

FIBRE HORIZONS - A newsletter of the FTTH Council Europe

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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?

"Deploying fibre is a future-proof investment. It is the key to innovation and creates the basis for future economic growth... We want a smart Luxembourg within a smart Europe."

- Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister and Minister for Communications and Media,
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, speaking at the FTTH Conference 2016



In the Spotlight

Hold the front page!

Once again the FTTH Conference made front-page news! Our call for fibre was heard far and wide in Europe through a photo of the plenary conference room full of delegates including our special guest Prime Minister Xavier Bettel, holding up placards proclaiming, "I want fibre". The photo appeared in the 18 February edition of L'essentiel, a free daily newspaper widely published in Luxembourg and Belgium, and was shared extensively in social media.

The image perfectly summarised an extremely successful event, which gathered 3,000 participants from 96 countries. The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg showed how a government can move the digital economy forward when it fully supports the rollout of fibre networks as an essential part of its policy to get every citizen connected.

Luxembourg's incumbent operator POST was also honoured for its investment in deploying state-of-the-art fibre-optic networks (more on that below) as the winner of this year's FTTH Operator Award. POST Luxembourg shared the award with INEA, a Polish alternative telecommunications operator that has significantly expanded its fibre networks in both suburban and rural areas.

The FTTH Individual Award went to Professor Hartwig Tauber, who has been one of Europe's most active defenders of FTTH for more than a decade now. His involvement in the FTTH Council Europe has helped the organisation to develop a strong and respected voice in Europe.

[Watch the Opening Speech by Xavier Bettel >](#)

[Watch the Awards Ceremony >](#)

[Watch our interview with Hartwig Tauber >](#)

[See what else you might have missed >](#)

Croatia, Germany and Poland join the FTTH ranking!

The number of fibre to the home and fibre to the building subscribers in Europe increased by 19% over the first nine months of 2015, reaching more than 35.9 million, according to the latest update to the FTTH panorama announced at the FTTH Conference 2016.

[Read the press release >](#)

[Download the ranking graphs >](#)

New Case Study: Post Luxembourg

In April 2010 the Luxembourg government set targets to provide 100Mbps downstream to all households by 2015. By 2020 Luxembourg wants all of its citizens - which currently number some 563,000 - to have a minimum of 1Gbps downstream. State-owned incumbent, POST Luxembourg, is on track to fulfil the government's plans with its national build-out of a point-to-point FTTH network.

[Download the case study \(PDF\) >](#)

New publications from the FTTH Council Europe

FTTH Market Panorama September 2015: More details about the progress of FTTH deployment in Europe, as revealed by IDATE at the FTTH Conference in Luxembourg.

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FTTH Business Guide 2016, Version 5.0: This edition is not a simple update but has been rewritten as part of a major collaboration between all the committees of the FTTH Council Europe to reflect the changes, opportunities and new challenges of the European FTTH market.

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FTTH Handbook 2016, Version 7.0: This document remains the most comprehensive guide to fibre access technology, now with 13 chapters and 186 pages on every aspect of FTTH deployment and operation.

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White Paper on FTTH Deployment Costs: Expectations vs Reality: Research by the FTTH Council Europe Market Intelligence Committee found that the FTTH cost estimates used in European projects accurately represent the actual costs, which should give investors greater confidence.

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NewsBeat

[Singtel pushes 10Gbps service to Singapore homes](#)

[Portugal Telecom selling off its copper](#)

[The Infrastructure Solution to the Broadband Problem](#)

[BT avoids breakup following Ofcom digital review](#)

Upcoming Events

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

31 March: [8th Broadband Networks Conference](#) in Warsaw Poland

14-16 February 2017: FTTH Conference 2017 - Marseille, France

Join our social media communities

Be first to find out about the latest developments at the FTTH Council Europe by joining our active social media communities. Right now we have 6,698 members in our LinkedIn Group, 3,267 followers on Twitter and more than 2,800 "likes" on Facebook - so you'll be in great company!



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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