



Orange Business to provide European Union's backbone network for trusted data exchange

- **Connects European institutions, bodies and agencies, as well as national public administrations, through a resilient cross-border digital infrastructure**
- **Secure backbone for pan-European trusted data flows**

Orange Business has been selected as the trusted network partner for TESTA-EIRIS (Enhanced Infrastructure for Reliable Interconnectivity and Security) to provide a highly secure, isolated private communications backbone for public administrations across European Union (EU) Member States.

TESTA-EIRIS backbone services mark a significant step in modernizing the EU's communications infrastructure to create a more resilient, sovereign pan-European network. It will securely connect EU institutions, bodies, agencies and Member States.

Orange Business will provide the Layer 2 / Layer 3 backbone that enables the infrastructure's functionality, integration and long-term scalability. As the network operator, integrator and platform player, Orange will work closely with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Digital Services (DG DIGIT), the department designing, building and managing this digital ecosystem.

"As reliance on digital technologies increases and cyber threats continue to evolve, the EU has placed digital trust at the heart of its strategic priorities. Core to the TESTA-EIRIS backbone project is the drive to build a secure, trusted European digital ecosystem. Orange Business is proud to be chosen to deliver this robust, adaptable, and future-proof infrastructure to support the EU's critical needs," said **Richard van Wageningen, President of Europe for Orange Business**.

Supporting a smarter, safer and more connected EU infrastructure

Through strategic design and clear governance, this new secured-by-design network will support European digital initiatives and improve administrative interactions, making it easier to implement policies across the EU.

Orange Business will provide critical building blocks across core capabilities for the network, supported by a strong Network Operating Center and Security Operating Center. Built on a single backbone connecting at least 12 Points of Presence (PoPs) across five

strategic European regions, the architecture will deliver secure-by-design, high availability (99.999%) and resilient connectivity across sites and multi-cloud environments.

The solution will combine backbone infrastructure, cloud connectivity and Virtual Private Network (VPN) technologies securely connecting distributed sites. Evolution Platform, Orange Business's AI-first, trusted connectivity platform for delivering enterprise digital services, will replace dedicated hardware with software-based virtual services. This platform model provides a simpler and fully digital customer journey and is built on a foundation of trusted, sovereign European infrastructure.

About Orange Business

Orange Business, the enterprise division of the Orange Group, is a leading network and digital integrator, supporting customers to create positive impact and digital business. The combined strength of its next-generation connectivity, cloud, and cybersecurity expertise, platforms, and partners provides the foundation for enterprises around the world. With 30,000 employees across 65 countries, Orange Business enables its customers' transformations by orchestrating end-to-end secured digital infrastructure and focusing on the employee, customer, and operational experience. More than 30,000 B-to-B customers put their trust in Orange Business globally.

Orange is one of the world's leading telecommunications operators. As of the end of 2025, Orange connects 340 million customers (including MasOrange) across 26 countries and generated 40.4 billion euros in revenues.

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