Ekinops accelerates virtualization of network services in Belgium by integrating Proximus Wholesale solutions

PRESS RELEASE

Paris, 18 May, 2026 – Ekinops (Euronext Paris - FR0011466069 – EKI), a leading provider of optical networks, connectivity and SASE cybersecurity solutions for telecommunications operators and enterprises, announces the launch in Belgium of a new generation of network solutions, Network-as-a-Service (NaaS). This initiative notably relies on the high-bandwidth, proven infrastructure of Proximus Wholesale (wholesale telecom services market), enabling local operators to deliver digital services that are more agile, faster to deploy and fully software-driven.

At the heart of this collaboration is ONE (Open Network Ecosystem), the new strategic product portfolio from Proximus Wholesale. ONE combines Proximus' reliable, high-performance national connectivity with Ekinops' advanced software technologies, including universal customer premises equipment (uCPE), the virtualization solution layer OneOS6-LIM, and the OneManage management and monitoring system dedicated to automated service orchestration and lifecycle management.

This ecosystem allows partners to activate services remotely through a secure marketplace of virtual network functions (VNFs), covering routing, security, SD-WAN and voice solutions. By replacing dedicated hardware appliances with virtualized solutions hosted on a single uCPE, wholesale partners gain agility, reduce delivery lead times and simplify the entire service lifecycle.

"Ekinops' innovative solutions support Proximus' ambition to help enterprises in their digital transformation," explains **Frank Dedobbeleer, Chief Revenue Officer, EMEA & APAC at Ekinops**. "Thanks to the simplification of the service chain and powerful orchestration via OneManage, Proximus Wholesale partners gain flexible access to a broad application ecosystem without compromising performance."

The software-driven ONE approach enables on-demand bandwidth, automated provisioning and remote updates, with no need for on-site physical intervention. This approach reduces installation times, improves reliability and accelerates the deployment of new services.

"By introducing a single uCPE deployable at the network edge as the foundation of the ONE portfolio, we enable our partners to operate in a much simpler and more efficient way, "explains **Alex Lorette, Director of the Carrier & Wholesale Division at Proximus**. "Fewer on-site devices, fewer technical interventions and faster service activation all contribute to a smoother, more scalable operating model for Belgian service providers,

telecom operators and their customers. This unified approach represents a major step toward flexible, software-based networks at the edge."

For more information about the ONE solution: https://www.proximus.be/wholesale

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https://www.ekinops.com/solutions/software-defined

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About Ekinops

Ekinops is a European leader in optical networking and secured connectivity solutions for service providers, enterprises and public organizations around the world.

Ekinops designs, develops and manufactures high-performance solutions with cutting-edge software used to deliver high-bandwidth connectivity and managed services in over 70 countries worldwide.

Ekinops leads in the areas of:

- Advanced coherent optical networking for all metropolitan, regional, long-distance and datacenter interconnection applications
- Secured connectivity solutions for enterprises, from voice and data routing devices to Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) capabilities, including ZTNA (Zero-Trust Network Access), SD-WAN, and SSE.

Ekinops operates globally and is listed on Euronext Paris (FR0011466069 - EKI).

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About Proximus

Proximus Group (Euronext Brussels: PROX) is a provider of digital services and communication solutions operating in the Belgian and international markets.

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