



# Corporate Presentation

March 2021

 **SPARKLE**

# TIM Group Overview

A background image showing a group of business professionals in a modern office setting. In the foreground, two men in suits are shaking hands. Other people are visible in the background, some looking at documents. Large windows in the background show a city skyline under a bright sky.

Employees **55,198**

Customers (Mln) **102.5**

Revenues (Bn €) **18**

*Data as of December 2019*

## TIM Group Overview

It is the **leading Telecommunications and ICT group** and **Italy's digital partner**. In the areas of fixed, mobile and convergent telecommunications, internet, digital content, cloud platforms and services, ICT solutions, research and development

**Leading Player in Brazil**

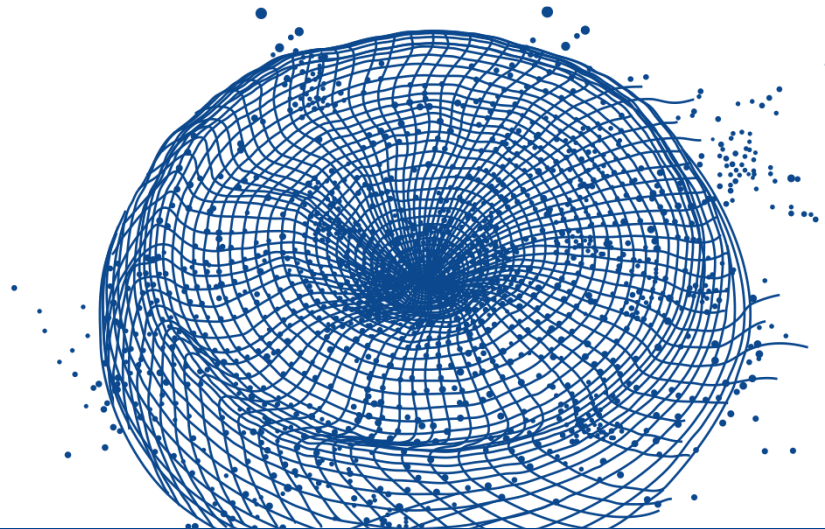
**Among TOP global operators** through Sparkle

**Core markets: Italy, Brazil**



# Sparkle Overview

- **A LEADING GLOBAL OPERATOR** with an unparalleled experience and know-how in a wide range of diverse markets. Sparkle, with its IP&Data, Cloud & Data Center, Corporate, Mobile and Voice Platforms, actively takes part in the development of worldwide communications, providing the best global connectivity solution to Fixed and Mobile Carriers, ISPs, OTTs, Media & Content Players, Application Service Providers and Multinational Corporations, before they know they need it
- **Wholly owned subsidiary of TIM Group** with the objective of developing the international wholesale and the retail multinational corporate businesses, as well as of **supporting TIM Group business units for the provisioning of International Service**



# Sparkle Overview

## Company data

### Headcount

754

### Countries of presence

34

### Network coverage\*

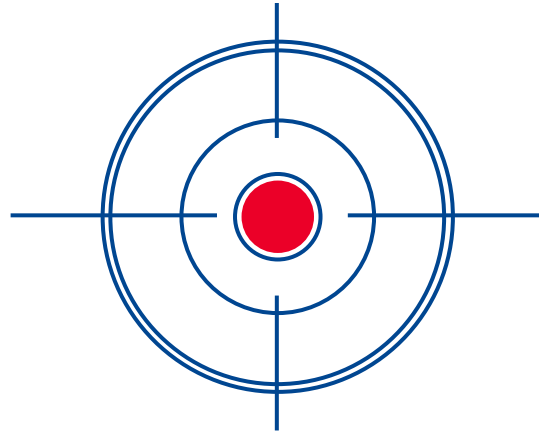
#PoPs 159

### PoPs via partners

> 1,000

*Data as of December 2019*

*(\*) Data as of April 2020*



## Key figures

### Voice Traffic

9 Bn minutes

### Data Traffic

57 Tbps

### Revenues

947 Mln €

*Data as of December 2019*

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# Positioning



Sparkle Global IP Backbone “Seabone” ranks **#7** worldwide and is leader in the Mediterranean, Middle East, Africa and in South America



Cloud & Data Center Solutions available in several DCs worldwide, with key assets presence in Italy, Greece and Turkey



**Leader** in Italy, challenger in Europe and emerging player on the global market



**#10** for worldwide traffic collected on an international basis



Among the few global players currently active in the wholesale mobile market



**IP&Data Platform  
# 7 Globally**

**# 1 in Middle East  
# 1 in South America  
# 2 in Africa  
# 5 in Europe**

## IP WW Ranking

IP Global Ranking (Backbone)		2020
Telia Carrier		1^
Level 3		2^
Cogent3		3^
NTT		4^
GTT		5^
Tata Communications		6^
<b>Sparkle</b>		<b>7^</b>
Zayo		8^
PCCW Global		9^
Hurricane Electric		10^

(source: DYN)



**Voice Platform  
# 10 Globally**

## Int'l Voice traffic Ranking

Bn Min		2019
Vodafone CS	1^	55.6
Tata	2^	32
Orange	3^	30.5
Tofane	4^	30
IDT	5^	26
DT	6^	26
BICS	7^	24.3
Barthi	8^	21
Telefonica	9^	21
<b>Sparkle</b>	<b>10^</b>	<b>9</b>

(source: IMF-GTF)

# Key Assets

#1

**State-of-the-art Global Network** with proprietary backbones in Europe, Mediterranean Basin and the Americas and ownership in submarine cables connecting Europe with South-East Asia and the Americas

#2

**Global Services Portfolio** for Fixed and Mobile Operators, ISPs, OTTs, Media & Content Players, Application Service Providers and Multinational Corporations

