

A NEW CINIA CONNECTION LINKS THE HANKO AREA DIRECTLY TO INTERNATIONAL DATA NETWORKS

Cinia Group's branch connection of the C-Lion1 submarine data cable is about to be completed. The new connection increases the appeal of the Western Uusimaa region from the standpoint of new business opportunities and creation of new jobs. The enterprises and municipalities in the Hanko and Raasepori region aim at creating a significant node for international data traffic along with Frankfurt, Stockholm and Helsinki. For Cinia, the new Hanko branch complements its international network by new routing options.

"The connection is important for the Western Uusimaa area, because it creates better conditions for the competitiveness of enterprises, and thus increases willingness to establish a presence in the area. That is exactly what the region desires and yearns for, since it advances the development of the area from many perspectives, for instance, in the form of increasing employment," states the mayor of Raasepori **Ragnar Lundqvist**.

"The fiber optic connection through Hanko essentially improves the attractiveness of Western Uusimaa in the eyes of businesses, and among other things, it helps remarkably in our effort to attract new data centers to the area," says mayor of Hanko **Denis Strandell**.

"Development of the digital infrastructure enhances the vitality of the whole region, and projects require cooperation of municipalities and businesses. The towns of Hanko and Raasepori have already completed zoning for accommodating data centers to accelerate implementation projects. For instance, in Hanko a former storage area of imported vehicles and in Raasepori the Horsbäck area have got zoning, electrical infrastructure and a top modern optic fibre network in place to welcome companies in the data center industry," states **Eero Hettula**, chairman of the board of C-Fiber Hanko.

"The municipalities of Hanko and Raasepori and the enterprises in the area have clearly grabbed the opportunities opened by Cinia's international network. Our goal is to offer the fastest and most reliable data connections and new business opportunities for enterprises and organizations throughout Finland. For us, the branch provides creates a complimentary route to the main cable and an option to route traffic from the Western Nordics more directly to the C-Lion1 cable system. Another landing point also serves in securing continuity of data traffic," says CEO of Cinia Group **Ari-Jussi Knaapila**.

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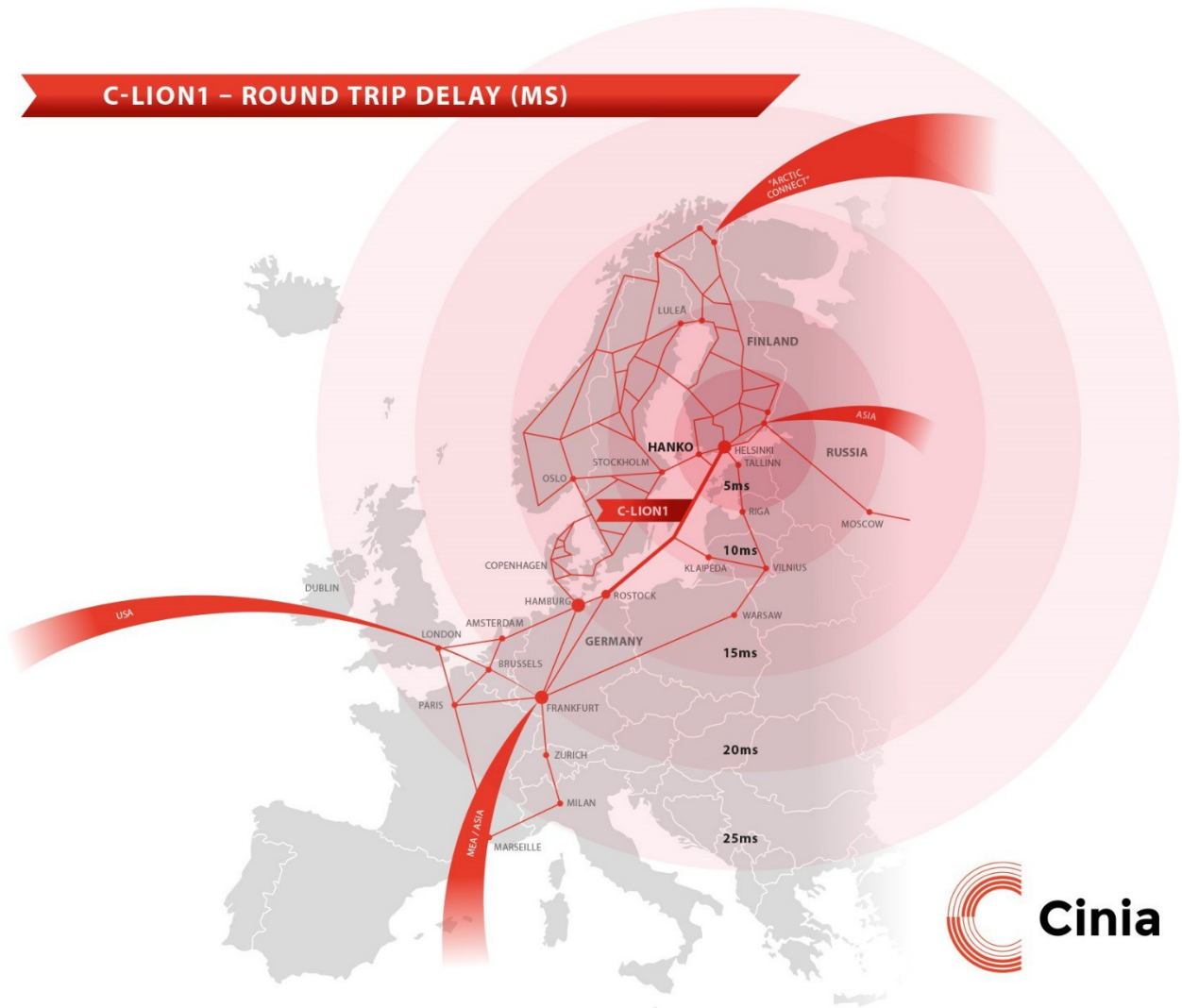
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C-Fiber Hanko Oy is a company owned by the municipalities and representatives for the local industry in the Hanko-Raasepori area. C-Fiber Hanko Oy has closed a cooperation agreement with the governmentally owned Cinia Group Oy, including financing procedure, that allows a branching of the C-Lion1 submarine fiber optic cable system to be built to Hanko. C-Fiber Hanko Oy focuses on making way for international data connections to be built to the Hanko-Raasepori area, making the area a significant point-of-presence for traffic from Frankfurt, Stockholm, Helsinki and further to new and existing routes north and east. Through this C-Fiber Hanko Oy aims to make the area suitable and interesting for data center deployments and other types of data intensive industry. www.c-fiber.fi

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