

Press Release

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Telia receives licence in Belgium

Telia International Carrier has received an establishing licence, which enables the company to expand into Belgium.

Under the licence, Telia International Carrier will have access to the Belgium market until 2015. Through Telias sales representation in Brussels, services within data communication, telephony, capacity as well as infrastructure will be offered.

- Since the Belgium authorities have very high demands on new telecom operators, we are both happy and proud to have received the licence, says Lars Rydin CEO and President of Telia International Carrier.

By being present in Brussels, Belgium data- and telecom operators have the possibility to connect to Telia International Carriers global "Viking Network". With more than 30 local operators, the closeness to France, UK and Germany and also as a port for transatlantic traffic, the Belgium market is of interest for Telia Internationals Carriers continued build up.

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 communication company challenging technology to liberate you in life and business. In 1999, Telia's sales totaled SEK 52,121 million and the number of employees was approximately 30,600. Telia is quoted on the A-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange.</p>