#3

**Worldwide presence in 34** countries based on fully owned companies and offices

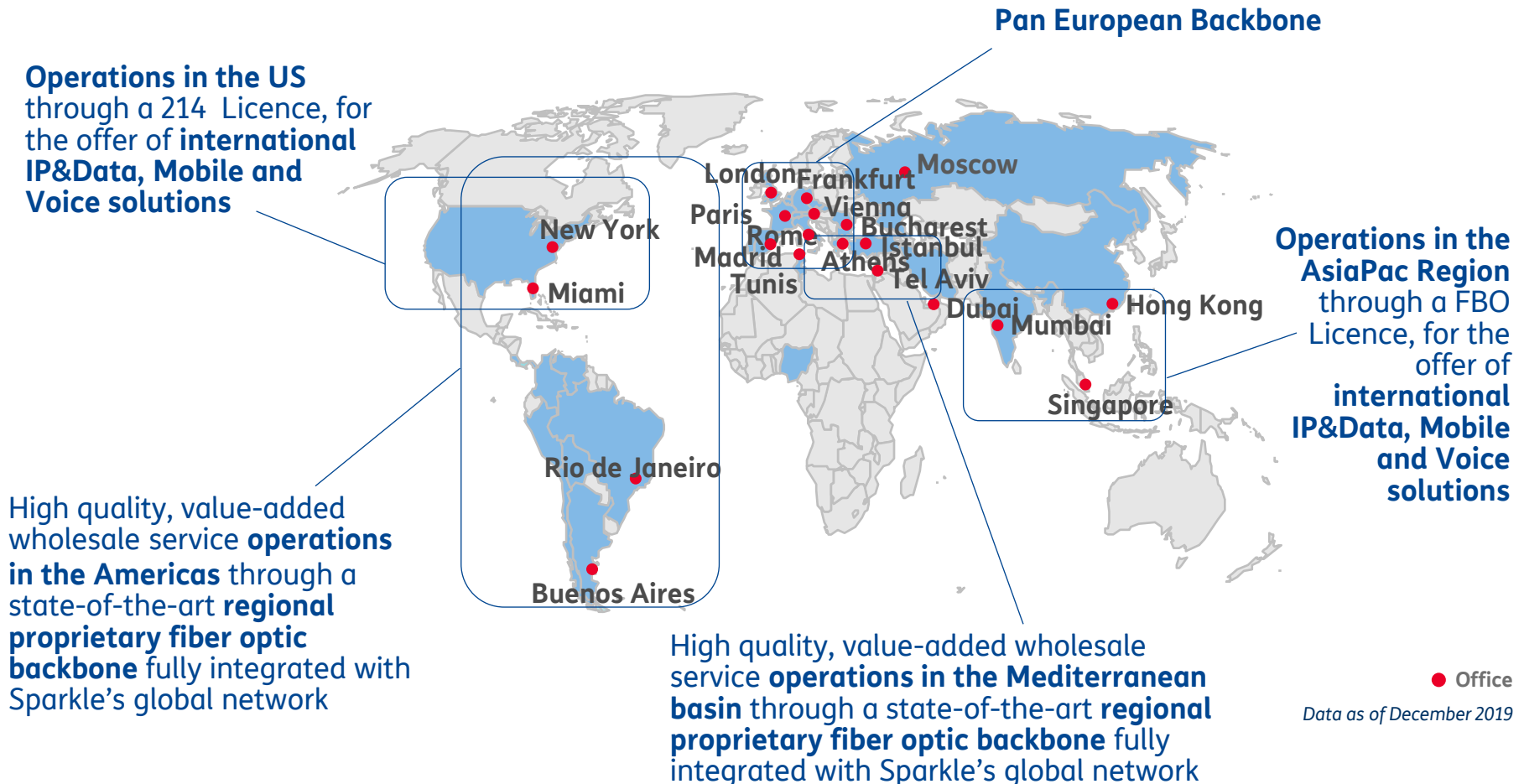
#4

**Advanced OSS, BSS and Customer Care capabilities** with multi-lingual call center

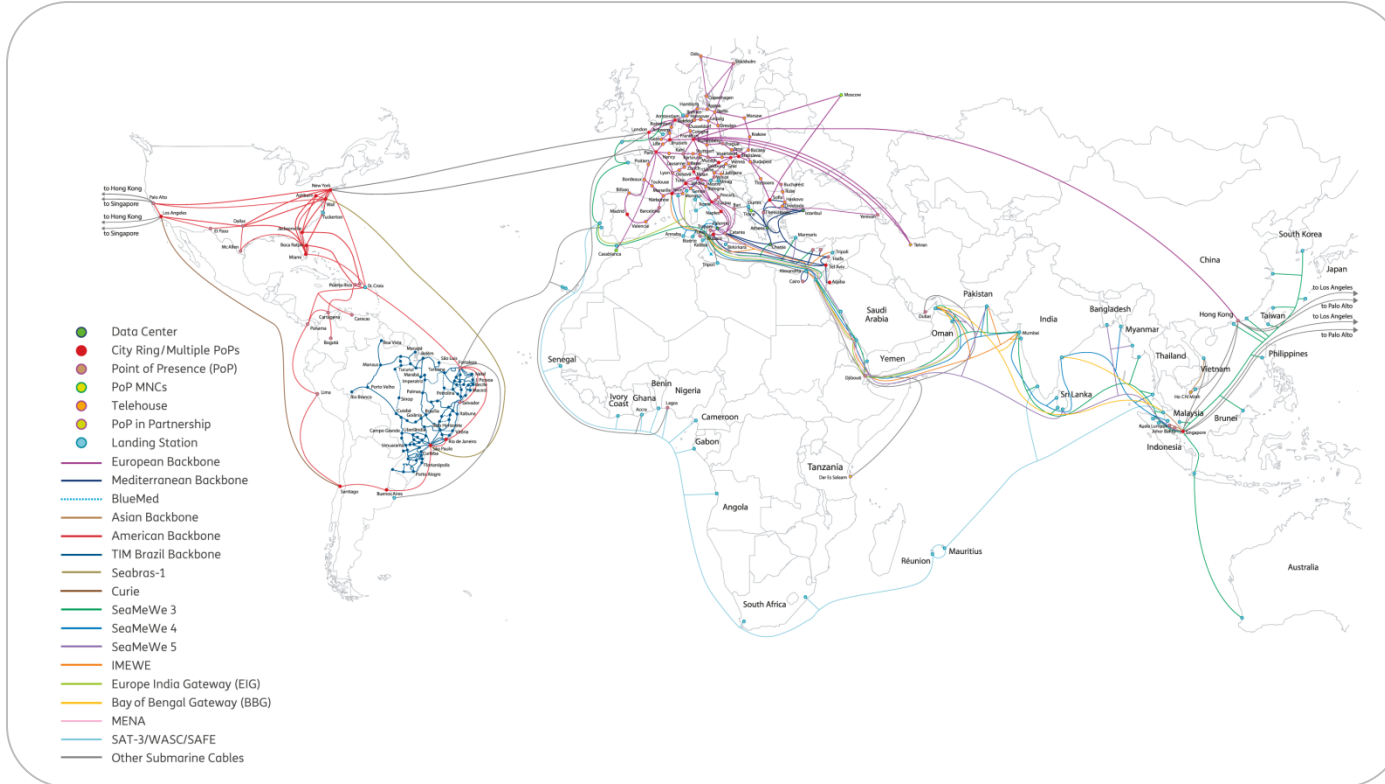


# Operations

Sparkle has a **global presence** based on its fully owned subsidiaries and offices in **34 countries**, with a headcount of over 700 in Italy and abroad



