

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?



"It is extremely important that nothing in the [Regulatory] Framework is a barrier to investment. Whether it is for big companies, for alternative operators or for community-based local projects, we want all of these people to really start digging and invest, so that we can have networks fit for the 21st century."

- Anna Krzyzanowska, Head of Unit "Broadband" at DG CONNECT of the European Commission

In the Spotlight

The FTTH Business Guide revisited

The FTTH Business Guide has become a big favourite. For those not familiar with the document, it provides an overview of the factors that influence and shape the business model of a FTTH project, from the initial planning phase through to operating the network and providing a menu of services.

This year, all the committees of the FTTH Council Europe came together to work on the FTTH Business Guide 2016, Version 5.0. Some four years had passed since the previous edition, so a major rewrite was needed to reflect the changing business landscape in several key areas, including policy, regulation, technology and services.

Developments at European level, such as the European Fund for Structural Investments (commonly known as the Junker Plan), show that policy leaders recognise the importance of future-proof broadband access networks. Nevertheless, a chasm still exists between project owners and financiers that the FTTH Business Guide hopes to bridge.

Since 2012, the Finance Committee has organised nine 'Investor Workshops' across Europe to help bring together investors with projects. These workshops have further enhanced the Council's understanding of the business case, particularly the business case in non-urban areas with scattered and small populations, and this additional knowhow has also been fed into the latest guide.

[Download the FTTH Business Guide 5.0 \(PDF\) >](#)

BREAKING NEWS: FTTH Council Europe welcomes its new President, Ronan Kelly

Ronan Kelly has been appointed as the new President of the FTTH Council Europe, becoming the eighth person to hold this position since the organisation was founded in 2005. He replaces outgoing President Edgar Aker, who occupied this position for the past year and came to the end of his term. In addition to his new position as President of the FTTH Council Europe, Ronan Kelly is also CTO for EMEA and APAC Regions at ADTRAN.

[Read our Press Release \(PDF\) >](#)

Marseille to welcome the FTTH Conference 2017

The FTTH Council Europe is delighted to announce that the 14th edition of the FTTH Conference will be held in the exhibition and convention centre 'Marseille Chanot' in Marseille, France, on 14-16 February 2017. Delegate registration will open in Autumn 2016.

The call for sponsors will be issued in the coming days. Sponsorship is open to Members of the FTTH Council Europe. If your company is interested in sponsorship please contact info@ftthcouncil.eu.

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Now available: FTTH Conference 2016 Event Report

The conference report provides an overview of the key facts and figures as well as the impact of the FTTH Conference 2016 held in Luxembourg earlier this year. By any measure, the conference was a great success! For those who missed the event, the report highlights the key moments.

[Download the event report \(PDF\) >](#)

Now available: Annual Report

The FTTH Council Europe Digital Annual Report, April 2015 - March 2016, is now online. This digital document offers a review of the Council's successful activities throughout the year. It includes direct links to access more details about the reported information: video clips, events, strategic market graphics and more.

View the [Annual Report](#)

New publications: FTTH What is it?

Need an introduction to FTTH technology and terminology? We would like this guide to enlighten the concerned but novice citizen whose life is impacted by telecommunications yet feels a bit lost in this environment. In other words, if you are not familiar with the FTTH technology and you want to learn what it is, this guide is made for you!

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NewsBeat

[High Speed Internet Everywhere for Everyone, But How? The President of the FTTH Council Europe Addresses European Parliament's Long-Term Investment Group Conference](#)

[The FTTH Council Europe Welcomes Ofcom's "Strategic Review of Digital Communications"](#)

[Enel to roll out €2.5bn Italian FTTH network](#)

[Diffraction Analysis blog: Calling fibre by its name](#)

Upcoming Events

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

26 - 28 April: [Fibre Week](#) in Island of Brac, Croatia

12 May: "[Breitband 2025: Technik, Bedarfe und Strategien](#)" Workshop in Berlin, Germany

7 - 9 June: [ANGA COM 2016](#) in Cologne, Germany

20 - 22 June: [10th CRU Wire & Cable Conference 2016](#) in Milan, Italy

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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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