

# Newsletter

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## THE FENIX PROJECT WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER, MERIT GROUP

In June, the Internet security project FENIX, which aims at guaranteeing the availability of Internet services of its member companies in the case of a massive DDoS attack, acquired a new member. The company MERIT GROUP offers a range of services, especially in the field of information and communication technologies and systems. It has become the tenth entity to join the project, which already includes ACTIVE 24, Casablanca INT, CESNET, CoolHousing, CZ.NIC, ČD-Telematika, Dial Telecom, O2 Czech Republic and Seznam.cz.



## SLOVAK NETWORKS WISH TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE INTERNET SECURITY

In late June, the representatives of NIX.CZ, the Slovak cyber security team CSIRT.SK and a number of Slovak networks met in Bratislava to take part in the first working group and discuss issues related to the future development of the Slovak peering node [NIX.SK](#) and with the creation of the Slovak version of the [FENIX](#) security project.

"During the working group, we presented the changes in the Slovak peering node NIX.SK and the FENIX security project. In regards to the latter, we then opened up a discussion about creating its version in Slovakia. We very much appreciate the interest shown by local operators in questions of Internet security and the fact that they don't treat these issues lightly. On behalf of NIX.CZ, I would like to assure everyone that we are doing our best to meet these expectations, especially in terms of bringing about the creation of a Slovak version of the FENIX project," said Martin Semrád, the director of



NIX.CZ Association, which runs the Slovak peering node NIX.SK.

The first working group was attended by the following companies and organisations: Orange, BENESTRA, Forpsi, Light-Storm Communications, SK.NIC, Digi Slovakia, Slovanet, VNET, Netbox, Národná agentúra pre sieťové a elektronické služby [the Slovak National Agency for Network and Electronic Services], SITEL and NASES. The next meeting of the representatives of these and other entities interested in creating and participating in the FENIX Project is scheduled for late September/early October of this year.

### Quarterly update

**New networks in NIX.CZ**  
 BENESTRA (AS 5578)  
 Core Backbone (AS 33891)  
 EPIX (AS 50607)  
 SÜC//DACOR (AS 28876)

**New Networks in NIX.SK**  
 Anexia (AS 42473)  
 ANTIK Telekom (AS 42841)  
 CoolHousing (AS 35592)  
 FreeTel (AS 8251)  
 INTERNET CZ (AS 24806)  
 Itself s.r.o. (AS 12570)  
 Kaora (AS 42000)  
 Master Internet (AS 24971)  
 RadioLan (AS 43451)  
 SMART Comp (AS 31246)



## REPRESENTATIVES OF NIX.CZ ASSOCIATION AND THE SLOVAK CYBER-SECURITY TEAM CSIRT.SK SIGN A MEMORANDUM ON COOPERATION

In early June, the representatives of NIX.CZ Association and the Slovak national cyber-security team [CSIRT.SK](#) have signed a memorandum on cooperation. The two organisations will be cooperating primarily in the field of network security. Since March 2015, NIX.CZ Association has been running the Slovak peering node [NIX.SK](#), which is one of the two IXP nodes in Slovakia.

“The main goals of NIX.CZ Association are to operate Internet peering nodes and raise public awareness, especially around issues of network security. In the Czech Republic, we have been working very well together with the CSIRT.CZ security team, especially as part of various working groups. We would like to bring this successful form of cooperation to Slovakia,” said the director of the Association Martin Semrad. „Among others, our association would also like to offer the companies connected to the NIX.SK peering node to participate in the Slovak version of the FENIX security project. One of the conditions is having a dedicated security team - the CSIRT.SK specialists can be a big help in creating one.”



NIX.CZ AT CONFERENCES:

# Internet a technologie 15, ENOG9



During the past three months, the representatives of the Czech peering node also presented our activities at the Internet & Technologie 15 conference and at ENOG9. In both cases the main topics presented were the development of the Slovak peering node [NIX.SK](#) and the [FENIX](#) cyber security project. The first presentation took place during the [Internet & Technology 15 Conference](#). The event, of which NIX.CZ was one of the partners, also featured an interesting panel on the current security risks faced by Czech networks. A recording of the panel discussion and of Martin Semrad’s presentation are available at [www.nic.cz/it15](http://www.nic.cz/it15) (unfortunately only in Czech). Our representatives also met with the attendees of the ENOG9 Conference in Kazan, Russia, where the Director of the Association introduced the current projects of NIX.CZ.

### Events

#### April

NIX.CZ became one of the sponsors of the SEE 4 conference organised by RIPE NCC in Belgrade on 21 - 22 April 2015. NIX.CZ took part in the plenary discussion in the IXP Panel.

#### May

On 14th May NIX.CZ sponsored and participated in the Metro Online conference in Poprad, Slovakia where Martin Semrad, the director of the NIX.CZ Association, introduced the NIX.SK and NIX.CZ peering nodes.