# Global Backbone



## GLOBAL CAPABILITIES

- ▶ 86 cities in 44 countries
- ▶ 159 PoPs
- ▶ >1,000 PoPs through partners
- ▶ 41,000 km/fibre PEB
- ▶ 58,500 km Americas Backbone
- ▶ 11,000 km Mediterranean Backbone
- ▶ 18,000 km/fibre Italian network
- ▶ more than 433,000 km submarine cables\*
- ▶ ca. 53,000 km other fibre network\*

Data as of April 2020

(\*) Includes Lease

- Full IP Global Network
- Unique protected fiber path in Europe and global meshed architecture providing full resilience
- Unique footprint in Middle East and South East Asia through a state-of-the-art regional proprietary fiber optic backbone in the Mediterranean Basin, SeaMeWe-3, SeaMeWe-4, SeaMeWe-5, IMEWE and bilateral cable Systems
- New POPs in Italy, UK, US, Colombia, Brazil, Nigeria, Armenia, Jordan and Morocco
- Increased network capillarity in Europe
- New proprietary redundant backbone links from North to South America, new cable Seabras-1 connecting New York and Sao Paulo and new Fiber Pair on Google's Curie Submarine Cable to directly connect Chile to US
- Capacity across the Atlantic and the Pacific

# Service Proposition

Complete set of **IP, Data, Cloud & Data Center, Corporate, Mobile and Voice** solutions for **Fixed and Mobile Operators, ISPs, OTTs, Media & Content Players, Application Service Providers and Enterprises**



A complete range of solutions designed to access any content on the Internet with secure global international IP connectivity, high-performance international bandwidth and IP MPLS services



Suite of highly flexible and scalable top class integrated IaaS, PaaS and SaaS that meets the ever growing need of cost efficient and top security IT solutions, available in several Data Centers worldwide, with proprietary key assets in Italy, Greece and Turkey



Complete portfolio of services, including global connectivity and ICT, aimed at serving the needs of corporate customers with the highest performance level



A distinctive portfolio designed to support the operations of mobile operators to rapidly increase international mobile coverage and usage, generate new revenue streams and minimize service set up and management costs



Voice Solutions offer worldwide voice capabilities to Carriers, Service Providers and Mobile Operators combining network reliability, competitive pricing and excellent routing solutions

# Global Portfolio



## SPARKLE | IP&DATA PLATFORM

YOU CONNECT AND TOGETHER WE EVOLVE

- SPARKLE | Seabone
- SPARKLE | DDoS Protection Service
- SPARKLE | Virtual NAP
- SPARKLE | IXP Connect
- SPARKLE | City2City
- SPARKLE | Site2Site
- SPARKLE | Ethernet Suite
- SPARKLE | Country2Country
- SPARKLE | Restoration



## SPARKLE | CLOUD & DATA CENTER PLATFORM

YOU GROW AND TOGETHER WE EVOLVE

- SPARKLE | IaaS Suite
- SPARKLE | Backup and Storage as a Service
- SPARKLE | Disaster Recovery as a Service
- SPARKLE | Professional Services
- SPARKLE | MultiCloud Suite
- SPARKLE | YourCloudStore
- SPARKLE | Cloud Tailored Suite
- SPARKLE | Vertical Services
- SPARKLE | Sicily Hub
- SPARKLE | Greece Data Centers
- SPARKLE | Turkey Data Centers
- SPARKLE | Miami Data Center
- SPARKLE | Global Data Center
- SPARKLE | Data Center Connect
- SPARKLE | Cloud Connect



## SPARKLE | CORPORATE PLATFORM

WE COLLABORATE AND TOGETHER WE EVOLVE

- SPARKLE | Ethernet Suite
- SPARKLE | Carrier MPLS
- SPARKLE | IP VPN Suite
- SPARKLE | SD-WAN
- SPARKLE | Global Connect
- SPARKLE | Data Center Connect
- SPARKLE | Cloud Connect
- SPARKLE | Bandwidth on Demand
- SPARKLE | Outsourcing Solutions
- SPARKLE | Communication Solutions
- SPARKLE | IoT Solutions
- SPARKLE | Media Solutions
- SPARKLE | eHealth Solutions



## SPARKLE | MOBILE PLATFORM

YOU MOVE AND TOGETHER WE EVOLVE

- SPARKLE | IPX
- SPARKLE | GRX
- SPARKLE | Big Data
- SPARKLE | Global Signalling
- SPARKLE | LTE Diameter Signalling
- SPARKLE | Signalling Protection Suite
- SPARKLE | SMS Transit
- SPARKLE | SMS Booster
- SPARKLE | Voice & SMS Express
- SPARKLE | Outbound Roaming Solution
- SPARKLE | VoLTE Transit and Roaming



## SPARKLE | VOICE PLATFORM

YOU TALK AND TOGETHER WE EVOLVE

- SPARKLE | Best Voice Transit
- SPARKLE | W.A.V.E. Voice Outsourcing
- SPARKLE | IPX
- SPARKLE | High Definition Voice
- SPARKLE | Access Services
- SPARKLE | Barrier Antifraud Services
- SPARKLE | Voice & SMS Express

# Cloud & Data Center Solutions

## Data Center

6 DC Hubs Worldwide  
Located

Colocation

Best Technology in  
the Market

Power

Everything you need to be  
connected

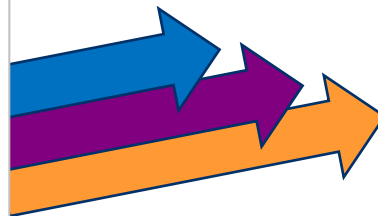
Cabling

360° Data Center  
Support

Colo  
Professional  
Services

**Advanced Data Centers to  
meet the requirements of  
Telcos and Enterprises**

**With**



**Int'l Global  
Network  
Inside**

## Cloud

IaaS

Scalable and Flexible

Security

A full set of security  
solutions

Online  
Marketplace

Self-Management white label  
marketplace and Advanced  
SaaS

DaaS

High business agility and  
continuity

Cloud Storage

Secure, Robust and  
Scalable

MultiCloud

Reselling of Public Clouds +  
tools & professional services

Cloud Connect

High Speed and secure  
connectivity to all Public  
Cloud Players

**An innovative and wide  
service portfolio**

**...and a unique Set of Cloud/Data Centers and Network Infrastructure**

Colo and Hosting capabilities, completely  
**integrated with Sparkle's network services  
worldwide**

