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I'm fascinated by the internet since I first came to contact with the first international networks/backbones in about 1986 - while using the bitnet and usenet.

I started a small BBS-System myself end of 1987. While going to University I created my own little internet-node and in 1993 started a small non-for-profit ISP together with some friends.

1995 marked the starting of my company, the first commercial ISP in our region - called regio[.NET] - which became a RIPE-Member in 1997 and since 1998 I attending RIPE-Meetings quite regularly. In 1996 we also connected to the first internet-exchange - and did also participate in the 6bone with one of the first pTLAs given out to a german ISP.

Since 2003 I'm involved in the European Internet-Exchange-Scene, as I was elected as the spokesman for the DE-CIX Members / DE-CIX Working-Group - and in 2004 to the advisory board of the DE-CIX Management GmbH. I also started to organise regular technical meetings for the DE-CIX Working Group where usually about 50-70 People attend.

Together with my colleagues - I was mainly responsible - esp. in the beginning - for the development of the new legal entity for the DE-CIX and for starting some business-development for a member-driven non-for-profit commercial IXP. Which was quite a radical new approach, as the DE-CIX before was purely organised by a non-for-profit association using an infrastructure where almost all services were outsourced.

During the last 2-3 years the DE-CIX evolved from being a medium-sized internet-exchange in frankfurt to one the major exchange-points in the heart of europe and in the world, where international - but especially western- and east-european carriers connect their backbones. DE-CIX is now in the top-3 ranking of the worlds biggest public internet-exchanges. We expanded the services from just two locations in one colo - to almost 9 sites in the Metropolitan Area, changed the infrastructure almost completely - and established our own office in Frankfurt.; With now a group of people working for the DE-CIX full-time, whether I consider my efforts as something I mainly do in my spare-time - as I'm not an DE-CIX Employee.

Due to the fact that I'm also regularly attend Euro-IX, NANOG, Apricot, RIPE regional Meetings and other important international Meetings as a DE-CIX representative - I would share my experiences with you by being a Co-Chair for this Working-Group.

I'm quite busy this week with some projects which needed my presence - and I just came back from NANOG. Sadly I was not able to attend the RIPE-Meeting in Amsterdam this time - but Im' feeling honoured that some members of the EIX-Working-Group asked me to stand for the position of the co-share. As I'm not there - Mike and Fearghas offered me to read this on my behalf.

I would like to thank you for your attention - and Mike and Fearghas for their support.

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Cara Mascini

CV

Have an engineering degree in telecoms and computer science (my dark secret). Worked in the industry for almost 15 years now. First France Telecom then Global One. Consulting to many at DDV telecom and media consultants (a.o. UPC, BT/Telfort, Versatel/Tele2, Orange) and after they were gobbled up by Logica and CMG Job called me for this exiting job in social engineering ....

Motivation

I've been coming to RIPE for a long time and would like to participate more actively (other than the social engineering) EIX is my main WG and I'd like a chance to further develop and help shape it. I have several ideas how we could do that and would like to discuss those with all interested.

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Wolfgang Tremmel

As customer relations director of DE-CIX and with a history as peering manager of VIA NET.WORKS and teamleader NOC of KPNQwest Germany I know the Internet Exchange world from both sides, as a customer ISP and as an exchange operator.

The EIX WG is a great place where the RIPE ISP and Exchange communities can meet and my intention as co-chair would be that it stays this way.

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Remco van Mook

Election statement:

After attending a dozen RIPE meetings and also giving a dozen presentations during those RIPE meetings, particularly at EIX, I'd like my involvement with the RIPE community a step further. I think EIX is one of the key attractions at RIPE meetings and has a vital function as a neutral platform where both IXes and their customers participate. It's not just about the mad rush of IXP update presentations, it's also about the technical challenges that the IXes face, the switch wishlist, for users of IXes to stay informed and so on. Keeping all this organised requires actual work to be done. I'm willing to commit time to that and work with the other chairs to move EIX forward. And keep us away from bad timeslots at the meetings.

Oh, and if you're attending the RIPE dinner on Thursday night, I'll be buying the drinks there :-)

Short bio

Remco van Mook studied Business Information Technology at the University of Twente and started work for its University Computing Center as a networks and systems developer in the late 1990s. During that period, he was also member of the University Council, chairman of the university ISP and architect for then the fastest consumer Internet access network in the world, CampusNET 2.

In 1999, he was the co-author of 2 business plans; NDIX and Virtu.

Remco is currently CTO of NDIX (Nederlands Duitse Internet Exchange), responsible for architecture and technical strategy. NDIX was the first Internet Exchange spanning across an international border, with the intention to draw more networks to the area promoting regional development. NDIX has evolved into an exchange platform connecting a great diversity of companies across a multitude of cities in the East of the Netherlands and the states of Nordrhein/Westfalen and Niedersachsen in Germany.

Remco is founder and co-MD of Virtu, which is now the fastest growing datacenter company in the Netherlands. Virtu is one of the most secure datacenters in the Netherlands and the only carrier-neutral datacenter in the east of the Netherlands. Remco is involved in not only running the company but also in designing networks and solutions for very demanding customers. Virtu is now opening datacenters in Amsterdam and Zwolle.

Remco is an active contributor to the European Association of Internet Exchanges, EURO-IX, involving himself mostly with network design challenges, the European datacenter market and regulatory affairs. He is

also co-author of a current IETF Internet Draft, updating RFC 1035, to upgrade the security of current DNS (non-DNSSEC) implementations.

Remco is also co-author of the widely used prank-RFC 2322, likes to design and build large open-air networks (among which were HAL2001 and the Lowlands Festival) and is a co-author of the Linux Advanced Routing Howto. Other past sins include SMB2WWW, a web frontend for SMB-based networks and HIP Radio, probably the worlds first MP3 network streaming software, late 1996.

Remco is a regular speaker at conferences and RIPE meetings and advisor to various government organisations on Internet related affairs.