

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.

Did You Hear?



“Virtually all of Europe’s incumbent carriers are either now involved in FTTH/B rollouts, are gearing up to it or are in the planning stages. Even those that originally opted for a FTTN+VDSL solution are now turning their attention to FTTH.”

Roland Montagne, Director, Telecoms Business Unit, IDATE

In the Spotlight

Incumbents make their move on FTTH

Europe, specifically the EU35, reported a robust 26% growth in the number of homes passed by FTTH/B in the first half of 2011, according to the latest figures prepared by IDATE for the FTTH Council Europe. Growth has been slower when it comes to new subscribers, however, with a 14% increase in the number of people actually receiving services over a fibre connection over the same time frame. Expanding network coverage is still a top priority for most operators.

Incumbents have been particularly active in the six months to June 2011, increasing their share of homes passed from 19% to 33%, according to IDATE. Even those who originally opted for fibre-to-the-node (FTTN) and VDSL, such as BT, Deutsche Telecom, and KPN, have turned to FTTH – often as a result of the competitive pressure created by cable companies’ and local authorities’ fibre initiatives.

Which nations are in the lead when it comes to FTTH? In the EU35, the majority of FTTH/B subscribers are located in six countries: Sweden, France, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Netherlands, and Bulgaria, in that order. Lithuania retains top place in percentage terms with more than 25% of homes receiving a service over FTTH/B. Two new countries joined the FTTH Rankings at the end of June 2011: Hungary and the Ukraine. Several major economies, such as the UK and Germany, remain absent; although this is expected to change if the incumbents stick to their timetables.

There are lots of ways to slice and dice the statistics. For more details take a look at our recent presentation made at the Broadband World Forum in Paris at the end of September.

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

[Download the BBWF 2011 presentation >](#)

Register now for the FTTH Conference 2012

Visit the FTTH Conference 2012, to be held on 14—16 February at the International Congress Centre Munich, Germany, and gain access to nearly 100 exhibitors and three days of high-quality workshops and presentations offering expert insights into the latest technology developments in the world of FTTH.

To register, simply click the big orange button. FTTH Council Europe member employees qualify for a promotional rate – contact the [secretariat](#) for details.



The conference is under the patronage of Bitkom, the Federal Association for Information Technology, Telecommunications and New Media (BITKOM e.V.). German nature conservation group NABU will also benefit from a €3 “green donation” from each paying guest. Don’t forget to visit our website www.ftthconference.eu for full details and updates.

We look forward to seeing you at the event in February!

Call for papers: deadline extended to 24 October

The call for papers deadline for the FTTH Conference 2012 has been extended to 24 October. If you haven't made a submission yet, then there's still time. As you may know by now, the conference takes place on 15—16 February 2012 with a day of pre-conference workshops on 14 February. Visit our website for further details and to submit your proposals.

[Read the call for papers and submit your proposal >](#)

[Submit an abstract for the workshops >](#)

Call for ‘World of Applications’: deadline extended to 31 October

The call for applications deadline has also been extended to 31 October. The FTTH Council Europe is seeking developers and suppliers of new and innovative applications that depend on high-speed FTTH networks to feature in the "World of Applications", a dedicated exhibition area where visitors can experience those applications at first hand. Our aim is to provide a unique opportunity for visitors to gain hands-on experience of next-generation applications.

[Submit a proposal for the "World of Applications" >](#)

New case study: Altibox

Altibox is a highly successful FTTH brand in Norway, which supplies services to over 70% of Norway's fibre-connected homes. Parent company Lyse Tele provides the content and service platform, while the franchisee – often a municipality or utility company – rolls out the infrastructure. The business

model takes advantage of scale at the retail level, while promoting local resources for construction and allows customers to save money by digging their own trenches for fibre.

[Download the Altibox case study](#) (PDF) >

One voice, many languages

The Council continues to expand its international coverage with content published in no fewer than 18 different foreign languages so far, from Arabic to Ukrainian. Most recently, our educational and corporate video clips have been translated into French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Spanish and Turkish. A drop-down menu on the left hand side of the page allows you to sort articles by language, so that you can easily find what you're looking for.

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Newsbeat

[EU Commissioner calls for more investment in fibre](#)

[Telcos lash out at EU fibre proposal](#)

[BT launches FTTP, promises 300Mbps in 2012](#)

[ANTEL awards GPON tender in Uruguay](#)

[Gigaclear starts FTTP construction in Hambleton, UK](#)

Upcoming FTTH Council Europe Events

FTTH Conference 2012	The world's largest FTTH Conference is taking place on 14—16 February in Munich, Germany. Don't delay, register today! More details at: www.ftthconference.eu
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Upcoming Industry Events

[IBBT Workshop on Municipal Fiber Networks](#) 24 October, Ghent, Belgium

[IQPC Delivering High Speed Broadband](#) 24—27 October, Prague, Czech Republic

[EUTC 2011](#), 26—28 October, Madrid, Spain

[Finnish Regional Broadband Association Autumn Seminar](#), 9-10 November, Nilsia, Finland

[NextGen 11](#), 15—16 November, Bristol, UK

[DigiWorld Summit 2011](#) 16—17 November, Montpellier, France

[Broadband Russia Forum 2011](#) 23—24 November, Moscow, Russia

[ECTA's 12th Annual Regulatory Conference](#) 28—30 November, Brussels, Belgium

[8th Broadband Forum](#), 29-30 November, Warsaw, Poland

[FTTH Council MENA Conference 2011](#), 30 November – 1 December, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

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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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