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FIBRE HORIZONS is a monthly newsletter published by the FTTH Council Europe and distributed to readers interested in fibre to the home networks and the activities of the Council.

Did you hear?



Speaking about the FTTH Conference 2016 (16 - 18 February 2016):

"At this year's event we are "Calling for a brighter future"! ...
Let's work together to make our voices heard across Europe.
Let's all say together "I want fibre" and I want it NOW!"

- Edgar Aker, President of the FTTH Council Europe

In the Spotlight

Seeing is believing!

Two years ago at the FTTH Conference we presented an early prototype of the Oculus Rift, a virtual reality head-mounted display developed through a \$2.5 million Kickstarter campaign. Conference delegates were able to participate first hand in an immersive 3D video gaming experience. Gaming, of course, is increasingly delivered online and has demanding bandwidth requirements.

As we enter 2016, the Oculus Rift is available to pre-order - and it is so popular that there is a waiting list. Now consumers will be able to get their hands on the display and we can expect to see a raft of new applications launched. Some ideas could be truly life-changing - we particularly like a project that uses virtual reality to help patients learn to control prosthetic limbs before they are actually fitted.

Want to see for yourself some other examples? Come to Luxembourg to experience the Virtual Travel Lounge using the Oculus Rift. This new experience will be featured in the Fibre Experience (FIBEX) Zone alongside other high-tech, high-bandwidth applications. Visitors will also be able to experiment with IPTV, 3D printing, "wearable" beacons (by blukii) and smart home solutions. You can experience the future of television with the ultra-high-definition 4K video streaming solution powered by Oclion, which features interactive functions like video on demand, time-shifted viewing, and a perfectly structured TV-guide.

The smart home is expected to be a popular theme in the FIBEX Zone, and will also be discussed widely in the conference itself. Industry presenters will explain why service providers should care about the Internet of Things, as applications come together to form a single ecosystem.

There's more, but the best way to find out what it's all about is to be there...

[Visit the exhibition >](#)

Just two weeks to the FTTH Conference 2016

Are you ready for the largest FTTH-related event in the world?

The 13th edition of the FTTH Conference 2015 will be held in LuxExpo Exhibition and Congress Centre in the beautiful Luxembourg City from 16 to 18 February 2016. The 'all inclusive' entrance fee includes attendance at all conference sessions and workshops, access to the exhibition hall, to hands-on-demos in the Fibre Experience Zone and first-class catering.

The pre-conference workshops on 16 February are for those who want to dive deeper into topics - and include our popular Investors Day workshop. This year, the Investors Day will take the form of a 'knowledge café', organised as a series of round-table discussions guided by industry experts (advance registration required).

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Now available: FTTH MENA Market Panorama 2015

On the occasion of the FTTH MENA Conference held on 9-11 November 2015 in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, the FTTH Council MENA released the latest update to their annual market panorama. Focusing on 19 countries in the region, this market panorama provides a complete overview of the status of the FTTH/B market in the Middle East and North Africa. The study was conducted by the think tank IDATE on behalf of the FTTH Council MENA.

[Download the presentation >](#)

Interested in the status of the FTTH market in Europe? The latest update to the FTTH European Market Panorama will be unveiled at the [FTTH Conference 2016](#) in Luxembourg.

NewsBeat

[Gigaclear secures €5m loan to roll out ultra fast broadband](#)

[Enet plans to compete against Eir and SIRO for entire National Broadband Plan rollout](#)

[Still no consensus on need for FTTP, argues UK government](#)

Upcoming Events

The FTTH Council Europe will be speaking or exhibiting at the following events:

16 - 18 February: [FTTH Conference 2016](#) in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

8 - 11 March: [2016 FTTH LATAM Conference](#) in Lima, Peru

14 - 18 March: [CeBIT](#) in Hannover, Germany

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About us

The FTTH Council Europe is an industry organisation with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, ultra-high-speed access networks to consumers and businesses. The Council promotes this technology because it will deliver a flow of new services that enhance the quality of life, contribute to a better environment and increase economic competitiveness. The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 150 member companies. www.ftthcouncil.eu

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