



Open Hub Med: Mediterranean data traffic consortium data centre goes live

Milan, 26th April 2016 - The time has come! **Open Hub Med**'s Data Centre, the consortium's technology centre created to make Italy the bridge between the Internet networks of Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and the Big Internet networks in Europe and the rest of the world was officially put into operation on the 20th April. At the same time, Interoute, one of the consortium's first member-operators, has already switched on its transmission systems present at the site, and is now ready to receive connectivity requests. The other operators will soon follow in switching on their equipment.

Located in the Italtel research area in Carini (Palermo), the 1000 square metre OHM Data Centre was designed with the **most advanced technological systems which ensure service continuity and scalability of internal infrastructures and large-scale power supply over time**. Thanks to the modularity of the pre-cabled fibre-optic and electric systems, the Data Centre's main feature is **the ease with which customers will be able to install their equipment in racks or make use of equipment made available by OHM**, in short time and at low cost.

The Centre is now the first neutral technological and carrier-independent headquarters in the Southern Mediterranean that allows operators, OTTs and companies and public services to house their technology equipment and was established by the consortium's **founding members: Eolo, Equinix Italia, Fastweb, In-Site, Interoute, Italtel, MIX (Milan Internet Exchange), Retelit, SUPERNAP Italia, VueTel Italia and XMED**.

Valeria Rossi, President of Open Hub Med, couldn't hide her satisfaction with the opening of the Data Centre, stating *"This is another step forward in the realisation of a project from the most innovative and ambitious companies in our country. The OHM consortium today boasts the most renowned and illustrious names in Italian networking. OHM has been able to reach this goal thanks to everyone's contributions in terms of expertise, vision and capabilities. In other words, a true consortium approach has been realised with the activation of the data centre in Carini, the neutral heart of the Hub, the first phase of which has been completed with the addition of the major landing station infrastructure"*.

The aim is to make the Mediterranean central in the aggregation and development of traffic coming from South to East, **by planning step by step**: Valeria Rossi also added that *"the activation of the data centre is a fundamental step forward*. Today we're ready to welcome users to OHM's network terminals, including CDNs, content providers, cloud providers, digital media providers and all those who would benefit from having an available infrastructure in this strategic location, at both the national and international level."