

NymVPN - May 2024 Marseille meetup

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Goals

- Get together, 6+ months after the Barcelona offsite
- Celebrate the launch of NymVPN
- Work in small in-person groups on pressing topics: Fix bugs, improve CX processes...
- Ideate on OKRs, a corresponding product roadmap, technical architecture for the next 3-6 months
- Reflect on the past 6 months of development and on the launch of the VPN: What could have been done differently? How to speed up future development?
- ...

Logistics recap

- Hotel: Mercure Marseille Centre Vieux Port
<https://all.accor.com/hotel/1148/index.en.shtml>

- Meeting room “Moscou” booked at “World Trade Center Marseille Provence / City Center Vieux Port”, located 2 Rue Henri Barbusse, 13001 Marseille. There's direct access from within the Mercure Hotel.
- Attendees details: [📍 20240423-NymVPN-Marseille offsite attendance](#)

How does success look like?

1. Specific deliverables

- NymVPN Q3 draft of OKRs
- NymVPN Q3 roadmap and ideas supporting OKRs
- NymVPN May 2024 team retrospective with action items including their respective owners and due dates
- Deliverables for each of the breakout sessions
 - Comprehensive understanding of payment / credential PoC by [Galadriel Calero](#) and [Fouad Tabbara](#)

2. “Employee NPS” of the event

Agenda

Requested breakout sessions

| Theme | Description outcomes / | Participants | Proposed time slot |
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| CX roadmap | Where do we stand? Where are we headed? How do we involve CMs? | Romain Nicod Catarina Sousa Marc Debizet + Community team (dial-in) Harry H. (optional) | TBD |
| Payment and credentials PoC | | Mark Sinclair Galadriel Calero Fouad Tabbara | TBD |

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| Design and code review process with SEO | How to better involve SEO and capture SEO requirements at design stage? (from NymVPN retro) | Marcin Siwek Dario Ramponi Romain Nicod Galadriel Calero or Fouad Tabbara | TBD |
| Code review process & PR scope | | Mark Sinclair Romain Nicod +Devs | TBD |
| Live NymVPN testing | What's the current in-app UX? Make Developer aware of | All | TBD |
| Leaks and network settings | DNS and WebRTC leaks DNS set up | Mark Sinclair Jon Häggblad Marc Debizet + Devs Harry H. (optional) | TBD |
| Privacy-first business intelligence | | Marc Debizet Mark Sinclair Ania P (dial-in) Romain Nicod Harry H. | TBD |
| Localization and Weblate setup | Review of setup and NymVPN Android app PoC + next steps | Marc Debizet Raphaël Walther Lawrence Stalder Romain Nicod Zane Schepke Daniel Nemet Daniel Vazquez P... | Afternoon so Daniel can join |
| Core / VPN roadmaps crossover and cross dependencies | | Mark Sinclair Romain Nicod Bogdan Neacșu Jon Häggblad Marc Debizet Harry H. | TBD |

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| | | + Tommy Verrall ? | |
| Graphene / NymVPN debugging | Debugging GrapheneOS/Pixel6 VPN app issues | Romain Nicod Zane Schepke | TBD |
| Censorship resistance | Initial briefing on reviewing Amnezia VPN | Zane Schepke Harry H. Ania P Mark Sinclair Harry H. | TBD |
| Preparation of Privacy Reunion Neuchatel | Esp. how do we start attributing invites to events? Landing page? Dedicated codes? | Marc Debizet Mark Sinclair | TBD |
| Invoicing and refunds | | Romain Nicod Alexis Roussel Sebastien Demart... Marc Debizet Mark Sinclair | |

Sunday, June 2

Core team offsite @Mark

Monday, June 3

Morning

- Arrival of first VPN team members
- Breakout sessions (see above)
- Core team meetings

Lunch

- 13:00-14:00 Lunch around the hotel / meeting room in small groups

Afternoon

- Arrival of remaining VPN team members
- 14:00 Intro by Harry
- 14:30-18:00 Breakout sessions (see above)

Evening

- 18:00-20:00 Team bonding @ La boule du Panier
- 20:00-22:00 Team dinner @ Blum Brasserie Pizzeria (with Harry)

