

## Supporting documentation for the “Understanding Peering & Interconnection Policy” workshop proposal

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There have been a couple of Internet Exchange (IX) related sessions in past IGF meetings.

1. Workshop 56: The role of Internet Exchange Points in creating Internet capacity and bringing autonomy to developing nations. (2011)  
<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/workshop-56-the-role-of-internet-exchange-points-in-creating-internet-capacity-and-bringing>
2. Best Practice Forum on Internet exchange points (IXPs) - Contributing to the success and continued development of Internet exchange points (2016)  
<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/bpf-ixps>

Our proposal this time takes one step back and provides an overview of what peering is, how IX plays an important role in peering, and how operators work with each other to maintain this critical part of the Internet. As part of the technical community, we felt this was needed to address gaps between the technical and policy/governance sector. We feel this helps drive a more informed debate among policymakers regarding such matters as expressed by the Euro-IX community to the European Commission.

[https://www.euro-ix.net/media/filer\\_public/c7/72/c772acf6-b286-4edb-a3c5-042090e513df/sp\\_np\\_impact\\_on\\_ixps\\_-\\_signed.pdf](https://www.euro-ix.net/media/filer_public/c7/72/c772acf6-b286-4edb-a3c5-042090e513df/sp_np_impact_on_ixps_-_signed.pdf)

We have a great toolbox that addresses some basic questions about peering. The tutorial part of the session will attempt to explain these to a non-technical audience.

<https://www.peeringtoolbox.net/beginner>

The second half of the session will invite panelists representing various regions of the world to share how peering works in their country.