



## FIBRE HORIZONS

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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.



**"In fact EU broadband penetration is best in world. Bigger problem is speed. We need fibre!"**

Neelie Kroes, Vice President European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda for Europe

## In the Spotlight: FTTH WIKI

### Introducing the FTTH Council Europe Wiki

Historically, the FTTH Council Europe has carried out most of its work using committees, each with a specific focus: business, deployment and operations, market intelligence, and new media. Now the Council wants to make it easier for anyone with an interest in FTTH to get involved in the work.

"A particular goal of mine is the desire to try and involve more Council members in our activities,"

said Chris Holden, president of the FTTH Council Europe. "As an organisation we have over 140 member companies now, but only a small number of individuals are able to participate in our committees. All credit should go to those members who are active, but we would like more members to get engaged. They shouldn't need to be in a committee in order to provide feedback."

One suggestion put forward was the wiki – a website that everyone can edit. As a result, this summer the Council launched <http://wiki.ftthcouncil.eu>.

The first documents to be published on the Wiki are the FTTH Handbook and the FTTH Business Guide. Everyone is invited to comment on the text, make suggestions about how the content could evolve for future editions of the book, or even edit the documents directly. This is an important part of the process keeping the documents accurate, relevant and up to date. A "useful links" section was also started, containing case studies, reports about the socio-economic impact of FTTH, the plans of national government in Europe and more. These sections are under development and, with your help, the Council hopes they will become a valuable resource over time. More sections will be added to the Wiki in future, depending on the direction of the Council's activities. Readers are welcome to add their own suggestions about how the Wiki could develop.

[See the FTTH Council Europe Wiki >](#)

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## **FTTH Conference 2011 Milan: Call for Papers and 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! Check out photos and videos on [www.ftthconference.eu](http://www.ftthconference.eu).

Be among the first to hear about the latest cutting edge solutions from industry leaders, FTTH-enhanced applications and services, success stories from across the world, market studies and forecasts from renowned consulting firms, regulatory debates and much more.

### **Submit a Paper:**

The call for papers for the FTTH Conference in Milan is open until 30 September 2010. If you want to become a speaker at this prestigious event, submit your abstract through the online submission system on the event website [www.ftthconference.eu](http://www.ftthconference.eu).

### **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.

Deadline for submissions is 15 November 2010.

Further information can be found on the website of the FTTH Conference: [www.ftthconference.eu](http://www.ftthconference.eu).

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## **Success Stories**

The FTTH Council Europe has published the first two articles in a series of case studies illustrating how different organisations have approached the challenge of building FTTH networks.

### **Amsterdam Citynet**

Already the cultural and financial capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam is set to become the fibre capital too. Glasvezelnet Amsterdam (GNA), a consortium of private and public investors, has finished rolling out a fibre network to 43,000 homes and plans to connect the rest of the city.

[Read the Amsterdam case study >](#)

## **Austrian Villages – ARGE Glasfaser Waldviertel**

FTTH isn't just for big cities. A trio of small market villages in the northeast of Austria have installed a community-owned fibre network that is breathing new life back into the region.

[Read the Austrian case study >](#)

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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

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## **Newsbeat**

**[FTTH customers are satisfied customers](#)**

**[Australia's NBN Co puts broadband rollout on hold](#)**

**[Lithuanian FTTH roll out gathers speed](#)**

**[Rural UK community builds own FTTH network](#)**

**[Swisscom to activate FTTH connections by year end](#)**

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## **Upcoming FTTH Council Europe Events**

### **FTTH Middle East Conference 2010**

30 November—1 December 2010, Beirut, Lebanon, 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**

SAVE THE DATE for the 8th edition of the world's largest FTTH event, due to take place on 9-10 February 2011 in Milan, Italy. Registration opens in September. In the meantime, submit a paper or nominate an idea for the Innovation Awards 2011. More details at: <http://www.ftthconference.eu>

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## **Upcoming Industry Events**

**[CMG-AE Bridging the Digital Divide 9 September, Bratislava, Slovakia](#)**

**2011 FTTH Conference & Expo** 12—16 September, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

**Nordic Broadband Forum 2010** 14 September, Copenhagen, Denmark

**ASUT Kolloquium** 17 September, Bern, Switzerland

**ECOC 2010** 19—23 September, Torino, Italy

**EUROFORUM-Konferenz** 21—22 September, Frankfurt, Germany

**ConnectedHome World Summit 2010** 21-22 September, London, UK

**EEBC 2010/expoTEL 2010** 20-22 October, Kiev, Ukraine

**North Africa Com** 26-27 October, Cairo, Egypt

**Broadband Worldforum 2010**, 26-28 October, Paris, France

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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 enhances the quality of life, contributes to a better environment and increased economic competitiveness. The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 140 members.

<http://www.ftthcouncil.eu>



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