



The ninth edition of Peering Days was held in Sofia, Bulgaria



Network administrators, peering node operators, or representatives of datacenter owners from all over the world gathered at the end of March (March 28–30, 2023) for the ninth Peering Days conference. The event, which took place in the Bulgarian capital, is regularly attended by hundreds of participants. This year was no different.

“Nine years. That’s already a tradition. When we held the first Peering Days conference at Prague’s Václav Havel Airport, few of us thought about where this event would be nine years from now. I dare to say that together with our colleagues from Austria and Hungary, we have gradually built a conference that is a sought-after event for networking professionals from all over the world. Even though we live in an era where online communication is increasingly commonplace, I think face-to-face meetings are irreplaceable. This conviction was confirmed by this year’s Peering Days, as we once again gathered in numbers that filled the capacity of our event,” said Adam Golecký, Director of NIX.CZ.

This year’s Peering Days were once again organized by representatives of peering nodes from the Czech Republic (NIX.CZ), Hungary (BIX.HU), and Austria (VIX.AT). The local host was the Bulgarian internet exchange, BIX.BG.

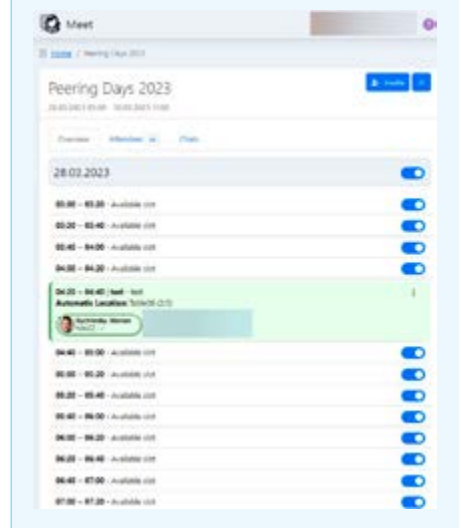
For more information about the Peering Days conference, please visit www.peeringdays.eu.

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INTRODUCING MEET, AN EVENT MANAGEMENT TOOL

During this year’s Peering Days, NIX.CZ representatives introduced a new tool for organizing meetings and communication between participants called MEET. This service, which is an open-source tool developed by NIX.CZ team, allows you to easily contact event participants, connect them, and arrange business meetings.

Thanks to the MEET app, hundreds of meetings were held during the Peering Days conference. When we asked attendees how satisfied they were with it, we received a number of positive responses. The tool is gaining popularity even outside of Peering Days and has been used by organizers of other community events, such as the ITNOG event held in May this year. The association plans to develop the MEET app further and add new functionalities.



CSNOG community members met in Zlín in May

The fifth meeting of network administrators from the Czech Republic and Slovakia — CSNOG 2023 — took place on May 16–17 at the Tomas Bata University in Zlín. The event was attended by 119 representatives of Internet Service Providers (ISPs), CDN operators, hosting company employees, network administrators, domain name registrars, and other professionals interested in Internet networks and technologies. The two-day program offered 20 presentations which are now available on the CSNOG 2023 website in both video and pdf formats, along with the photos from the event or reports summarizing the events of both conference days.

The mission of the CSNOG Community Meeting is to share experiences and practical solutions that can improve the quality of Czech and Slovak networks, and to share views on current computer networking topics. The next, sixth edition of the event will take place on January 23–24 next year and will be held in Zlín again.

For more information about the CSNOG community, please visit www.csnog.eu.



The main organizers of the network administrators' community meetings are NIX.CZ, CESNET, and CZ.NIC.

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Inter-governmental bodies consultation with a successful outcome

The NIX.CZ association actively participated in discussions and inter-governmental comment procedures on draft legislative and regulatory measures regulating the digital area in the Czech Republic. For example, in the first half of this year, representatives of the association commented on the draft amendment to the Gambling Act from the Ministry of Finance, which extended the obligations of Internet access service providers to include a new responsibility to redirect users to the so-called Landing Page. This was to

inform the user about the harmfulness of illegal gambling. After receiving comments, the Ministry of Finance withdrew this new obligation.

As a critical infrastructure entity, the NIX.CZ association also participated in discussions regarding the new law on cyber security. Discussions on this proposal from the National Cyber and Information Security Agency, which implements the European NIS 2 directive and the supply chain security mechanism, will continue in the second half of this year.

