

# REPLACE MPLS WITH OPEN SYSTEMS SASE EXPERIENCE

More and more enterprises see MPLS as optional to their future WAN rather than necessary.<sup>4</sup>

## The Current State of IT Networks with MPLS

With MPLS being a **\$19B market**<sup>1</sup> in 2026, there are many companies that still rely on this technology to connect their WAN sites. And the market is expected to grow by just over 5% even though MPLS usage has been decreasing compared to Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) or broadband internet connectivity since 2018.

*Telegeography's WAN Manager Survey*<sup>2</sup> reports that there is a near convergence of the average number of sites running MPLS and DIA in 2023.

This can be explained by the increasing need of cloud connectivity since more enterprises leverage cloud apps. According to *McKinsey's cloud survey*<sup>3</sup>, 64% of industrial companies were already actively using the cloud. On the other hand, 40% of applications are still on-prem – in data centers or branches – which requires hybrid network solutions.

The bottom line is that a traditional, rigid hub-and-spoke network architecture won't do the job anymore since it creates cloud connectivity and app performance challenges, operational headaches due to multi-vendor complexities as well as costly traffic bottlenecks at hubs or at MPLS-only connected branches.

## MPLS and Traditional Network Challenges

### LOW CONNECTIVITY ROI



Despite decreasing prices, MPLS still costs at least 10% more than DIA – for the same bandwidth and comparable quality. Business value for money can be optimized – especially for remote or difficult internet sites like China.

### CUMBERSOME MULTI-VENDOR OPERATIONS



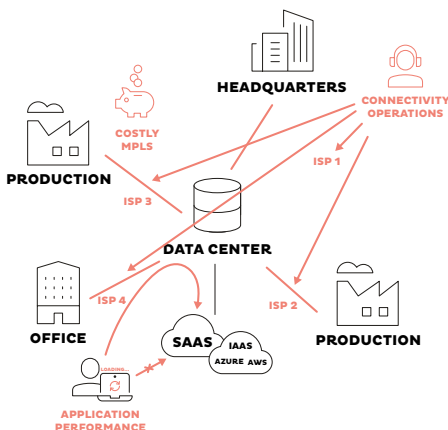
Managing different ISPs and teams to guarantee smooth operations for connectivity (the underlay) as well as apps, network and security (the overlay) is complex and frustrating. Incidents and changes take ages to be resolved, if ever.

### BAD APPLICATION PERFORMANCE

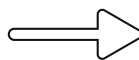


Bad cloud application performance due to high latency since all cloud traffic is routed via hubs. In addition, bandwidth congestion can also affect app user experience – especially at sites where on-prem apps are hosted.

## OPERATIONS CENTER



OPEN SYSTEMS



## NETWORK TRANSFORMATION

## 24x7 OPERATIONS



## Open Systems as your SASE Transformation Partner

Even though company ambitions might be to go "cloud first" or "zero trust", the most important first step is to transform the network. Open Systems has been supporting companies for more than 25 years as a true SASE transformation partner. Not only with an impressive breadth of supported transformations – ranging from connectivity and network to security – but also with a unique depth to their provision.

We leverage our own infrastructure and SASE products to craft our end-to-end services for an outstanding customer experience – the Open Systems SASE Experience.

## SASE Experience Benefits

### Cost-Effective Network Performance

Better application performance for less money, even at difficult locations like China, thanks to selected ISP lines or the Open Systems WAN backbone (the underlay) paired with unified SD-WAN (the overlay) and provided with an end-to-end SLA.

- Reduces connectivity cost per bandwidth
- Improves (user perceived) application performance

### End-to-End Operations

Simpler management of the entire network technology and service lifecycle: full end-to-end ownership from the underlay (including ISP line management) to the overlay (taking care of app performance and security technology), as well as process-wise, from assessment and migration to operations and continuous technology consulting and optimization.

- Reduces time to market with new business IT projects
- Reduces incident remediation time
- Reduces change execution time

### Secure Cloud Adoption

Enabling cloud adoption and a flexible yet stable, hybrid network architecture without increasing the security risk surface.

- Improves app governance
- Improves security governance

### INDIVIDUALLY OPTIMIZED ROI



Hand-picked ISP lines for best connectivity including end-to-end SLA as well as calculable OPEX pricing with an outstanding service flat fee: unlimited number of tickets, calls and technical consulting.

### WORLD-CLASS OPERATIONS MODEL



Experienced 24x7 Operations Center with direct access to level-3 engineers as well as project-based support and service delivery and continuous technical consulting through a designated team.

### A TRUE INNOVATION PARTNER



Open Systems has 25+ years of experience in network transformation projects with 10k deployments in 180+ countries in the world – a fruitful co-innovation environment to build impactful tech roadmaps.

# How Customers Experience the Open Systems Partnership

"Open Systems helped GEA transition from MPLS to SASE, and they've been a valuable, collaborative partner during our move to the cloud."

**Gert-Jan Terpstra**

Director Service Owner IT – Network Services



"We've been working successfully with Open Systems for several years in the area of managed SD-WAN – and especially when it comes to complex, global network and security topics, Open Systems has proven to be a reliable partner."

**Ronny Hammel**

Team Leader of Global Network Services



“ We not only wanted a fully managed SD-WAN, but also global network connectivity from a single provider, to ensure consistent end-to-end connectivity and significantly reduced complexity. ”

**Thomas Muth**, Vice President Group IT, Kelvion

“ It was great to see how our thoughts developed within the Open Systems environment with the zoning project we're scoping. As strategic partners, we make each other better. ”

**Gert-Jan Terpstra**, Director Service Owner IT Network Services, GEA

“ We particularly appreciate the all-inclusive approach. Transparent flat-rate pricing allows us to plan our IT costs reliably and maintain full cost visibility at all times. ”

**Chief Operating Officer**, Financial Services Company

<sup>1</sup> Mordor Intelligence, *Managed MPLS Services Market Size & Share Analysis – Growth Trends & Forecasts (2026–2031)*

<sup>3</sup> McKinsey & Company, *Clearing the air on cloud: How industrial companies can capture cloud technology's full business value*, 2021

<sup>4</sup> TechTarget, *SD-WAN and MPLS costs more complementary than clashing*, John Burke, 2023

<sup>2</sup> Telegeography, *Cloud and WAN Research Service*, 2024



Open Systems delivers co-managed SASE operating models that combine secure connectivity, Zero Trust access and transparent 24x7 operations for complex hybrid and multi-cloud enterprise environments across operations in more than 180 countries.

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