



NAK selects NetApp storage from Proact

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Given increasing digitalisation and the corresponding growth in data, the accessibility and flexibility of the NAK IT infrastructure provide a crucial foundation; an easily managed, scalable and extensible environment at an efficient cost. The direction and solution selected must be appropriate for the current circumstances and yet also allow for possible future developments; and reliable service from a dependable partner is also vital.

“We regularly heard the expression ‘worry-free implementation’ in the discussions we have held here at Proact with the NAK,” explains Lucas den Os, Managing Director at Proact Benelux. “The NAK is an organisation with such enormous social responsibility that we wanted to provide the NAK with a storage solution that will be ‘worry-free’, and that we are also extremely happy with. This indicates how we are becoming more established in the public sector.”

A NetApp cluster forms the foundation for the solution proposed by Proact. Multipathing is used for redundant installation and connection of all components, including disk shelves. The system is implemented with the CIFS protocol directly on the NetApp system, via FC protocols for VMware use, and using FC and iSCSI as SAN protocols. In addition, all snap managers are also provided for making consistent snapshots with respect to local backups, and the NetApp software is used for both replication and vaulting. This provides the system with the tools needed for backup and recovery using a second, separate NetApp system.

Proact Premium Support is used to supplement the solution. Proact’s own engineers guarantee that this service is on hand round the clock, seven days a week. All NetApp system software updates required take place within this service level. This ensures that the system is always up to date and able to benefit from the very latest technologies.

About Proact

Proact is a specialist in storage, archiving and securing large volumes of mission-critical information. As an independent integrator, Proact provides systems, support and consulting services within its focus area of data storage and archiving.

The Proact Group has more than 625 employees and conducts business in Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Great Britain, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden. Proact was founded in 1994 and its parent company, Proact IT Group AB (publ) has been listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm since 1999 under the symbol PACT.

Additional information about Proact is available at www.proact.eu

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The NAK also carries out inspections of phytosanitary exports and imports and authenticates phytosanitary certification. This involves parties destined for or originating from third countries; that is to say, all non-EU countries.

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