



PRESS RELEASE

100 GB CONNECTIONS AND ACCESS TO RETELIT'S AAE-1 CABLE ARRIVE AT OPEN HUB MED IN SICILY

Operator connects Sicily to the AAE-1 and the main Italian European Internet eXchanges from consortium's Carini Hub

Milan, June 28, 2018 – Retelit extends its 100 Gbps transport services also to Sicily: start-up of the new network infrastructure supports the connection of the Bari AAE-1 landing station with the Open HUB MED Carini Data Center, a Sicilian Neutral and carrier-independent technology hub.

Retelit can offer with these new connections transport services between the two regions of Southern Italy and to Europe, as the only operator capable of providing multiple submarine and land restoration connectivity options between Bari and Palermo to Marseilles, with the option to co-locate customer equipment at the Open HUB MED Data Center.

The telecommunications hub permits Retelit to speed up the development of services in Sicily and - thanks to the new connections - route data and Internet traffic from the East and Asia, through the submarine cables, not only on the fiber optic transport backbones to the main European hubs, but also at Open HUB MED's strategic exchange point.

"This is an additional highly important step for our Italian development and growth, particularly considering that the market volumes of services provided to the Italian landing stations of Internet Transit, Peering, Cloud Connect and Security are estimated from 2019 at around Euro 50 million, with annual growth rates of 40% until 2022", stated Federico Protto, Chief Executive Officer of Retelit. "The arrival of Open HUB MED, a consortium of which we are also a member and a project which we have whole-heartedly supported since its creation, and the network and infrastructure investments, are the first stage of a wider project which will see our presence in Southern Italy established and extended".

For the members of the AAE-1 Consortium, of which Retelit is only the Italian member, the new connections provide new routing and protection options thanks to the land sections from Bari now available to any European hub.

"The entry of the AAE-1 cable into Open HUB MED's Data Center is a milestone for our consortium and underscores the strategic nature of OHM. The positioning of Open HUB MED in Sicily and the technical and logistical features of its Data Center located a few hundred meters from the Palermo coast establishes it as the best neutral landing station for new submarine cables in the heart of the Mediterranean", stated Valeria Rossi, Chairperson of Open HUB MED.

Retelit Group

Retelit is a major Italian provider of data and infrastructure services to the telecommunications market and has been listed on the Milan Stock Exchange since 2000, joining the STAR segment on September 26, 2016. The company's fiber optic infrastructure at March



31, 2018 covers approx. 12,500 kilometers (equivalent to approx. 231,000 KM of fiber-optic cables, of which 68,000 located in MAN), connecting 9 Urban Networks and 15 Data Centers across Italy. It has over 3,583 On-Net sites, of which 2,371 customer sites, 710 telecommunication towers, 447 cabinets and 40 Data Centers reached. The Retelit network also extends beyond Italy with connections to the largest European PoP's, including Frankfurt, London, Amsterdam and Paris. Retelit is a member of AAE-1 (Africa-Asia-Europe-1), the submarine cable system connecting Europe to Asia through the Middle East, reaching 19 Countries, from Marseille to Hong Kong, owning a landing station in Bari. These valuable assets make Retelit a perfect technological partner for TLC and ICT operators and businesses, providing on demand a complete range of high-quality, reliable and safe solutions. Services range from ultra-broadband fiber optic internet connection to the Cloud and network and VPN services to colocation solutions, with approx. 10,500 square meters of equipped and secure fiber optic connected spaces, for the outsourcing of Data Center services and the satisfaction of disaster recovery and business continuity needs. Retelit's Carrier Ethernet services are in addition Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) certified.

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Open HUB MED

OHM is the first neutral and carrier-independent technology hub in the Southern Mediterranean for the housing of the technology of operators, OTTs, businesses and the Public Sector, the exchange of internet traffic and the landing of submarine cables from North Africa, the Middle East and the Far East. The structure offers neutrality, reliability and security in line with the best sector standards.

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