



Press Release

Telespazio's Space Centre in Scanzano Connected to Sparkle's Sicily Hub in Palermo

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[Sparkle](#), the first international service provider in Italy and among the top global operators, has signed an agreement with [Telespazio](#), a joint venture between Leonardo, 67%, and Thales, 33%, and one of the world's leading operators in satellite services, for fibre-optic access to Sparkle's Sicily Hub in Palermo.

The [Scanzano Space Centre](#) - operational since 1989 and located near the artificial lake of the same name about 47 kilometres away from Palermo - is specialized in providing hosting and housing services for large international satellite operators using low earth (LEO), medium earth (MEO) and geostationary (GEO) orbit constellations. These services require resilient and stable connections with a high level of performance.

Under the agreement, the Scanzano Space Centre is connected via its own fibre optic ring to Sparkle's [Sicily Hub](#) in Palermo - a state-of-the-art neutral data center and key Internet hub in the Mediterranean thanks to the presence of content platforms and cloud applications of the world's major players and the connection of all international cables landing in Sicily - with the consequent opportunity of offering its customers high-speed and reliable connections worldwide.

In addition, with the activation of Sparkle's new [BlueMed](#) submarine cable - connecting Italy with France, Greece and several countries bordering the Mediterranean all the way to Aqaba in Jordan - the Scanzano Space Centre will be able to count on connections at multiples of 100 or 400 Gbps to Europe, Asia and the Middle East. In Italy, where the cable is active since September, BlueMed increases the resilience of Sparkle's network by offering a safe and diverse route between Sicily and Milan, with a latency reduced by 50% compared to the terrestrial backbones connecting the two capitals.

"With access to Sparkle's Sicily Hub, the Scanzano Space Centre consolidates and expands its capacity to connect to the global network, enabling Telespazio to offer its customers connectivity services with increasing speeds and high reliability. This is essential to promote the Scanzano centre as a Mediterranean satellite hub, enhancing its geographical position," said **Alessandra Farese**, SVP Satellite Systems and Operations of Telespazio

Enrico Bagnasco, CEO of Sparkle, said: *"We are very pleased with this agreement with Telespazio, a company of international relevance with which we share the mission of offering global services"* and added: *"This agreement is a new confirmation of how, also thanks to BlueMed, the Sicily Hub in Palermo is strengthening its success as a strategic asset for the digitalisation of the country and a key hub for data traffic in the Mediterranean"*.

About Sparkle

Sparkle is TIM Group's Global Operator, first international service provider in Italy and among the top worldwide, offering a full range of infrastructure and global connectivity services – capacity, IP, SD-WAN, colocation, IoT connectivity, roaming and voice - to national and international Carriers, OTTs, ISPs, Media/Content Providers, and multinational enterprises. A major player in the submarine cable industry, Sparkle owns and manages a network of more than 600,000 km of fiber spanning from Europe to Africa and the Middle East, the Americas and Asia. Its sales force is active worldwide and distributed over 32 countries.

Find out more about Sparkle following its [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) profiles or visiting the website [tisparkle.com](https://www.tisparkle.com)

About Telespazio

Telespazio, a Leonardo and Thales 67/33 joint venture, is one of the world's leading operators in satellite services. Its activities range from the design and development of space systems to the management of launch services, from in-orbit satellite control to Earth observation, from integrated communications, satellite navigation and localisation services to scientific programmes.

Telespazio plays a leading role in the reference markets harnessing technological experience acquired over the years. Since its establishment, the company has participated in major European space programmes such as Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus and COSMO-SkyMed. In 2022, Telespazio generated 650 million euro in sales while employing more than 3,000 people in 15 different countries. Stay in touch with Telespazio by following its [LinkedIn](#), [X/Twitter](#) and [Instagram profiles](#) or by visiting [telespazio.com](https://www.telespazio.com).

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