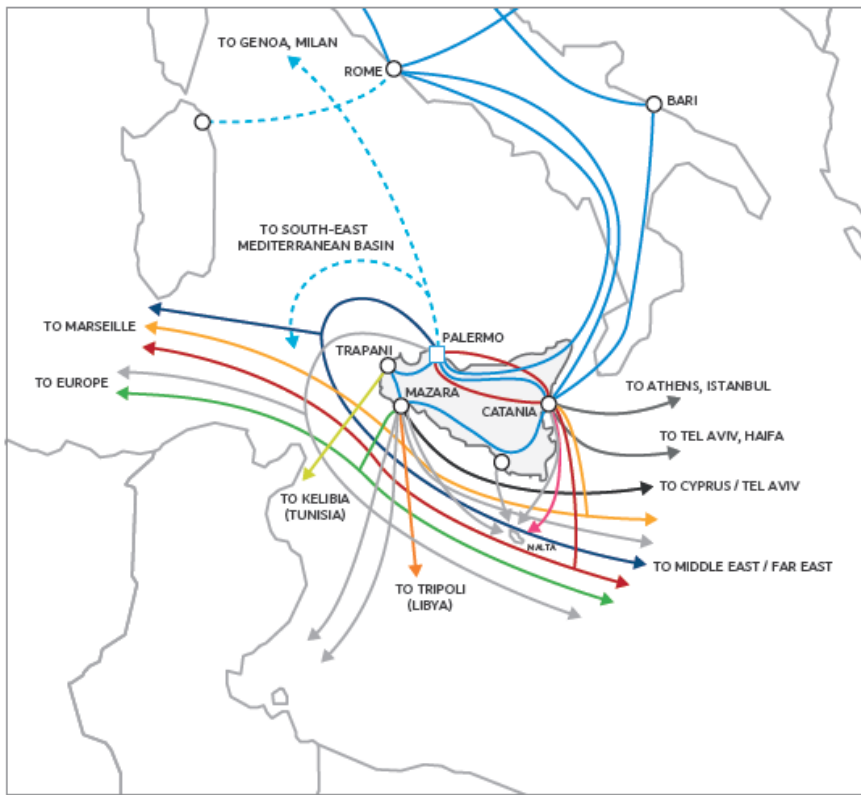
**Regional Data Centers in Italy, Greece and Turkey** that  
leverage on Sparkle's unique protected terrestrial and  
submarine network to Europe



# Sicily Hub as Top Mediterranean Gateway to the Global Internet

The leading IP gravity center in the Mediterranean where Content meets ISPs is in Palermo

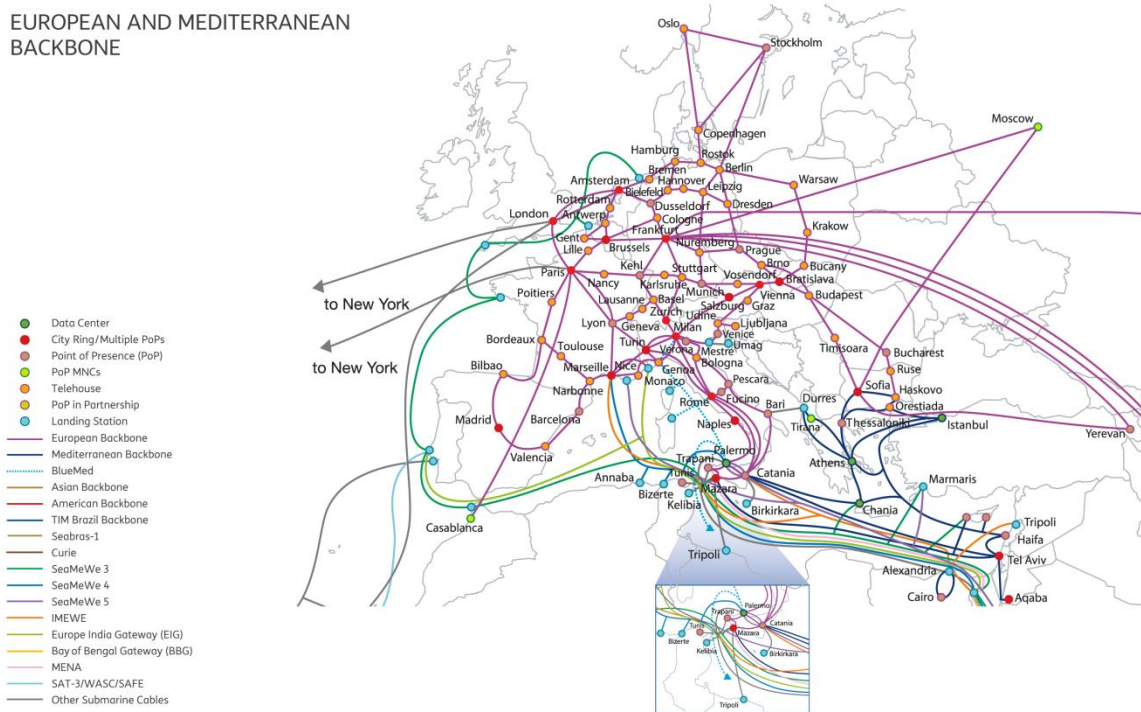
## SPARKLE | Sicily Hub



- Neutral colocation facility
- Connected to all landing stations in Sicily, including SeaMeWe-5
- Private or Public Peering through DE-CIX, the world largest neutral IX
- **Content**, the most important players have chosen Sicily Hub to interconnect with ISPs
- **Quality & Competitiveness**, improved latency and lower costs than any other European location
- **Flexibility**, to efficiently manage submarine and terrestrial capacity with enhanced resilience
- **Marketplace** of multi-breed interconnected players to trade any telecommunication and cloud solutions

