

FIBRE HORIZONS

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Did You Hear?

"New entertainment and home services are coming to the living room, but consumers will need fibre to the home to really appreciate the benefits! Only fibre offers the high bandwidth to support, for instance, high-quality, two-way video transmission. The limits on uploading data to the Internet are real bottlenecks for consumers who want to upload and share videos or work from home."

Hartwig Tauber, Director General of the FTTH Council Europe.

In the Spotlight:

The European FTTH Rankings

Fibre is the basic infrastructure for delivering a wide range of communications services, in the same way that copper cables provided the basis for the public-switched telephone network that was developed around 100 years ago. Countries around the world are installing new fibre infrastructure, but some are making more rapid progress than others. The FTTH Ranking measures progress towards the goal of connecting every European household with fibre. As of June 2010, Lithuania leads the way in Europe. The latest figures show that more than 20% of broadband subscribers in the country have a fibre connection, and national telecoms operators are planning to cover the entire nation with fibre within the next few years.

After Lithuania come the more mature FTTH economies of Sweden and Norway. Two more eastern European nations – Slovenia and Slovakia – round out the top five. In total, 17 countries now meet the 1% threshold for inclusion in the Ranking; the only new entrant to the Ranking in the last six months was Romania.

At the opposite end of the scale, major economies like Germany, Spain and the UK are still noticeably absent from the Ranking. However, the overall European picture is very positive. The number of FTTH/B (fibre to the home and fibre to the building) subscribers in Europe has increased by 22% over the past six months.

In absolute numbers, Europe now has more than 3.2 million FTTH/B subscribers (nearly 4.5

million including Russia), and network deployment has continued to advance, bringing fibre within reach of 18 million homes (26 million including Russia).

[Read more about the European Ranking >](#)

Join Our Webinar on the Benefits of Bulgarian Fibre Broadband

Date: 4 November 2010

Time: 11:00-12:00 CET

This webinar offers an opportunity to find out more about our study into the usage and perceptions of Internet connectivity by fibre subscribers in Bulgaria. The initial findings of the study, which was commissioned by the FTTH Council Europe, were presented by Yankee Group at the FTTH Conference in Lisbon earlier this year. The webinar will provide more details on the quantitative analysis of the positive social and economic impact of FTTB on the lives of Bulgarian Internet users.

Space is limited. Participation is open and free of charge. Reserve your webinar seat now:

REGISTER NOW

FTTH Conference 2011 Milan: Last Call for Innovation Award

The European FTTH Conference is the largest Fibre-to-the-Home event in the world. Its last edition attracted an unprecedented 2600 visitors from 65 countries, including 86 speakers, 77 sponsors, 100 exhibitors and 120 journalists!

Innovation Award:

The FTTH Council Europe invites you to submit to the FTTH Council Innovation Award 2011.

The award is open to all FTTH stakeholders and submissions can be done in three categories:

- Innovation on Technology, Deployment and Operation
- Innovation on Sustainability, Energy Consumption and Environmental Protection
- Innovation on Marketing of FTTH Networks, Financing and Business Plan

The winners in each category will be announced at the FTTH Conference 2011, in Milan on 9 and 10 February. All will receive a special crystal trophy and prize money of EUR 3,000.

For further information and submissions, please go to: www.ftthconference.eu.

Deadline: 15 November 2010.

Newsbeat

[Dutch pension funds ready to invest in FTTH](#)

[Tiscali plans FTTH roll out in Sardinia](#)

[BT must share ducts and poles with rivals](#)

[i3 Group plans first 'Fibrecity' in Australia](#)

Upcoming FTTH Council Europe Events

FTTH Middle East 30 November & 1 December 2010, Beirut, Lebanon.

Conference 2010

The second edition of our successful Middle East event will take place under the patronage of HE Eng. Charbel Nahhas, Minister of Post and Telecommunications of the Republic of Lebanon. Register online now: <http://www.conference.ftthcouncilme.org>.

FTTH Conference 2011

Preparations are well underway for the 8th edition of the world's largest FTTH event, due to take place on 9–10 February 2011 in Milan, Italy. Registration is now open. More details at: <http://www.ftthconference.eu>

Upcoming Industry Events

FTTH Forum 2010 9–10 November, Budapest, Hungary

BREKO Annual Convention 2010, 11 November, Berlin, Germany

DigiWorld Summit 2010 17–18 November, Montpellier, France

TEN Next Generation Broadband Summit, 18 November, London, UK

NextGen 10 Conference, 22–23 November, Birmingham, UK

Broadband Services Forum 23–24 November, Warsaw, Poland

ECTA Regulatory Conference 2010 29 November–1 December, Brussels, Belgium

5th International Next Generation Access Forum, 13–15 December, Berlin, Germany

HONET 10 7th International Symposium on High capacity Optical Networks and Enabling Technologies, 19–21 December, Cairo, Egypt.



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 145 members.

<http://www.ftthcouncil.eu>



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