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1 Organisational Issues

The demand for IP connections in Europe is growing rapidly. Many regional or even national IP networks exist already, and more are expected in the near future. The need for interconnections within Europe between these various entities is being recognised by all IP users and network providers. Obviously, some minimum level of co-ordination is needed between all parties wishing to have IP connections that go beyond their own realm.

As a first step towards co-ordination on a European scale, a questionnaire was circulated widely a few months ago, trying to get a first impression of the level and size of IP networks and plans for the short time future. On the basis of the results of this questionnaire, an initiative was taken to have a first (informal) meeting of representatives of existing wide area IP networks.

This document is a report of the meeting that took place on May 22nd in Amsterdam. The organisations present at the meeting realise that they in no way are a full representation of all the IP WAN activities in Europe; but it was agreed that efforts should be made to come to a true European coverage of all IP activities.

The aim of the meeting was therefore defined as follows:

- Collect as complete as possible all information about ongoing IP WAN activities.
- Take initiatives to set up, co-ordinate and support IP connectivity within Europe.
- Take initiatives to co-ordinate European -USA IP connections.
- Act as a nucleus for a more formal European IP coordination activity.

It was agreed that all issues to be discussed are of a technical nature and do not constitute politics or policy in any way.

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And 35 Years Ago



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took place in Amsterdam on 22 May 1989.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered
time and effort to keep RIPE going.

35 years later, things have changed
but we're still having fun ;)



Questions, feedback & **cake**