# Key Regional Backbones: Europe & Mediterranean

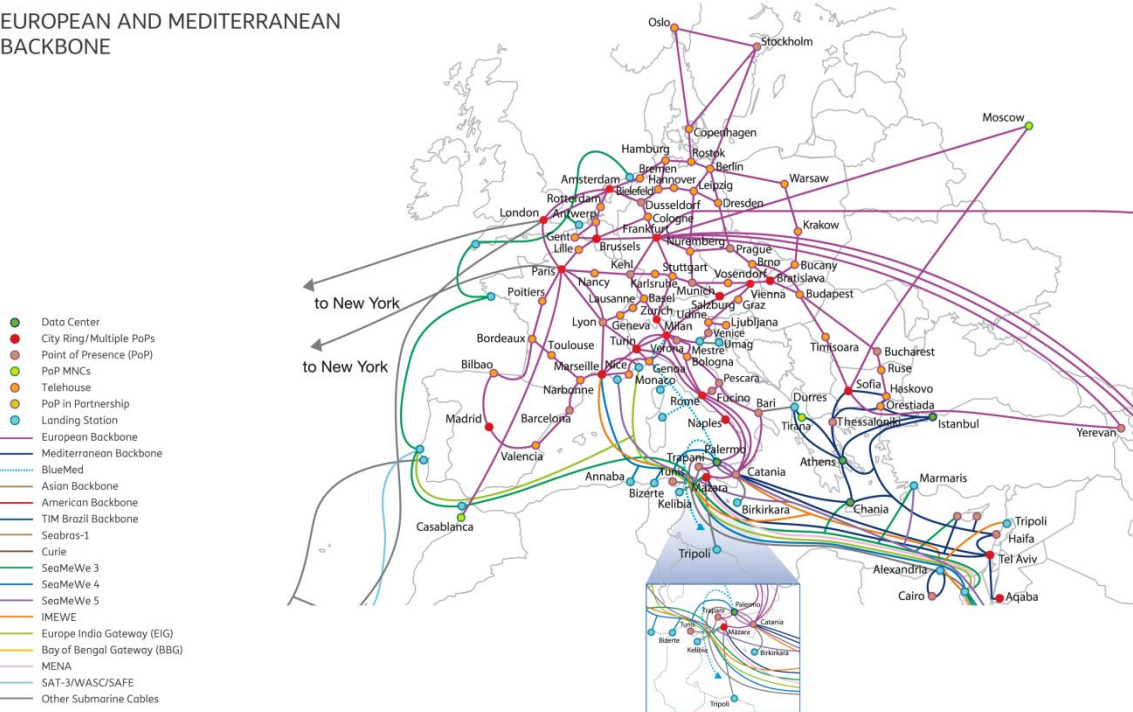
EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN BACKBONE



- Increased network capillarity in Europe
- Unique protection from Istanbul to Europe through terrestrial and submarine networks
- New diversified and protected backbone links in the Balkans as alternative route to connect Europe to Africa, Middle and Far East
- New POPs in Moscow and Casablanca for Corporate Solutions

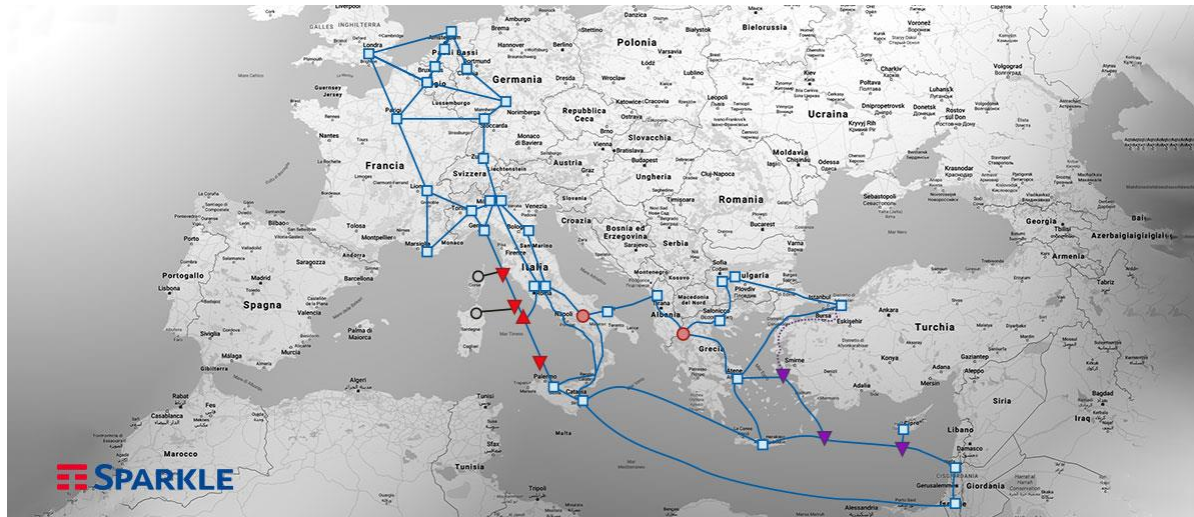
# Reinforcing Leadership in the Mediterranean through BlueMed....

EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN BACKBONE



- New cable to connect Palermo with Genoa's new open landing station, directly connected to Milan's rich digital ecosystem
- Multiple branches within the Tyrrhenian Sea to support further extensions southbound of Sicily
- Capacity up to 240 Tbps, Total length of 1,000 km
- Expected RFS 2022
- BlueMed will provide **advanced connectivity between Middle East, Africa, Asia and the Europe** with up to **50% latency reduction** than existing terrestrial cables connecting Sicily with Milan
- Sparkle's new open landing station in **Genoa is set to become the alternative priority access for other upcoming submarine cables** looking for a diversified entry way to Europe, thus **strengthening Italy's role as digital gateway between Africa, Middle East, Asia and Europe**

# ....and Nibble, the new Pan-Mediterranean Network



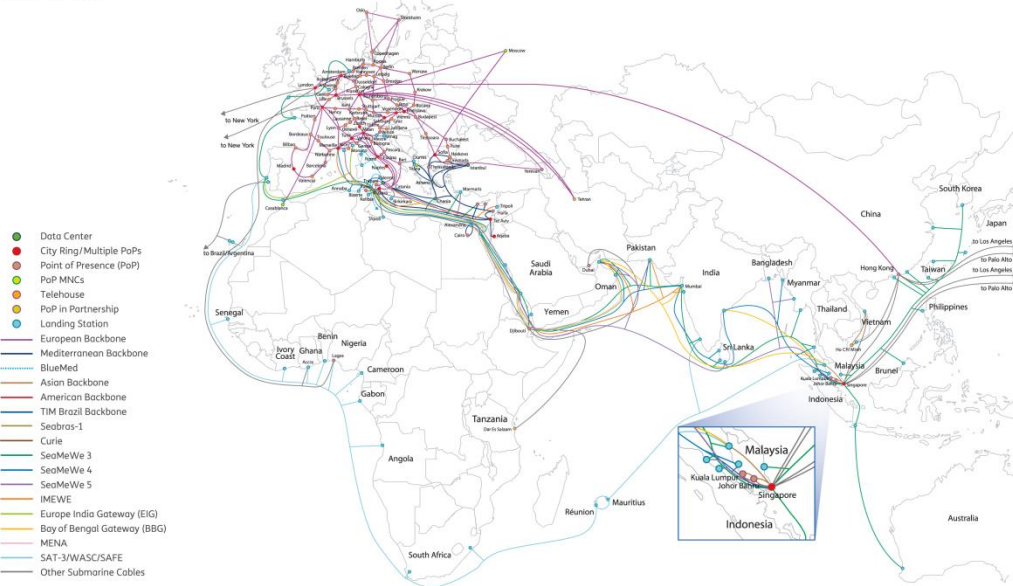
- ▲ New branching units
- ▲ Existing branching units
- Fiber/Photonic interconnection points
- Fiber/Photonic interconnection points on BlueMed branches
- Capacity delivery points

