

# Croatian Internet eXchange CIX

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**Starting an IXP**



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# Agenda

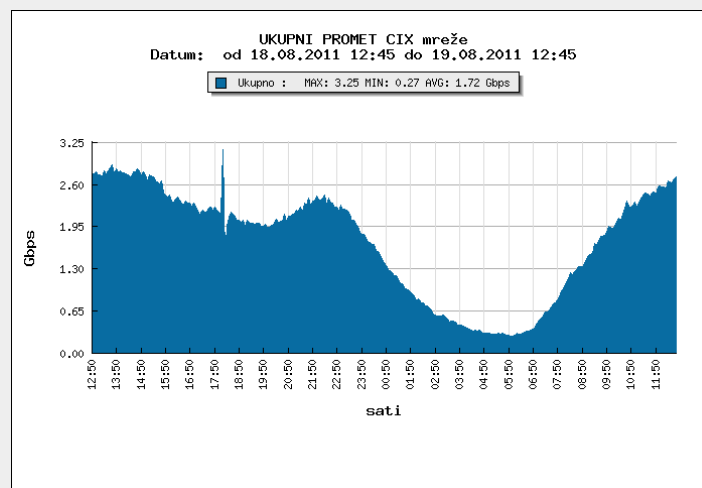
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# CIX fundamentals

- ❖ Croatian Internet eXchange ([www.cix.hr](http://www.cix.hr))
- ❖ Croatian national centre for exchange Internet traffic
- ❖ Hosted and operated by University Computing Centre (Srce)
- ❖ Neutral and not-for-profit
- ❖ Available to all ISPs in Republic of Croatia, equally for commercial and non-commercial or private networks
- ❖ The purpose of CIX is a direct interconnecting of ISPs in order to reduce unnecessary traffic via third networks

# CIX in numbers

- ❖ July 2011
- ❖ 23 members (3 new member in 2011)
- ❖ 570 TB of delivered traffic (140 TB in July 2010)
- ❖ 4,39 Gbps peek traffic (940GBps peek in July 2010)



# Establishment of CIX

- ❖ Established 8 of september 2000.
- ❖ In an academic environment
- ❖ Started under the CARNet (Croatian NREN) umbrella
- ❖ First operational peering in 2001.
- ❖ **Changes in governance and organisational structure** in 2005.
  - ◆ CIX Council
  - ◆ CIX Policy
  - ◆ Financed by memebers

# Problems and difficulties in CIX establishments?

- ❖ Croatia is a small market (4.500.000 residents), with one ISP holding >80% of market (former Croatian Telecom, not a member of CIX)
- ❖ Technical education of CIX members (and future CIX members)
- ❖ Struggling to establish more peering
- ❖ Transformation from “free of charge” to “not-for-profit” for CIX members
- ❖ Lack of interest by international players (Tier 1 providers, content providers) to become CIX members



# Solutions

- ❖ More effort in education and the establishment of cooperation between existing CIX members (more peerings)
- ❖ Constant search of potential new members within the Croatia
- ❖ Trying to bring more international players :
  - ◆ VeriSign February 2010
  - ◆ Cogent Communications May 2010 (just PoP not member)
  - ◆ Google May 2011



# Thank You!

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