AWS Plans French Datacentre Region

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Amazon promises to improve cloud service performance for French customers as it announces plans to open a French datacentre region by 2017, via location based in the Paris area.

The online bookseller turned cloud giant already has European regions in Frankfurt and Dublin, and will also open a UK region "in the upcoming months." According to a blogpost by Amazon CTO Werner Vogels the AWS CDN and DNS and network has 16 points of presence and 10 "availability zones" (locations consisting of one or more datacentre facilities) across Europe, and it has opened 3 points of presence in France over the last 10 years, 2 in Paris and 1 in Marseille.

"French organisations were among the first to use AWS when we launched in 2006," Vogels writes. "Since we opened the first AWS EU region in Ireland in November 2007, we have seen an acceleration of companies adopting the AWS cloud. To support our customers' growth, their digital transformation, and to speed up their innovation and lower the cost of running their IT, we continue to build out additional European infrastructure."

The company is currently also planning to push further with IT resellers wanting to boost their cloud offering, particularly since it wants to diversify its partner selection with traditional product resellers as well as startup cloud providers.

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