- New ultra-long-haul photonic backbone digitally linking Sicily with the major Points of Presence and datacenters in Europe
- Built upon new express fibers, Nibble will provide industry-leading speeds, low-latency, high-performance, scalable and guaranteed connectivity services between the most important European locations, meeting carriers and enterprises' rapidly increasing network capacity requirements
- Based on: DWDM & Instant Network technologies, Software-Defined Bandwidth solution and Instant Network
- Nibble will progressively be integrated with Sparkle's existing Mediterranean and Balkans Network and with BlueMed
- First link connecting Sparkle's Sicily Hub in Palermo with Milan Caldera open datacenter



# Strategic Focus on Med, ME, Africa & APAC Corridors

EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA AND ASIA BACKBONE



Through Sparkle's global network, operators in fast growing markets of Middle East and Asia have access to worldwide contents with unrivalled performance through a **2-way path connecting Sparkle's Asian network to Europe and US, both East and Westbound**

## EUROPE & MEDITERRANEAN

- **Fully resilient Pan European backbone** covering 13 countries
- **State-of-the-art regional proprietary fiber optic backbone** covering: Italy, Turkey, Israel, Greece, Cyprus
- **Proprietary submarine cable Athens-Istanbul**
- **Bilateral cables with Monaco, Albania, Croatia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Israel and Libya**

## EUROPE TO AFRICA, ME & ASIA

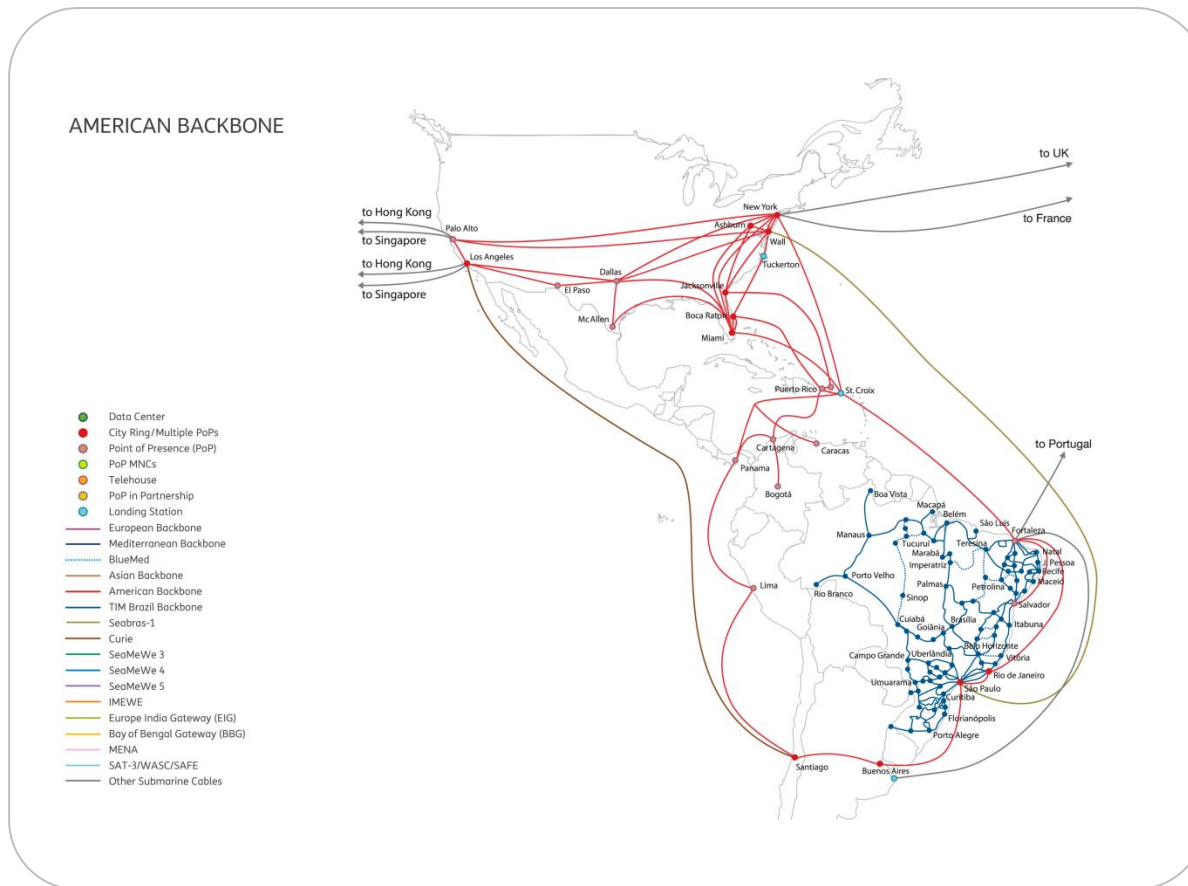
- **SeaMeWe-4** cable: France, Algeria, Tunisia, Italy, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India, South-East Asia
- **SeaMeWe-5** cable: Europe to Asia, reaching 17 countries, with a main landing in Catania, Sicily
- **IMEWE** cable: France, Italy, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, India
- **Other Submarine Cables: SeaMeWe-3, EIG, BBG and MENA** (Europe, Africa, Middle East, Far East)

## EUROPE TO WEST AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

- **SAT-3** (Europe, West Africa), **ATLANTIS-2** (Europe, West Africa, South America)

