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EUROPEAN IPv6 INTERNET EXCHANGES (Euro6IX)

Native Pan-European IPv6 Network Ready

MADRID, November 4, 2002 – The Euro6IX project has completed the 1st stage of the deployment of the first Pan-European pre-commercial IPv6 Internet Exchanges Network, connecting several regional and strategic neutral IPv6 Internet Exchange points across Europe.

Several links of this network had been partial or totally funded by the Telcos involved in the project, making available to the partners extra resources that will allow the increase of the research and development activities.

"Telefónica I+D is aware that IPv6 could soon become a key issue in the deployment of Next Generation Networks and services, so the Euro6IX project results are expected to define a clear strategy towards the IPv6 Internet, where breaking new services and concepts will appear", state Carlos Ralli, IPv6 Project manager at TID.

"Euro6IX will help Europe and the rest of the world in the task to speed-up IPv6 deployment. Euro6IX is key towards this goal, supporting also research activities from several other projects, and providing the bridge for further cooperation. The complete establishment of the network is a very important milestone, and now we will be able to stress it with specific experiments that never had been done before, including the first attempt to try the new type of exchange-based aggregation talked about in RFC2374 (An IPv6 Aggregatable Global Unicast Address Format)", emphasized Jordi Palet, Consulintel CTO.

The Euro6IX network is also connected with 6NET, in order to foster mutual experimentation and collaboration.

Euro6IX partners cover most of the European territory: Spain (Consulintel, Écija & Asociados Abogados, novaGnet systems, Univ. of Murcia, Univ. Polytechnic of Madrid, Telefónica I+D and Vodafone,), UK (BTexact Technologies, Univ. of Southampton), Italy (Telecom Italia Lab), Denmark (Ericsson Telebit), France (6WIND, France Telecom RD), Germany (T-Systems Nova), Portugal (Portugal Telecom Inovação), Belgium (Eurocontrol) and Switzerland (Telscom).

Further information is available on the project Web Site (www.euro6ix.net). Also the project coordinating team can be contacted at info@euro6ix.net or directly through the Project Coordinators:

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