS, Inexio, Luxconnect, P&T Luxembourg and Root. The independent commercial internet exchange point will allow Luxembourg's internet backbone to be connected directly to major internet hubs and servers. That way, customers and internet users in Luxembourg are able to access websites faster and get data quicker. LU-CIX is divided into two key entities, LU-CIX ASBL a non-profit organization which promotes this new structure as a major Internet platform, and LU-CIX GIE, an Economic Interest Group (or GIE) that will run the technical backend. The LU-CIX model of openness and neutrality is based on the philosophy of already existing international centres such as AMS-IX in Amsterdam and LINX in London.

David Zimmer, vice president of LU-CIX GIE & ASBL explains: "The benefits of this direct networks' interconnection are numerous. Traffic can now be exchanged without cost, more efficiently and with a reduction in latency. The improvement of the bandwidth between the service providers is also an essential factor and the transfer of data can now be done without limit and without cost." President of LU-CIX ASBL is Marco Houwen of Datacenter Luxembourg. LU-CIX is the second internet exchange point in Luxembourg, after LIX, which is operated by Restena and has a number of mainly national members. www.lu-cix.lu