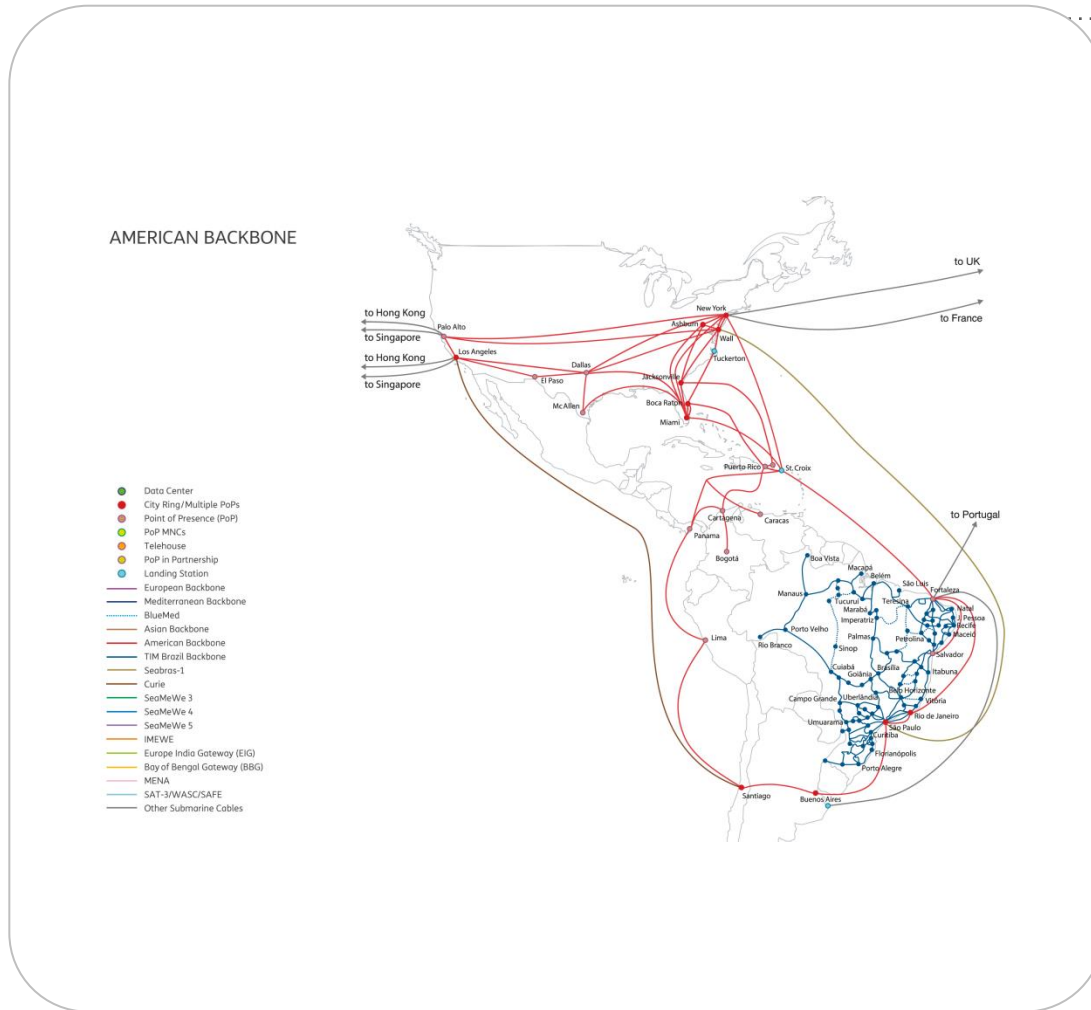


# Key Regional Backbones: Americas



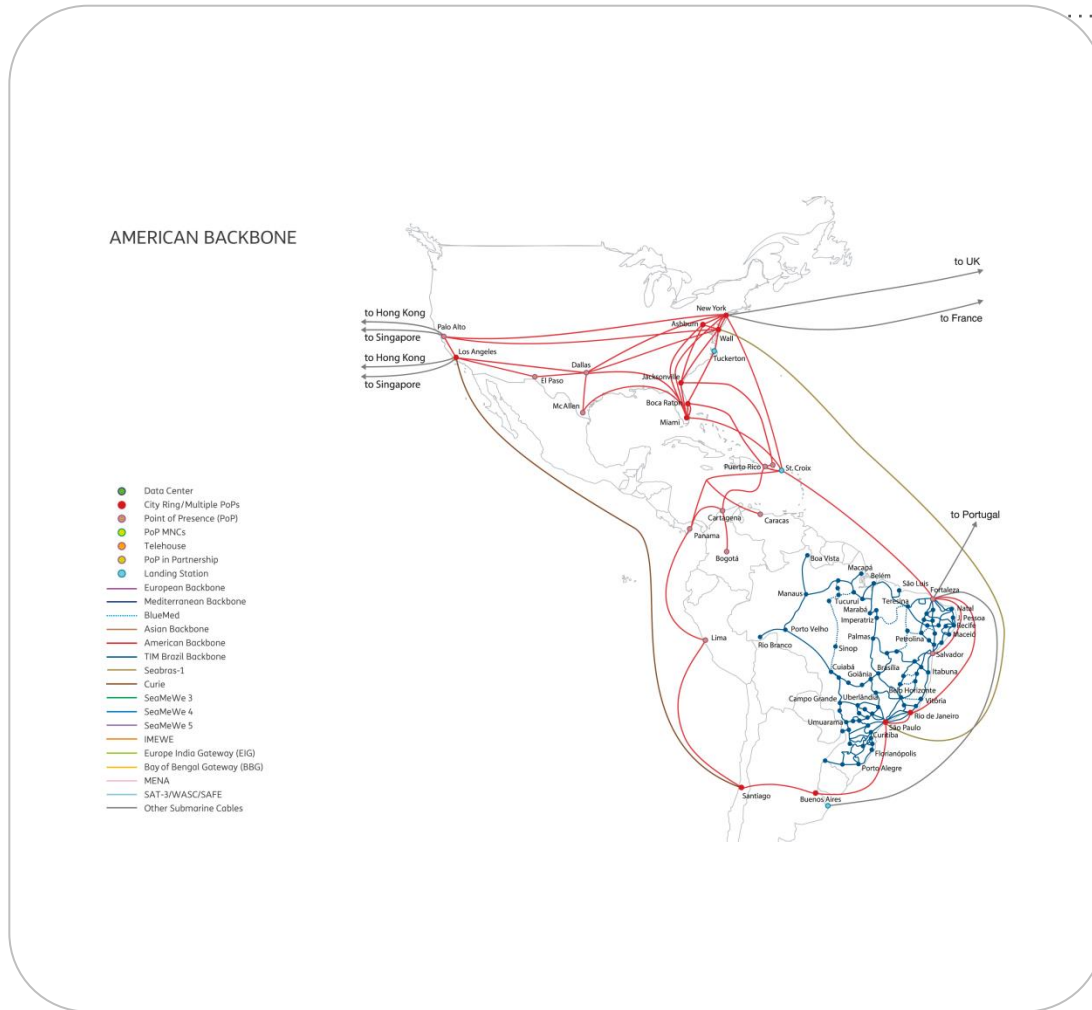
- Full IP network in the Americas
- New **Seabras-1** cable connecting New York and Sao Paulo and new Fiber Pair on Google's Curie Submarine Cable to directly connect Chile to US
- State-of-the-art proprietary fiber optic backbone in 8 countries: US, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Panama, Peru, Venezuela
- New proprietary redundant backbone links from North to South America
- **TIM Brasil Backbone** fully integrated with Sparkle's global network
- Capacity across the Atlantic and the Pacific

