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Fibre to the Home grows slowly in Europe

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Fibre to the Home (FTTH) is striving ahead in Asia with three countries seeing penetration of the service to more than 20% of households (South Korea - 31.4%, Hong Kong - 23.4% and Japan 21.3%). These figures are impressive, and help to show how poor the deployment is here in Europe, with our region now only recently having reached a total of one million connections. By comparison, Japan now has 11 million subscribers.

The most fibre prominent area of Europe is Sweden with 7.1% of homes connected, followed by Norway with 6% and Denmark 2.1%. There were three newcomers to the list of countries that have a FTTH penetration of more than 1% since July 2007 and these were Slovenia, Iceland and Singapore. More statistics and graphs are available from the [Fibre to the Home Council](#).

[The Register](#) have also uncovered an interesting fact that few FTTH deployments seems to be run by Telecom operators. Only France Telecom, Iliad (also French), Telekom Slovenia and Orange in Slovakia are leading the way from the telecom sector with most deployments being run by power utility companies or local authorities. Where government gets involved, there is the ability to create a more open network, not owned by a single telecoms company, allowing for the opportunity of competition to be created in the local network immediately. A report by IDATE details the [current FTTH situation across Europe](#). Of course, the UK gets little mention in much of this as there are no widespread plans for deployments. The government is taking note by [looking into the future of our broadband connections](#) and there are some projects in the pipeline, such as [H2O's fibre network via the sewers](#), that should help get the ball rolling.

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Posted by Balb0wa 13 days ago

The uk government is only bothered about taxation systems or speed cameras, where we are world leaders, anything beneficial there not bothered.

Posted by CARPETBURN 13 days ago

quote"The government is taking note by looking into the future of our broadband connections and there are some projects in the pipeline, such as H2O's fibre network via the sewers, that should help get the ball rolling."

Im sorry but where and how exactly did the government help H2O start to get their system out there? Im with Balb0wa on this the government dont give a damn about broadband all they care about is filling their pockets with public cash.

Posted by comnut 13 days ago

well in UK I think the gov may 'talk it up' a lot, but as for doing anything, forget it.... or just give lots of *our* cash(your tax at work!!) to the ISPs, so they can continue ignoring us!!!

Posted by herdwick 13 days ago

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read it again.

Posted by jondigidol 13 days ago

lol. I see what you mean Herdwick! Take the shame! ;)

Posted by Somerset 13 days ago

You can read that it does not say the government helped H2O.

Posted by CARPETBURN 13 days ago

Errr it says and i re-quote "The government is taking note by LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE of our broadband connections" Cant be the future if in some form it is already here. It then says "there are some projects in the pipeline, such as H2O's fibre network via the sewers" Indeed they are but why is that mentioned in the same sentence as government hot air? Depending on how you read it, that could come across that the government helped to get that service as the sentence says "in the pipeline" The government had no part in helping H2O, and i think its something to make TOTALLY CLEAR.

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