

## 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?



"Old-time telecom thinking divides customers into 'home' and 'business'. But now, they require the same levels of productivity."

Joe Savage, Managing Director, Telecom Think-Tank Co.

### In the Spotlight

#### FTTH Handbook - Fifth Edition

The fifth edition of the FTTH Handbook, unveiled at the FTTH Conference 2012 in Munich earlier this year, has been extensively revised, and contains several important new chapters. But even though the Council's Deployment & Operations Committee has packed even more technical information into the Handbook, the total number of pages has not increased, so that the reader is not overwhelmed with information.

The new chapter on network planning describes the complete process of preparing to deploy the FTTH network, from the early strategic decisions about where to roll out the network and what kind of architecture will be used, to the creation of detailed network plans that the engineers and installers will work with during the deployment process.

The chapter on in-building cabling explains the technical details and general considerations relating to the installation between the building entry point and the wall socket where the customer connects to fibre, using a reference model based on international standards. This year the FTTH Handbook has also been translated into German. Printed copies were distributed at the FTTH Conference in Munich, but if you missed out, then please download it from our website.

[Read the FTTH Handbook on the Wiki](#) >  
[Download the FTTH Handbook in English](#) >  
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### Karin Ahl elected as new President of the Board

Following the elections held at the General Assembly in Amsterdam in March, Karin Ahl has been appointed as the new President of the FTTH Council Europe. Karin is an active member of the Council, having been a founding member of the Business Committee and becoming its Chair in 2010. She was also a Board member and Treasurer of the FTTH Council Europe in 2011. Karin heads the Board of nine members, backed up by the Committees and contracted team, who will implement the Council's strategy over the next 12 months.

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### Download our Annual Report 2011-2012

The Annual Report of the FTTH Council Europe contains a summary of all our key findings about

FTTH over the last year. During this period, the Council has worked extensively with European policy makers and regulators, and has become an accepted voice of authority on matters relating to high-speed broadband and fibre infrastructure. Highlights of the year included the ever-expanding FTTH Conference, and the presentation of the FTTH cost model, which concludes that the build costs necessary to meet Digital Agenda targets could be significantly lower than previously thought.

[Download the Annual Report](#) (PDF 8.7 MB) >

## Newsbeat

[FTTH Council Americas: FTTH-connected homes up 13%](#)

[Google Fiber issues construction update](#)

[LUS Fiber brings world's fastest internet service to Lafayette](#)

[Armenia's ArmenTel launches fibre-optic service via FTTB](#)

[Behörde verhindert Kooperation mit NetCologne](#) (in German)

[Australia's NBN unveils three-year roll out plan](#)

[BT chooses Oxfordshire village for 'fibre-only' trial](#)

[DT starts Deutsche Annington fibre rollout project](#)

## Join our webinar on 'Successful services strategies for operators'

Save the date: on 15 May 2012 from 11:00 to 12:00, you are invited to join our webinar on 'Successful services strategies for operators'. All participants may join this webinar free of charge.

Check our website homepage for details on 2 May 2012 [www.ftthcouncil.eu](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu).

## Meet the FTTH Council Europe at ANGACable 2012

The FTTH Council Europe has a booth at ANGACable (12-14 June 2012, Cologne, Germany). The booth is located in Hall 10.2, booth number A41.

Get all the latest info on the FTTH Council Europe, swing by and do some networking over a free coffee or pick up the latest copy of the FTTH Business Guide, FTTH Handbook, Annual Report or newest case studies.

If you want to meet our Director General, Hartwig Tauber, or our Communications Director, Nadia Babaali, please get in touch with our secretariat ([info@ftthcouncil.eu](mailto:info@ftthcouncil.eu)). They will coordinate a meeting time.

## Upcoming Events

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

23-26 April

IQPC FTTx Summit Europe 2012, [www.fttxsummiteurope.com/Event.aspx?id=599618](http://www.fttxsummiteurope.com/Event.aspx?id=599618), London, UK

24-26 April

FiberWeek 2012, [www.fiberweek.info](http://www.fiberweek.info), Split, Croatia

24-27 April

2012 FTTH LATAM Conference, [www.ftthcouncil.org/en/landing/latam-annual-conference](http://www.ftthcouncil.org/en/landing/latam-annual-conference), Mexico City, Mexico

9-10 May

FTTH Council Asia Pacific Annual Conference 2012,  
[www.infoxevents.com.cn/ftthcouncilap/index.htm](http://www.infoxevents.com.cn/ftthcouncilap/index.htm), Shanghai, China

30 May  
NextGen Roadshow Milton Keynes, [www.nextgenevents.co.uk](http://www.nextgenevents.co.uk), Milton Keynes, UK

7 June  
NextGen Roadshow Edinburgh, [www.nextgenevents.co.uk](http://www.nextgenevents.co.uk), Edinburgh, UK

12-14 June  
ANGACable 2012, [www.angacable.com/index.php?id=home&no\\_cache=1&L=0](http://www.angacable.com/index.php?id=home&no_cache=1&L=0), Cologne, Germany

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

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

## 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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