

Ericsson signs first ENGINE multi-service network contract in Germany

Ericsson is entering Europe's largest multi-service network market with new German operator Callino selecting Ericsson's multi-service network solution, ENGINE, to upgrade its backbone network.

"Our focus is broadband access and high-speed Internet. A flexible and future-proof multi-service network is crucial to our success", says Dr Christoph Kurpinski, Callino's chief technical officer. "In building up our network we were looking for a vendor who could provide us with an ATM-based network with both DSL and Wireless Local Loop interfaces, and a network that is capable of interconnecting with other voice networks in Germany. "Ericsson's ENGINE meets our demands and supports our future expansion."

The highly future-proof data transmission equipment enables the operator to provide both fixed and variable transmission rates. This flexibility is particularly important for future mobile services, such as UMTS. Ericsson's ENGINE solution will be used for transmitting data – comprising full voice services and various kinds of data signals – and making use of the flexibility and versatility that is the trademark of ENGINE networks.

In the first phase, Callino will deploy ten of Ericsson's AXD 301 high-performance multi-service switches in the core network hubs of their Germany-wide network, where four will be used as access switches. A later expansion with five installations is planned for the second phase.

Ericsson is the leading communications supplier, combining innovation in mobility and Internet in creating the new era of mobile Internet. Ericsson provides total solutions covering everything from systems and applications to mobile phones and other communications tools. With more than 100,000 employees in 140 countries, Ericsson simplifies communications for customers all over the world.

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About ENGINE

Ericsson is a leader in circuit-to-packet solutions. In January 1999 Ericsson was the world's first vendor to receive a substantial order for a next generation network circuit-to-packet migration solution for British Telecom's national network. Ericsson has received a number of orders for solutions based on the same concept, including contracts with KPN International Network Services, Telia Denmark, eircom, Diveo (formerly Diginet Americas) and recently EdisonTel.

To learn more about Ericsson's suite of multi-service networks, ENGINE, please visit, <http://www.ericsson.com/ngn>