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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 gap between the best and worst [FTTH economies] is increasing. We are not seeing a single Europe emerging, which should be of concern in Brussels."

Graham Finnie, Senior Analyst, Heavy Reading

In the Spotlight

FTTH Forecast: Making sense of the numbers

Heavy Reading analyst Graham Finnie had some positive news for the industry when he presented the latest FTTH Forecast at the FTTH Conference earlier this year. The FTTH/B market had grown faster than expected in 2012, and the five-year forecast was upgraded accordingly. Heavy Reading now expects that almost 41.5 million households in the area covered by the study will be connected to FTTH or FTTB at the end of 2017 - about 13.3% of all homes in the region. In the EU only, the total is forecast to be just over 19 million homes connected, or 9.7% of all households.

However, the detailed picture is mixed. Forecasts were substantially increased in several countries, but downgraded elsewhere. Specifically, forecasts for Bulgaria, Finland, Russia, Sweden and Ukraine were increased, in all cases because of new information about existing builds and plans. At the same time, the forecasts for Austria and Germany were decreased, largely because of very slow progress with existing builds and lack of commitment on the part of the incumbent. The forecast was also more modestly lowered for Italy, Norway, Switzerland and the UK.

Finnie points out that although the case for FTTH and actual deployment have both improved markedly over the last year, the gap between different countries in Europe, and between the EU and non-EU area, is still widening. Is this situation really acceptable to politicians in Brussels?

The FTTH Forecast was the subject of our webinar on 21 May, which is [available to replay](#).

[Download the study presentation \(PDF\)](#) >

Webinar: FTTH - The solution for mobile backhaul?

11:00 - 12:00 am CET, 6 June 2013

As mobile data grows, there is a clear need to invest in upgrades to enable backhaul networks to cope with the increase volume of network traffic. This need will become even more pronounced with the arrival of LTE as it requires significantly more capacity. Furthermore, the evolution towards small cell architectures will redefine the backhaul need for mobile networks. This upgrade of backhaul capacity could provide a special opportunity for operators to share fixed and mobile investments: in particular expanding FTTH coverage while meeting mobile backhaul

needs. In this context, IDATE was selected by the FTTH Councils in Europe and Asia Pacific to analyse key issues linked to FTTH usage for mobile backhaul. Around 20 mobile operators around the world were interviewed during this study, the results of which will be presented in the webinar.

Register for this webinar today.

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Previous webinars are available to replay:

- * 23 April: The FTTH Cost model applied to Germany. Speakers: Raf Meersman and Patrick Jung
- * 18 April 2013, The positive effects of FTTH for real estate projects. Speaker: Benoît Felten.
- * 14 March 2013, FTTH Market in Europe. Speaker: Roland Montagne.

New issue of 'The Light Age' available

The second issue of the magazine of the FTTH Council Global Alliance is available now. It includes detailed information about the market situation on FTTH around the world. The magazine can be read online by following the link below.

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Stockholm to host world's largest FTTH Showcase

Combining conference sessions with an exhibition and unparalleled networking opportunities, the FTTH Conference is the largest FTTH-focused event in the world, gathering more than 3,000 participants during its last edition held in London in 2013. The special theme of the 2014 Stockholm event is "FTTH - Showcasing a Brighter Future", highlighting Nordic innovations in fibre access.

The FTTH Conference will take place on 18 - 20 February. Put the date in your diary!

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

FTTH Case Study: Luxembourg

In April 2010, the Luxembourg government laid down some of the most ambitious broadband targets in the world. By 2015 it would like to see half the population receiving download speeds of 1 Gbps, and 100 Mbps to remaining households (with upload speeds at 50% of download). It wants to boost gigabit coverage to all citizens by 2020. The state-owned incumbent, PT Luxembourg, is on track to fulfil the government's plans with a build-out of a national point-to-point FTTH network.

[Read the Luxembourg Case Study \(PDF\)](#) >

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CEO Interview: Alcino Lavrador, PT Inovação

Portugal is undoubtedly one of Europe's fibre leaders. In two years time, Portugal is expected to reach 20% of homes subscribing to FTTH connections, one of the first countries in Europe to reach this goal. PT Inovação is the research and development arm of Portugal Telecom Group, which gives its CEO Alcino Lavrador, a special perspective on what it takes to successfully deploy FTTH. In this latest CEO interview, he talks about the factors underpinning the success of FTTH in Portugal, why FTTH is defying the economic downturn, and how services and applications will drive the take-up of FTTH.

[Read the interview with Alcino Lavrador \(PDF\) >](#)

Newsbeat

[ARCEP recommends a standardised line identification solution for FTTH networks](#)

[Soros Invests \\$75M In London Fiber-Optic Startup](#)

[BT quietly drops 25% fibre-to-the-premises target](#)

[So much for mobile-only network strategies...](#)

[Rome - Telecom Italia and FASTWEB extend fiber optic network](#)

[Vodafone NL acquires FTTH player Wiericke](#)

Upcoming events

The FTTH Council Europe will be speaking or exhibiting at the following events:

19 June: [Intelligent Cities Conference](#) in Leeds, UK

3-5 September: [23rd Economic Forum 2013](#) in Krynica, Poland

10 September: [Nordic FTTH Investors Day](#) in Helsinki, Finland

22-26 September: [ECOC 2013](#) in London, UK

30 September - 2 October: [FTTH 2013 Conference & Expo](#) in Tampa, Florida, USA

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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.

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