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CAREN project brings Gigabit-speed connectivity to Central Asia

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Headline: CAREN project brings Gigabit-speed connectivity to Central Asia

URL: <http://www.kabar.kg/eng/news/caren-project-brings-gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-central-asia/>

RIR Score: ★★
Coverage type: Editorial
PDF Permission: Unavailable
Site Name: KABAR
Identified: 03/05/2017
Published: 26/04/2017
Site Location: Russia
Language: English
Alexa traffic rank: 243,965
Site target audience: Kabar is a russian site dedicated to updating its readers with the latest news related too the economy, government and parliament.
Social shares:  Facebook: 1

Headline: CAREN Project brings Gigabit-Speed Connectivity for Research and Education to Central Asia?

URL: <http://drrgateway.net/information-communications-technology/caren-project-research-education-connectivity-central-asia>

RIR Score:
Coverage type: Editorial
PDF Permission: Unavailable
Site Name: ICT & DRR Gateway
Identified: 08/05/2017
Published: 02/05/2017
Site Location: General
Language: English
Alexa traffic rank: 4,840,908
Site target audience: This website is provided by the Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

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URL: <http://www.firmenpresse.de/pressrelease538009/caren-project-brings-gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-central-asia.html>

RIR Score:	★★
Coverage type:	Selective
PDF Permission:	Permission Granted
Site Name:	firmenpresse
Identified:	26/04/2017
Publisher:	Layer Media
Published:	25/04/2017
Site Location:	Germany
Language:	English
Other sites linking in:	1,242
Advertising rates:	Media Kit
Readership:	3,146,000,000
Alexa traffic rank:	273,973
Site target audience:	firmenpresse is a German and English portal that provides the latest press releases, articles and support. firmenpresse actively distributes press releases and also offers a comprehensive directory of public relations providers. firmenpresse would be of interest to European PR professionals covering a huge variety of themes and topics.

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URL: <http://www.businesspress24.com/pressrelease1500193/caren-project-brings-gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-central-asia.html>

RIR Score:	★★
Coverage type:	Selective
PDF Permission:	Unavailable
Site Name:	businesspress24
Identified:	26/04/2017
Publisher:	LayerMedia
Published:	25/04/2017
Site Location:	Germany
Language:	English
Alexa traffic rank:	860,871
Site target audience:	businesspress24 is a German language online press release site. The portal hosts stories about a range of topics for its broad readership, including: business news, education, healthcare, lifestyle, media, IT and telecommunications.

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URL: <http://beforeitsnews.com/press-releases/2017/04/caren-project-brings-gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-central-asia-3115268.html>

RIR Score: ★★
Coverage type: Selective
PDF Permission: Permission Granted
Site Name: Before It's News
Identified: 26/04/2017
Publisher: Before Its News
Published: 25/04/2017
Site Location: USA
Language: English
Alexa traffic rank: 11,864
Site target audience: Before It's News is a citizen journalism outlet where community users can share the latest in a wide range of topics. Before It's News is supported by its community of individuals who report on what's going on around them from across the globe. Before It's News features stories on a wide range of topics, including business, science, healthcare, politics, finance, sport and entertainment.

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URL: <http://www.itnewsonline.com/realwire/CAREN-project-brings-Gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-Central-Asia/19098>

RIR Score: ★★
Coverage type: Selective
PDF Permission: Unavailable
Site Name: IT News Online
Identified: 26/04/2017
Published: 25/04/2017
Site Location: India
Language: English
Site online since: 14 January 2005
Alexa traffic rank: 939,355
Site target audience: IT News Online covers the latest IT industry news worldwide in many categories ranging from telecom to gaming. IT News Online is for IT industry professionals who want to keep up to date with the latest news and releases.

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URL: <http://www.techrecur.com/caren-project-brings-gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-central-asia/>

RIR Score: ★★
Coverage type: Selective
PDF Permission: Unavailable
Site Name: TechRecur
Identified: 26/04/2017
Published: 25/04/2017
Site Location: USA
Language: English
Other sites linking in: 21
Advertising rates: No advertising available
Alexa traffic rank: 1,820,115
Site target audience: TechRecur is a blog providing news content relating to technology, in particular topics from the global telecom industry. It focusses on mobile/wireless products, the latest mobile apps , mobile 2.0, and industry news such as mergers & acquisitions. TechRecur would...
Social shares:  Facebook: 3

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URL: <http://www.renata.edu.co/index.php/noticias/9328-caren-project-brings-gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-central-asia>

RIR Score: ★★
Coverage type: Selective
PDF Permission: Unavailable
Site Name: renata
Identified: 17/05/2017
Published: 21/04/2017
Site Location: Colombia
Language: English
Alexa traffic rank: 556,234
Site target audience: RENATA is the national network of research and education in Colombia that connects, articulates and integrates the members of the National System of Science and Technology (SNCTI) with each other and with the world. The website provides readers with the latest connectivity and IT security news within South America and specifically Colombia.