Tuesday, June 4

Morning

- 09:30-10:00: Findings from user research (CX + Jessica) - 15-20 minutes?
- 10:00-10:30 Status on NymVPN alpha (top bugs and requirements)
- 10:30-11:00 Live testing of NymVPN by participants
- 11:00-13:00 NymVPN 2024 OKRs and product roadmap ideation
 - OKR goals:
 - Successful audit
 - Launch in public beta (anyone can use)
 - First recurring revenues
 - ...
 - Feature ideas:
 - Payments
 - Faster connectivity
 - Split tunneling
 - Leaks prevention
 - DNS customization
 - Gateway customization
 - In-app live stats
 - Censorship resistance / Amnezia
 - ...

Lunch

- 13:00-14:00 Lunch around the hotel in small groups

Afternoon

- 14:00-15:00 Human VPN and mixnet Mark Sinclair
- 15:00-16:00 NymVPN retrospective
- 16:00-18:00 Breakout sessions

Evening

- 18:30-20:00 non-mandatory drinks / beers @ La Brasserie Communale
- Team dinner @ Coin Coin (without Harry)

Wednesday, June 5

Morning

- 09:30-10:30 Per-team OKR preparation
- 10:30-13:00 Breakout sessions

Lunch

- 13:00-14:00 Lunch around the hotel in small groups
- 14:00-15:00 Lunch (small group?) with Rob and coffee with team

Afternoon

- 14:00-18:00 Breakout sessions (with remaining attendees)
- Departures

To do:

- Vieux Port / Fort Saint-Jean / MUCEM / Grotte Cosquer / Panier
- La Plaine neighborhood
- La friche de la Belle de Mai
- Notre Dame de la Garde
- Les Goudes / Parc National des Calanques (requires ½ day, unrealistic)

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Location

Marseille!



Accommodation ideas - please do not book yourself!

To be booked by Nym directly

100 CHF per night:

- A bit removed from city center
<https://www.meininger-hotels.com/en/hotels/marseille/hotel-marseille-centre-la-joliette/>
? not yet contacted

150 CHF per night:

- Young, hip hotel: <https://mamashelter.com/marseille/> ? not yet contacted
- Hip, well-located, availability TBD: [life Marseille VP](#) ! no reply yet (April 25)
- **Boring / corporate, but many rooms:**
<https://all.accor.com/hotel/A0D3/index.fr.shtm> ✓ 175 euros per night (incl. VAT?)
+ 500 euros per day for a room
- Boring / corporate, but many rooms:
<https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/hotel/nh-collection-marseille> ✓ 180 euros per night incl. VAT + 1000 euros per day for a room incl. lunch and 2x snacks

200 CHF per night:

- <https://marseille.maisonsdumondehotel.com> ✓ 200 euros per night (incl. VAT?), no meeting room
- Beach hotel, further away: <https://www.nhow-hotels.com/en/nhow-marseille> ✓ 250 euros per night incl. VAT + 1000 euros per day for a room incl. water
- Great location on the Vieux Port, a bit old fashioned: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/1293/index.en.shtml> ? not yet contacted
- Higher end boutique with nice design: <https://www.hotel-residence-marseille.com> ? not yet contacted

Office / meeting rooms

To be booked by Nym, not yet contacted

Locations:

- Meeting rooms in the above hotels
- <https://bureauxandco.fr/marseille/les-docks/>
- <https://www.kactus.com/fr/lieux/the-people-marseille>
- <https://www.kactus.com/fr/lieux/make-it-marseille>
- <https://www.thebabelcommunity.com/marseille/salles-de-reunion/the-medium-room-1/>
- <https://www.start-way.com/project/salle-de-reunion-marseille/>

Travel: Trains / flights

To be booked individually in Travelperk once dates and hotel are confirmed. Stay tuned!

Dinner / to do

Dinner ideas (not checked)

- Fonfon
- Livingston
- Atelier Renata
- La Mercerie
- Ekume
- Maison Buon
- Ourea
- Le bec du coq
- Restaurant Saisons