Microsoft Azure
Peering Service

Direct connection or connectivity to public Microsoft cloud services

Microsoft Azure Peering Service (MAPS) is the ideal enterprise solution for optimal connectivity to Microsoft services such as Office 365, Microsoft Dynamics and Microsoft Azure. It improves the user-experience for Microsoft's SaaS by reducing the round-trip time (RTT) from a user's site to the Microsoft Global Network. The Microsoft Global Networks is Microsoft's public network backbone that interconnects all of Microsoft's Datacentres and multiple cloud application entry points.

Key features

- **Direct access to any public Microsoft Cloud Service to achieve optimal performance**
  Customers will be directly connected to the Microsoft Network via a port on the AMS-IX platform

- **Traffic prioritization over the Global Microsoft Network**
  The connection quality will be backed by a Microsoft SLA. A Microsoft SLA to guarantee quality connections with a network availability of 99.95% and a packet delivery of 99.9%.

- **Traffic Insights**
  Customers have access to telemetry such as latency, through-put and packet loss for network connectivity

- **Route analytics and statistics**
  Customers will receive alerts for hijacks, leaks, and any other Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) misconfigurations. Detection for non-optimal routing will also be available.

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Your benefits

A world class user experience for all Microsoft Azure services
Optimised routing and reliable connectivity will ensure low-latency and a high-quality digital experience for using Microsoft's services

Cost-efficiency
MAPS enhances connectivity to the Microsoft network without the need for a costly private connection. This service offers optimized access for SDWAN customers to the Microsoft network via peering.

How this works

Customers who want to make use of MAPS have to connect to the AMS-IX platform, which means they will be needing an Autonomous System Number (ASN) from RIPE. The MAPS service will then be activated as an additional service on your AMS-IX port connection. Choose the bandwith that best matches your network needs.

The service is available at AMS-IX Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Check out our list of resellers or our list of EasyAccess locations on our website when you want to connect to AMS-IX via a remote location in Europe.

About AMS-IX

AMS-IX is a neutral member-based association that operates multiple interconnection platforms around the world. Our leading platform in Amsterdam has been playing a crucial role at the core of the internet for more than 25 years and is one of the largest hubs for internet traffic in the world. Connecting to AMS-IX ensures customers such as internet service providers, telecom companies and cloud providers that their global IP traffic is routed in an efficient, fast, secure, stable and cost-effective way. This allows them to offer low latency and engaging online experiences for end-users.

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