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URL: <http://cyberparse.co.uk/2017/04/25/caren-project-brings-gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-central-asia/>

RIR Score: ★★
Coverage type: Selective
PDF Permission: Permission Granted
Site Name: Cyber Parse
Identified: 26/04/2017
Published: 25/04/2017
Site Location: UK
Language: English
Alexa traffic rank: 1,666,210
Site target audience: Cyber Parse was created to provide knowledge to help everyone understand and deal with the ever increasing threats we all face by Cyber Crime (Malware, Social Engineering, Phishing and hacking). Their purpose is to provide the right information to their readers.

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URL: <http://www.invest.gov.kg/en/news/full/497>

RIR Score: ★
Coverage type: Selective
PDF Permission: Unavailable
Site Name: Invest Kyrgyzstan
Identified: 17/05/2017
Published: 25/04/2017
Site Location: General
Language: English
Alexa traffic rank: 2,832,123
Site target audience: The State Agency for Investment and Export Promotion under the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic is a government agency promoting foreign investments and assisting international companies in finding business opportunities in the Kyrgyz Republic. The website provides readers with the latest news relating to business, and investment within Kyrgyzstan.

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URL: <http://www.m2.com/m2/web/story.php/20176773104>

RIR Score: ★★ ★

Coverage type: Non-selective

PDF Permission: Permission Granted

Site Name: M2 Communications

Identified: 26/04/2017

Publisher: M2 Communications

Published: 25/04/2017

Site Location: UK

Language: English

Site online since: 20 January 1995

Other sites linking in: 125

Advertising rates: None accepted

Alexa traffic rank: 593,084

Site target audience: M2 Communications is a international publishing and media service company. M2 Communications' homepage links into websites, partners and displays news stories and press releases focused towards business and finance. M2 Communications sites are a source for journalists and professionals.

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URL: <http://home.nestor.minsk.by/networks/press/2017/04/2502.html>

RIR Score: ★★

Coverage type: Non-selective

PDF Permission: Permission Granted

Site Name: Networking News

Identified: 26/04/2017

Published: 25/04/2017

Site Location: Belarus

Language: English

Other sites linking in: 2,912

Advertising rates: No advertising available.

Alexa traffic rank: 132,059

Site target audience: Networking news is an English web supplement to Network Solutions, a monthly magazine on global and local networks. Although Network Solutions is produced in Russian only the publishers received a lot of English material and press releases and so they set up this site to house original English networking news for networking professionals.

Headline: CAREN project brings Gigabit-speed connectivity to Central Asia

URL: <http://www.educatorsconnect.org/elearning/caren-project-brings-gigabit-speed-connectivity-to-central-asia/>

RIR Score:

Coverage type:

Non-selective

PDF Permission:

Unavailable

Site Name:

Educators Connect

Identified:

02/05/2017

Publisher:

Unknown

Published:

25/04/2017

Site Location:

UK

Language:

English

Other sites linking in:

2

Advertising rates:

Unknown

Alexa traffic rank:

0

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Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and Cambridge, UK | 25 April 2017 - Researchers, academics and students in Central Asia and Europe are already starting to benefit from the recent deployment of a ring of 1 Gbps circuits for research and education (R&E) across the regions, officially inaugurated today at the start of the 2nd CAREN Regional Networking Conference (CRNC 2017) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

The new connectivity is a key component of the EU-funded Central Asia Research and Education Network (CAREN) project which – now in its 3rd phase - sets out to create a sustainable, high-capacity data network serving higher education and research institutions across the region.

Initially, CAREN3 connects the Kyrgyz and Tajik R&E communities to their peers in Europe and the rest of the world via links from Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) and Dushanbe (Tajikistan) to the CAREN network hub in Frankfurt, where they interconnect with the pan-European GÉANT network. In addition, for the first time, direct connectivity within the region has also been deployed between the Bishkek and Dushanbe sites, paving the way for a truly regional high-speed R&E backbone in Central Asia.

Steve Cotter, CEO GÉANT, said: “GÉANT has been given the mandate by the European Union to help build digital bridges between Europe and other world regions to strengthen existing and catalyse new collaborative research and education activities. EU funding, combined with the expertise of GÉANT and its national research and education network (NREN) partners in Central Asia, puts CAREN in a unique position to turn the ancient Silk Road into a high-speed digital highway.”

With €10M EU funding up to 2019, the third project phase started in June 2016, initially with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan as beneficiaries following the signing of co-funding agreements between their governments and the European Commission. Work is underway to also re-establish project participation for Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan is also eligible to join.