# Reinforcing Leadership in the Americas through Seabras-1....



- First cable to connect Sao Paulo to New York
- Based on six fiber pairs and with initial design capacity of 72 Terabytes
- Sparkle owns 3 out of the 6 pairs
- Investment in a Branch Unit in Fortaleza, Brazil, and a protected backhaul between New York and Miami
- Full network resiliency with top service quality
- With Seabras-1 Sparkle supports the fast growing demand of capacity originating in South America, especially Brazil, along the South to North America route, one of the most relevant IP traffic streams globally which records yearly growth rates of over 35% and contributes over 30% of the global market value
- With the backhaul extensions from cable landing points to main PoPs in New York and Sao Paulo, Sparkle provides easy onward connectivity to rest of world

# ....and Curie Submarine Cable



- Sparkle Adds a new fiber pair on Curie submarine cable system connecting Chile to US
- The Google-owned subsea cable Curie is the first direct new generation US-Chile cable connecting Los Angeles to Valparaíso
- Sparkle's new fiber pair on Curie will be fully integrated with Sparkle's global backbone, increasing redundancy and offering a fourth diversified route to directly connect South and North America
- Thanks to these newest highways, Curie in the Pacific and Seabone-1 in the Atlantic, Sparkle offers the best performance in terms of latency and robustness through its pillar connectivity service City2City and its global Tier-1 IP transit service Seabone
- With this latest investment Sparkle is even more able to cater to the huge data demand driven by new technologies, media platforms and cloud-based services, requiring omnipresent internet connectivity

# Sparkle Winner at the World Communication Awards 2020

Sparkle received the **Operator Efficiency** prize at the World Communication Awards 2020 as a recognition for the use of **Artificial Intelligence to improve operational efficiency and customer experience**



- The award recognizes Sparkle's effectiveness in **automating its Operations, Provisioning, Pre-Sales, Marketing and Customer Care processes** through the introduction of **Robotic Process Automation (RPA), Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence**
- Started in 2019, Sparkle's **Network Intelligent Operations (NIO)** program has already shown excellent results: entrusting robots with the most repetitive tasks, the company was able **to completely eliminate human errors, speed up service delivery and restoration times and save more than 10,000 working hours** that employees can spend on higher value professional activities
- Besides operational efficiency, the NIO program, combining technology and innovation with soft and hard skills, is **improving the quality of service offered to our customers**

# Sparkle Winner at the Global Carrier Awards 2020

Sparkle received the **Best Middle East Africa Project, Best Americas Project, Best Data Centre and Best 5G Deployment** prizes at the Global Carrier Awards



The **Best Middle East Africa Project** awarded Sparkle for its **Point of Presence in Aqaba**, a new gravitational hub in the Middle East region and a **strategic corridor between Jordan, its neighboring countries and Europe**



The **Best Americas Project** prize recognized Sparkle's recent **addition of Curie to its routes in the Pacific** as a milestone and crucial project **to powering the digital age in Latin America**



The **Best Data Centre** acknowledged Sparkle's ongoing global expansion, with the **deployment of a new data center** in Athens that will provide the country with **one of the largest and most advanced "green" data centers in Europe**



The **Best 5G Deployment** awarded for the establishment of **a 5G data roaming interconnection between Etisalat in the UAE and TIM in Italy** - the first between Europe and the Middle East - showed Sparkle's pioneering role in **5G data roaming**

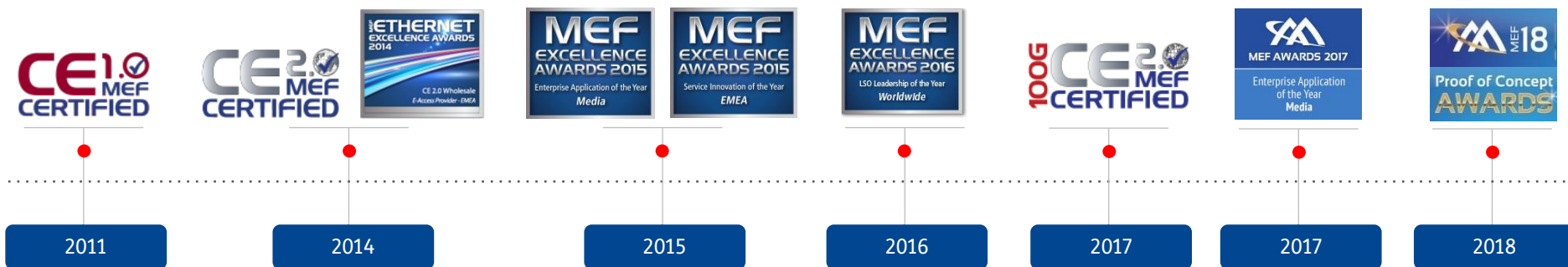


# Sparkle Wins the “Business Impact Award” at MEF

- In March 2021 Sparkle has been awarded with the **Business Impact Award** for a **Proof of Concept on Secure Access Service Edge (SASE)**. The “**Remote Employee Access to Cloud**” PoC demonstrated how Sparkle enables multinational enterprises to deploy a post-pandemic hybrid workplace model, establishing secure and effective remote employee access to company resources located in multiple clouds or on premise
- As recognition of Sparkle’s commitment in providing customers with best performing advanced connectivity solutions - complaint with industry’s standard - in December 2020 **Sparkle has obtained the MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet Certification**
- In 2019 Sparkle has been awarded with MEF PoC Award for the Service Assurance Implementation project “**Dynamic Connectivity and Commerce Enabled by MEF 3.0 and Blockchain**” at MEF19 and in 2018 won the “**Best MEF 3.0 Implementation Project 2018**” and the “**Silver Proof of Concept**” awards at MEF18
- These wins follow other recognitions achieved in previous years and confirm Sparkle’s commitment and excellence in deploying forward-looking technologies and contributing to the definition of industry standards starting from 2006 when it joined MEF



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