

## 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?



"The Council still believes that the Digital Agenda targets should be strengthened to include upload speeds. Cloud computing vendors are already complaining that the network is restricting access to their services"

*Chris Holden, president of the FTTH Council Europe*

#### In the Spotlight

### European FTTH Ranking

The annual publication of the European FTTH Ranking is a cause for celebration or commiseration, depending on where you live. The latest data for the end of 2011 show that Scandinavian countries, although still leaders in Europe, are rapidly being overtaken by Eastern European economies, while Western European nations continue to lag behind.

Lithuania remains at the top of the table with about 28% penetration of fibre-to-the-home or building (FTTH/B). Norway moved up into second place with nearly 15% of homes taking a direct fibre connection, overtaking Sweden, now in third place with 13.6%. Norway also boasts the highest take-rate of FTTH/B in Europe with 60% of homes subscribing to fibre connections where available - proof that it is possible to generate extremely strong demand for FTTH.

It's also worth mentioning Russia, which leaped from 14th position in the ranking up to seventh. This is an amazing achievement for such a large country, which continues to be the largest market for FTTH/B in absolute numbers with more than 4.5 million subscribers.

At the bottom of the table, France and Italy made scant progress in percentage terms. There were no new countries in the ranking, which means that once again Germany and the UK failed to qualify. On a more positive note, however, Spain is making good progress (184% annual growth), and is expected to join the ranking in the very near future.

[See the presentation about the FTTH Ranking.>](#)

#### End users explain how FTTH has enriched their lives

Having an ultra-fast reliable internet connection opens up many new possibilities for enhancing the quality of life, but it is not always easy to explain what this could mean to individual users. Our new video clips, premiered at the FTTH Conference in Munich, let end users explain in their own words how FTTH makes a difference to their lives. The video clips feature a film editor in Kilafors, Sweden, a grandfather in Nuenen, the Netherlands, and a dentist in Oberhausen, Germany.



[Access all our end-user video clips here >](#)

## New case studies focus on FTTH in Germany

With the spotlight falling on Germany this year, the Council has published new FTTH case studies from Germany. There are four new case studies, ranging from the tiny community of Sasbachwalden to the city of Cologne. They are available in both English and German.

M-net case study (PDF)	<a href="#">[EN]</a> > <a href="#">[DE]</a> >
BORnet case study (PDF)	<a href="#">[EN]</a> > <a href="#">[DE]</a> >
NetCologne case study (PDF)	<a href="#">[EN]</a> > <a href="#">[DE]</a> >
Oberhausen case study (PDF)	<a href="#">[EN]</a> > <a href="#">[DE]</a> >
Sasbachwalden case study (PDF)	<a href="#">[EN]</a> > <a href="#">[DE]</a> >

## Newsbeat

[Israel eyes ultra-fast Internet network](#)

[Call for FTTH roll out in Gozo and Malta](#)

[France Telecom to step up spending on fibre networks](#)

[FTTH Hälfte der Münchner Wohnungen bekommt Glasfaser](#) (in German)

[First Jersey homes switched to new superfast broadband](#)

[Kansas City is Fiber-Ready!](#)

[Solidere banks on fiber optics network upgrade](#)

## NEWS FLASH! FTTH Conference 2013 will be in London

The 10th edition of the annual FTTH Conference will be held 19-21 February 2013 at the ExCeL exhibition centre in London, UK.

## Upcoming Events

The FTTH Council Europe will be attending and speaking at the following events:

7-8 March

CableTech 2012, [www.cabletech.at](http://www.cabletech.at), Spielberg, Styria, Austria

14-15 March

TransNet 2012 Conference, [www.comnews-conferences.ru/tn2012eng](http://www.comnews-conferences.ru/tn2012eng), Moscow, Russia

20-22 March

IP&TV World Forum 2012, [www.iptv-forum.com](http://www.iptv-forum.com), London, UK

22 March

TK-Expertenkonferenz, [www.expertenkonferenzen.detsk-expertenkonferenz/aktuell/](http://www.expertenkonferenzen.detsk-expertenkonferenz/aktuell/),  
Bonn, Germany

## Join our social media communities

Be first to find out about the latest developments at the FTTH Council Europe by joining our active social media communities. We have more than 1,800 members in our LinkedIn Group, about 850 followers on Twitter and over 310 "likes" on Facebook - so you'll be in great company!



## 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](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu)

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