Ambassador Cesare De Montis, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic commented: “The development of a high-capacity, yet cost-effective data-communications infrastructure for research and education is high on the EU agenda as it is key to bringing the best minds together. In this context, we welcome the CAREN project that has recently entered its third phase and, for the first time, brings connectivity at Gigabit speed to Central Asia. In partnership with the NRENs, we look forward to extending CAREN’s benefits to the research and education communities across the whole region”.

Themed “Empowering the Central Asian research and education communities through global high-speed networking” and jointly hosted by KRENA, the Kyrgyz Research and Education Network Association and Kyrgyz Turkish Manas University, CRNC 2017 brings together practitioners from the Central Asian research and higher education community, policy makers, connectivity providers, ICT vendors and will also draw on the expertise of representatives from other regional networks and organisations, such as GÉANT, TEIN*CC (Asia-Pacific) and the UbuntuNet Alliance (Southern Africa).

Over the next two days, participants will hear and see first-hand from scientists and academics how CAREN’s high-speed links make a real difference in advancing collaborative research in areas such as environmental studies, seismology, telemedicine and preservation of natural and cultural heritage. In addition, presentations will outline how e-learning and remote training opportunities make education and knowledge transfer more accessible.

“We are involved in international programmes to identify and study hazardous asteroids,” said Dr Gulchehra Kohirova, speaker at the conference and Director of the Institute of Astrophysics of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan which has recently been connected to TARENA, the Tajik NREN. “We transfer and receive large datasets to and from the Minor Planet Center in the US, which is the global focus for all information about the positions of the threats we monitor. Without TARENA’s and CAREN’s secure high-speed connectivity, we simply couldn’t participate in the work of the centre,” she concluded.

CRNC 2017 will also celebrate the official launch of the CAREN Cooperation Center (CAREN*CC) which was established by the CAREN partners as a not-for-profit organisation, based in Bishkek, to promote R&E networking throughout the Central Asian region and to maximise the impact of CAREN.

Prof. Askar Kutanov, CEO of CAREN*CC, said: “We are delighted to celebrate with the wider R&E networking community the establishment of this powerful CAREN Gigabit-ring. CAREN*CC will do its utmost to promote its benefits to the user communities, to support their collaboration endeavours and help gain the necessary traction to connect other partners in our region.”

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About CAREN

Launched in 2009, the EU-funded Central Asia Research and Education Network (CAREN) project sets out to provide a high-capacity internet network for the

Appendix

Coverage/Site Information & Site Statistics Explained

Please find below an explanation of the site information and statistics contained within this report.

Site Information

Coverage Type

RealWire separates coverage into different types, which are explained below:-

- Editorial - editorial news sites are the equivalent to the traditional print media. A journalist will review your press release and choose to write (or not to write) about the information that you have provided.
- Selective - there are many sites that seek to provide readers with high quality relevant content through the publication of press releases. Here an editor will select your release for publication if they deem it of sufficient quality and relevance.
- Non-selective - these are sites that have decided directly or indirectly to publish all news from chosen sources as they know it will pass their quality and relevance tests. Your news, if relevant to the content of the site, is loaded unedited direct to the appropriate sector of the site.
- Blogs - a blog is a shareable online log of events or commentary in which the blogger expresses an opinion or comments on anything of his or her choosing. Anyone visiting a blog can add their own views, which may or may not agree with the blogger's. A key element of blogging is the community that reads the blog and comments on posts, interacting with each other and discussing the topic in question.
- User Generated Content (UGC) - user generated content covers sites where the content has been generated by users of that site, rather than by an editor or blogger. Examples of UGC sites would include forums, social network video sites (e.g. YouTube), and Wikipedia.

RealWire Influence Rating (RIR)

The RIR is calculated following consideration of a number of factors that might affect a site or blog's level of influence within its industry. Influence relates to the ability of a site to influence the relevant target audience .

Factors considered when calculating the RIR for a site include:

- Site target audience - the main focus of a site and its intended readership
- Coverage language - the language of the site/coverage
- Site location - which country the site is run from
- Number of visitors - the number of monthly unique users per month
- Publisher - the publisher of the site
- Advertising rates - a guide price based on a banner advert on the homepage or nearest equivalent

- Alexa overall rank - the comparative popularity of a site based on Alexa rank (the lower the rank the more popular the site)
- Technorati rank - the comparative authority of a blog based on Technorati rank of a site (the lower the rank the more popular the site)
- Site online since - the length of time a site has been online
- Other sites linking in - the number of other sites linking to the site based on Alexa data
- Navigation - how easy the site is to navigate
- Reputation - the reputation of a site within its industry
- Presentation - the overall visual presentation of a site
- Speed - how quickly pages load on a site

All of the above factors are collected and reviewed to come up with a sites' RealWire Influence Rating.