**Market surveys on the future replacement solution for the TESTA network**

**EU Interconnectivity and eXchange Platform (EU-IXP)**

The purpose of these market surveys is to gather feedback from economic operators potentially interested in participating as tenderers in public procurement procedures for the provision of the multiple ICT service elements to implement the successor of the TESTA network (Trans-European Services for Telematics between administrations).

The new approach regarding trans-European network service offering marks a fundamental shift from the current situation. The aim is to thus replace the current TESTA with a new trans-European network – **EU Interconnectivity and eXchange Platform (EU-IXP)**.

**Survey #1: Backbone services**

The overall scope of this survey is related to the 'Underlay service’ and can be further broken down into different components such as:

* **PoP (Point of Presence):** A point-of-presence (PoP) is a point or physical location where two or more networks build a connection from one place to the rest of the network. Typically, the PoP would be considered as the demarcation point between the local loop and the backbone service.
* **Backbone:** A backbone network is a robust, high-speed network that links multiple local networks into a single wide-area network. Typically, the backbone will interconnect all the PoPs in the network.
* **Field services:** This is a hands-on and onsite service taking care of the installation and initial (physical) setup of the connectivity.
* **Operational services:** This is an overall service managing the backbone service, providing portal (API) services and managing the connectivity between the backbone service and the local loops in the PoPs.

Link: [Backbone services survey](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/backbone-services)

**Survey #2: Customer network services**

The overall scope of this survey is related to the 'Overlay service’ and can be further broken down into different components such as:

* **Customer Premises Equipment (CPE):** This equipment (physical/virtual) connects the customer's internal network with the service provider's network. The CPE should provide the required network overlay function as described above.
* **Field services:** This is a hands-on, onsite service that takes care of the installation and initial setup of the connectivity.
* **Operational services:** This is an overall service that manages the overlay service, provides portal (API) services, and manages connectivity to the local loop and internal network equipment (LAN).

Link: [Customer network services survey](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Customer-network-services)

Questions regarding the surveys can be submitted through email at: [DIGIT-CONTRACTS-INFO-CENTRE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DIGIT-CONTRACTS-INFO-CENTRE@ec.europa.eu).

The deadline to reply to the surveys is **22 July 2024, 12:00 CEST.**

In addition, following the publication of the two surveys, two dedicated sessions will be organised by DIGIT to answer questions arising from the surveys:

* Wednesday 3rd of July from 14:00 to 14:30 CEST – Survey #1: Backbone services.
* Wednesday 3rd of July from 15:00 to 15:30 CEST – Survey #2: Customer Network services.

For registration to one or both dedicated sessions, please send your request to be invited to the email address: [DIGIT-CONTRACTS-INFO-CENTRE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DIGIT-CONTRACTS-INFO-CENTRE@ec.europa.eu).

**Deadline for registrations: 2nd of July, 12:00 CEST.**

Each economic operator that intends to participate to the session(s) will need to provide information on the company (full legal name, place of registration) and ICT sector in which the company is active (telecommunication/internet/cloud service provider or network integration/operation managed service provider), and up to two contact persons (name, role within the organisation and email address) for participation. The link(s) to the meeting(s) will be distributed before the session(s).

Please note that participating in the dedicated sessions is not a requirement for submitting your answers to the survey(s). This is for informational purposes only.

The contracting authority does not intend to respond individually to each piece of feedback provided through this consultation, but reserves the right to follow-up with a company for potential clarifications or publish further information following the market consultation.

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