

Pics From Poland: FTTH Conference

WARSAW -- FTTH Conference 2015 -- Every year the FTTH Council Europe chooses a different location for its annual fiber broadband conference and exhibition that attracts almost 3,000 registrations, and this year it's the capital of Poland, Warsaw.

Poland in February? Yes, it's a bit chilly, but the welcome is very warm and there's a little bit more of a buzz around the show floor this year as market trends suggest growing investment in next-gen fixed broadband across the European region.

According to statistics gathered by [Heavy Reading](#) analyst-at-large Graham Finnie, there were 30.7 million FTTH/B lines in use at the end of 2014 in the European region (a total of 44 countries from Iceland in the west to Russia and Kazakhstan in the east that in aggregate have 324 million households). According to his market projections, that number will more than double to 61.6 million by the end of 2019.

And with investments expected in G.fast and VDSL vectoring rollouts as well as Docsis 3.x by the region's cable operators, there's a real sense that the fixed broadband sector is on a roll again. (See [Time for Gigabit Europe?](#))

And who knows which big names might turn up in the near future! (See [Does Google Fiber Have Renewed Euro Ambitions?](#))

So here are my pics from the first morning of the show. Click on the picture below to launch the slideshow.

Welcome to Warsaw!



Personally, I was thrilled to find that there wasn't three feet of snow in Warsaw in February (at least not this year).

Welcome to the Pleasure Dome



I saw people go in, but did they come out? Or were they transported to a gigabit future?

Show Floor Freebies



You can get sweets and other assorted goodies with a product brochure from FTTH home gateway vendor Icoteria.

It's Not Just About The Network, You Know!



Once you have a high-speed broadband network, you can get yourself a whole world of applications at the WOA Dome.

I'm Watching You!



Heavy Reading analyst-at-large Graham Finnie watches himself deliver the latest European FTTH/B market projections.

Fiber Tap



Iskratel does it again... This vendor always finds a neat way to say, "Have some beer!"

GPON Smiles



Calix Director of International Marketing Craig Thomas (left) poses with Karen Shaboyan, Commercial Director at Ucom, the competitive operator in Armenia that now has 75,000 fiber broadband customers connected to its GPON access network. As you might have guessed, the GPON gear is from Calix...

No One Goes Hungry



The great food is available all day, every day -- potentially a recipe for disaster (on the waistline front only, that is).

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