

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?



"Experience has shown that if you seed networks, you will harvest traffic - meaning business. In Luxembourg, we saw that once this message was understood, the market will create its own dynamics."

Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister and Minister of Communications and Media for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

In the Spotlight

Luxembourg Leads the Way

As you start to read Luxembourg's national strategy for very high-speed networks, it quickly becomes apparent why the country has been selected to host the next FTTH Conference. The government identified that the "main technical means to ensure such [high-speed broadband] access in Luxembourg is optical fibre", and has set itself the target to become the first fully fibred country in the European Union. Luxembourg's ambition is to have gigabit connections available to all its citizens by 2020.

Ambition is nothing without execution, but Luxembourg is making good progress. Already, nearly two out of ten households in Luxembourg are using high-speed fibre connections: an impressive take-up rate, especially for Europe. Furthermore, the country has not just connected homes to fibre, it has implemented a variety of new services and applications over those fibre connections, from smart power grids to smart city projects. Indeed, Prime Minister Xavier Bettel states that he wants Luxembourg to become a "smart nation".

In an interview published this month, Prime Minister Bettel talks about the Luxembourg government's digital strategy, which covers all aspects of digital life, including skills and education, administration and business innovation. There will be more to come, as dedicated sessions at the upcoming FTTH Conference will delve deeper into the details of how Luxembourg has put its high-speed broadband and digital plans into action.

Prime Minister Bettel will also give the keynote speech at the opening of the FTTH Conference 2016, an invitation he did not hesitate to accept. He describes the political culture in Luxembourg as one where it's important to be "in direct contact with people who make things happen"... and the FTTH Conference is a wonderful opportunity to do just that.

Registration for the FTTH Conference is now open - details below.

[Read the rest of the interview \(PDF\) >](#)

Register for the FTTH Conference 2016

Registration is now open for the world's largest FTTH event.

The 13th edition of the FTTH Conference 2016 will be held in LuxExpo Exhibition and Congress Centre in the beautiful Luxembourg City from 16 to 18 February 2016.

Nadia Babaali, Communications Director for the FTTH Council Europe had this to say:

"What is really special about our event is it's big and ... we really ensure that people have a good networking experience ... the food, the networking areas, and the fact that we do not outsource the organisation to an external organisation ... our members really take an active part in the preparation in inviting guests, in preparing the programme, and this is reflected in the results."

Keep an eye on our conference website www.ftthconference.eu for the latest news and updates.

REGISTER NOW

FTTH Council Europe donation to go to CoderDojo

To mark the occasion of the FTTH Conference 2016, the FTTH Council Europe will donate €3,500 to [CoderDojo](#), a volunteer-led global movement of free programming clubs that give young people the opportunity to learn how to code and to be creative in a fun, safe and social environment. At each Dojo gathering, children between 7 and 17 learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs and games in order to explore technology in a creative environment and develop valuable skills for the future. These objectives mirror those of the FTTH Council Europe.

[Read the press release >](#)

Nominate your fibre champion!

Nominations are now open for the FTTH Council Europe Award 2016.

Between now and 26 November 2015 we encourage you to nominate an individual and/or an operator who has contributed to the acceleration of FTTH adoption in Europe. The nomination process is anonymous and open to all.

The winners will be announced at the FTTH Conference 2016 in Luxembourg!

[Read the announcement >](#)

FTTH Council Europe's Director General will step down on 30 November 2015

On 15 September 2015, the FTTH Council Europe announced that its Director General Hartwig Tauber has decided to step down.

Hartwig Tauber has been the Director General of the FTTH Council Europe since 2007. He will officially resign his position on 30 November 2015. The Board of Directors of the organisation will assess the next steps in the coming weeks.

[Read the press release\(PDF\) >](#)

Get ready for Gimme Fibre Day 2015

Gimme Fibre Day on 4 November 2015 is just a few weeks away. This annual celebration highlights how fibre access networks have positively impacted communities across the world. Join us and help spread the word; organise something; make yourself heard. Visit our website to download free promotional materials, and tell us what activities you have planned. You can also find out what other people will be doing on this special day!

www.gimmefibre.eu >

Webinar Catch-up: FTTH Consumer Experience in Europe: How Maturity Affects Usage

Having studied three European broadband markets - France, Portugal and Sweden - at different stages of FTTH/B maturity, we can now present an analysis, of how usage, consumer perception and attitudes around FTTH/B evolve as a market matures. The study was carried out by Diffraction Analysis on behalf of the FTTH Council Europe.

[Download the webinar presentation \(1.3MB PDF\) >](#)

[Watch the webinar replay on Vimeo >](#)

NewsBeat

[Public Consultation on the Needs for Internet Speed and Quality Beyond 2020](#)

[Berlin looks towards a Gigabit society](#)

[Telus to spend \\$1-billion in fibre-optic Internet expansion in Vancouver](#)

[Telkom promises a million fibre homes in South Africa](#)

Upcoming Events

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

15 October: [BEREC Stakeholder Forum Meeting](#) in Brussels, Belgium

20 - 21 October: [FTTH Conference Africa 2015](#) in Kigali, Rwanda

21 October: [10X6 Fintech: un nouveau pilier](#), Luxembourg-Ville, Luxembourg

4 November: [Connected Future Conference in Eindhoven](#), Netherlands

5 November: [NextGen 15 Workshops and Trade Fair](#) in London, UK

9 - 11 November: [FTTH Conference MENA](#) in Muscat, Oman

16 - 18 November: [ECTA Regulatory Conference](#) in Brussels, Belgium

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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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