

FIBRE HORIZONS

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Welcome to the first issue of FIBRE HORIZONS, 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 FTTH Council Europe.

This is an exciting time to be involved in the world of FTTH, with advances taking place on all fronts, including technology, policy, business and applications.

Each issue will bring you up to date with the latest news from the world of FTTH, and will also feature a "In the spotlight" article that takes a more detailed look at a major project or study being carried out by the Council. Please pass on the newsletter to colleagues and feel free to blog, tweet, and spread the word as widely as possible.



Did you hear?

"When funding is tight we should not build short-term solutions to meet artificial targets when long-term solutions are available." Chris Holden, President of the Board, FTTH Council Europe

In the Spotlight: FTTH Benefit Compendium

Fibre to the Home: what's in it for me?

We start the "In the spotlight" series of articles with an introduction to the FTTH Benefit Compendium, a study commissioned by the Council's Market Intelligence Committee from analyst firms IDATE and Yankee Group, which aims to provide a comprehensive answer to this question.

The Benefit Compendium looks at the benefits of FTTH to the end-user, but also to the other players, from alternative operators to local government, from building owners to utility companies, from financial investors to application developers.

"The number of fibre users throughout the world is reaching critical mass, and it's about time that service providers realised what an opportunity they have to create new applications tailored to this market." Benoit Felten, Senior Analyst, Yankee Group.

The essential finding of the Benefit Compendium is that it is important to think of the FTTH world as an ecosystem. Co-operation and understanding between the different players is a vital ingredient of building a successful FTTH network.

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Top 5 Downloads

Here are the most popular downloads about FTTH from our website:

1. FTTH Business Guide:

read about how to set up a profitable FTTH network

2. FTTH Handbook 2010:

learn all about FTTH technology

3. Annual Report 2009-2010:

check out what the FTTH Council Europe achieved in the past year

4. FTTH European Market Data - December 2009:

get a panorama of the global FTTH market

5. FTTH Innovation Award Compendium:

find out about innovative FTTH solutions

Newsbeat

I3 Group plans five new Fibrecities

<http://www.i3-group.co.uk/news--media/news/fibrecity-holdings-to-connect-more-than-one-million-homes.aspx>

BT superfast broadband to reach 2/3 of UK homes

Several FTTH roll-out plans unveiled in the UK

<http://www.lightwaveonline.com/business/news/FTTH-expansion-part-of-BT-three-year-plan-93683904.html>

Vodafone, Wind, Fastweb launch FTTH project in Italy:

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/idUKTRE64637020100507>

European Parliament calls for superfast broadband for 100% by 2020:

<http://www.itpro.co.uk/623101/european-parliament-calls-for-superfast-broadband>

FTTH Council Europe appoints new President of the Board:

<http://www.lightwaveonline.com/education/news/FTTH-Council-Europe-appoints-new-president-of-the-board--91888309.html>

1 Gbps in Hong-Kong now costs \$26:

<http://www.fiberevolution.com/2010/04/a-gbs-in-hongkong-now-costs-26.html>

Upcoming FTTH Council Europe Events

FTTH Business Guide Workshop

7 June 2010, London. Come and discuss business aspects of FTTH roll-out. This workshop is part of the FTTx Summit conference organised by IIR. Entrance fee applies. To register click [here](#)

FTTH Middle East Conference 2010

30 November-1 December 2010, Beirut, Lebanon. Second edition of our successful Middle East event, [click here](#) for last year's clip. Registration opens on 26 July on <http://www.conference.ftthcouncilme.org>.

FTTH Conference 2011

9-10 February 2011 in Milan, Italy. 8th edition of the world's LARGEST FTTH EVENT. Check out 7th edition's clip [here](#). Details available soon on <http://www.ftthconference.eu>

Upcoming Industry Events

26-28/05/2010 Telecruise Oslo, Norway

<http://www.telecruise.no/>

7-8/06/2010 7th Annual Media Convergence & Telecoms Amman, Jordan

<http://www.arabadvisors.com/Convergence/schedule.htm>

7-9/06/2010 FTTx & NGA Summit 2010 London, UK

<http://fttx.optical-transmission.com/>



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 enhances the quality of life, contributes to a better environment and increased economic competitiveness. The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 130 members.

<http://www.ftthcouncil.eu>



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