

Press Release

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Telia becomes a key supplier for Europe's research network GÉANT

Telia International Carrier has been appointed one of the main suppliers for the build-up of the new GÉANT network. Telia International Carrier has, in competition with 15 other major players, won the contract to provide a significant part of the pan-European research network GÉANT with international capacity through a long-term agreement with the co-ordinating partner of the project, DANTE.

GÉANT is a four-year, 220-million Euro project co-funded by the European Commission set up by a Consortium of 27 European national research and education networks with DANTE as its co-ordinating partner. Reaching over 3,000 research and education institutions in over 30 countries, GÉANT will provide the highest capacity and will offer the greatest geographic coverage of any network of its kind in the world. It will be fully operational in November 2001.

- That DANTE chose Telia International Carrier as a supplier shows that we can meet their high demands. DANTE is an important client to us and we are proud to get this prestigious assignment in today's tough competition, says Lars Rydin, Head of Telia International Carrier.

- Telia International Carrier lives up to our highest standards and has what it takes to implement the network. We are very satisfied with their proven technical as well as financial skills and we look forward to working with them, says Dai Davies, General Manager of DANTE.

Telia International Carrier is to provide network capacity with speeds ranging from 34 Megabits/sec to 10 Gigabits/sec. The deal makes Telia International Carrier one of the main suppliers of capacity to GÉANT.

- DANTE's demands on the GÉANT suppliers are technically immense and the GÉANT network is one of the most sophisticated IP backbones to be built in Europe, says Olof Joos, Key Account Manager at Telia International Carrier.

About Telia International Carrier:

Telia's wholly owned subsidiary, Telia International Carrier, provides IP, Capacity, Voice and Infrastructure services. Today, the company is the leading European carrier of transatlantic IP traffic to the USA.

Its wholly owned multi-fibre optic network - the Viking Network - provides high capacity bandwidth and offers end-to-end connectivity round the world. The network is a giant investment intensive venture designed to expand Telia International Carrier to cover Scandinavia, Europe and the USA by 2001. The infrastructure in Europe is designed as a multi-duct network connecting all significant cities with communication, supporting IP, Voice and Data. By the end of 2001, the network will cover 40,000 route kilometres throughout Europe and the USA, connecting 50 major cities.

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<p>Telia is the leading Nordic communications company challenging technology to liberate you in life and business. In 2000, Telia's sales totalled SEK 54,064 million and the number of employees was 29,868. Telia is quoted on the A-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange.</p>
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