AWS Launches Region in Italy Tuesday, April 28, 2020 06:00:00 AM (GMT)

New AWS Europe (Milan) Region expands cloud pioneer's global footprint, enabling customers to run applications and store their content in data centers in Italy

Amazon Web Services (AWS), an Amazon.com company (NASDAQ:AMZN), today announced the opening of the AWS Europe (Milan) Region. With this launch, AWS now spans 76 Availability Zones within 24 geographic regions around the world, and has announced plans for nine more Availability Zones and three more AWS Regions in Indonesia, Japan, and Spain. The AWS Europe (Milan) Region is the sixth AWS Region in Europe alongside Dublin, Frankfurt, London, Paris, and Stockholm. Starting today, developers, startups, and enterprises, as well as government, education, and non-profit organizations can run their applications and serve end-users from data centers located in Italy, as well as leverage advanced AWS technologies to drive innovation. Customers and partners can get started today at: https://aws.amazon.com/local/italy/milan/

"AWS customers in Italy are among the most creative and innovative organizations that we support anywhere in the world, and we are always inspired by the work they do with our technology," said Peter DeSantis, Senior Vice President of Global Infrastructure and Customer Support, Amazon Web Services. "Cloud technology has been a key part of the transformation of industries across Italy – from automotive and utilities, to manufacturing and retail, and so much more. With the new AWS Milan Region we look forward to supporting even more customers as they grow their organizations and innovate for their users across virtually all industries."

The AWS Europe (Milan) Region has three Availability Zones. AWS Regions are composed of Availability Zones, which each comprise of one or more data centers and are located in separate and distinct geographic locations with enough distance to significantly reduce the risk of a single event impacting business continuity, yet near enough to provide low latency for high availability applications. Each Availability Zone has independent power, cooling, and physical security and is connected via redundant, ultra-low-latency networking. AWS customers focused on high availability can design their applications to run in multiple Availability Zones to achieve even greater fault-tolerance.

AWS infrastructure regions meet the highest levels of security, compliance, and data protection. With the new region, customers with data residency requirements to store their content in Italy can do so with the assurance that they retain complete ownership of their data and it will not move unless they choose to move it. Additionally, customers building applications that comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) have access to another secure AWS infrastructure region in the European Union (EU) that meets the highest levels of security, compliance, and data protection.

AWS continues to invest in Italy

The AWS Europe (Milan) Region adds to AWS's ongoing investment in Italy. AWS first established a presence in the country in 2012, with the launch of an AWS Edge location in Milan. This was followed by an AWS office in the city in 2014 and another one in Rome in 2016, with significant and growing teams of account managers, business development managers, customer services representatives, partner managers, professional services consultants, solutions architects, technical account managers, and many more to help customers of all sizes as they move to the cloud. Also in 2016, AWS acquired Asti-based company NICE Software, a leading provider of software and services for high performance and technical computing, located in Piedmont. In 2017, an Edge location was opened in Palermo, and in 2019, an AWS Direct Connect endpoint launched in Milan, helping customers establish a dedicated network connection from their premises to AWS. Later in 2019, AWS launched two additional Edge locations in Milan and one in Rome. These investments are in addition to the thousands of permanent jobs and over €4 billion of investment from Amazon, since 2010.

Developers and businesses can access the AWS Europe (Milan) Region beginning today. A full list of services and details on pricing is available at https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/global-infrastructure/regional-product-services/

About Amazon Web Services

For 14 years, Amazon Web Services has been the world's most comprehensive and broadly adopted cloud platform. AWS offers over 175 fully featured services for compute, storage, databases, networking, analytics, robotics, machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), mobile, security, hybrid, virtual and augmented reality (VR and AR), media, and application development, deployment, and management from 76 Availability Zones (AZs) within 24 geographic regions, with announced plans for nine more Availability Zones and three more AWS Regions in Indonesia, Japan, and Spain. Millions of customers —including the fastest-growing startups, largest enterprises, and leading government agencies—trust AWS to power their infrastructure, become more agile, and lower costs. To learn more about AWS, visit aws.amazon.com.

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