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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?



"We have seen an acceleration of 1 gigabit offers being proposed in Europe: France, Switzerland, Sweden, even in the island of Jersey. These 1 gig offers are popular. Even if they are a flagship offer, it's a good sign in terms of acceleration of the bandwidth proposal."

Roland Montagne, Principal Analyst, IDATE,
speaking at the FTTH Conference 2014

In the Spotlight The Ten Percent Club

The number of households in the wider Europe and Russia with a direct fibre connection is expected to reach 46.7 million in the next five years, up from 25.2 million today, according to the latest market forecast commissioned by the FTTH Council Europe.

Graham Finnie, Chief Analyst at market research firm Heavy Reading, says that the forecast is slightly down on last year. The macroeconomic situation in Europe has improved, but many incumbents have renewed interest in their DSL networks and postponed the day they migrate to a full fibre network.

Although there is continuing strong FTTH growth in Eastern Europe and selected Western nations, such as France, Portugal and Spain, the large nations of Germany, Italy and the UK continue to make slow progress, holding back the development of Europe - and especially the EU - overall. As a result, the gap between the best and worst performers is still widening. Finnie points out that some Western European countries are over 10 years behind the leaders in terms of FTTH penetration.. By 2018, Heavy Reading expects household penetration (reflecting uptake of services, not just their availability) to vary from less than 5% to more than 40%, depending on the nation.

Already in the "Ten Percent Club" are countries from Northern and Eastern Europe, such as Denmark, Norway and Sweden; Lithuania, Latvia and Slovenia; and of course Russia. The factors driving success are different in those regions. In Northern Europe, utility and municipality service providers led an early charge towards fibre networks, and they are now becoming mature markets. In Eastern Europe, it is often the incumbents or strong alternative operators that took the strategic decision to invest in FTTH as they bring broadband coverage up to modern expectations.

Finnie will present the complete results of the survey in an upcoming webinar.

Webinar: European Market Forecast 2013-2018 - Behind the Numbers

27 May 2014, 11 am - 12 pm CET

This webinar will discuss the latest forecast on the European FTTH market. Heavy Reading Chief

Analyst Graham Finnie will give a detailed analysis of the development of FTTH networks in Europe, Russia and Turkey. This will include the thinking behind the forecast that just under 22 million homes in the EU will be connected by FTTH/B in 2017 and what this means for the Digital Agenda targets. He will also explain why Russia will continue to be the biggest national market with more than 15 million home connected by 2018. The webinar will also have a closer look at some individual countries, investigate the role of incumbents and alternative operators, and look at the balance between FTTH to MDUs and SDUs. Register for this webinar today.

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Replay our previous webinar:

March 18th 2014: [FTTH Market in Europe - Status and Analysis](#)

FTTH Council Europe offers 'Observer Status' to network operators

The General Assembly of the FTTH Council Europe has approved the introduction of an Operator Observer Status for network operators.

This will allow broadband network operators to benefit from the detailed research data that FTTH Council Europe makes available for their members. It will also offer extended networking opportunities and the participation in selected working committees of the FTTH Council Europe.

"By introducing the Operator Observer Status the FTTH Council Europe includes the network operators in our work. At the same time we keep our neutrality on specific operators' agendas as our objective is the acceleration of FTTH deployments in Europe - independent of specific operator categories," explained Hartwig Tauber, Director General of the FTTH Council Europe.

Further details and the application process will be available in May on www.ftthcouncil.eu.

Newsbeat

[EIB lends EUR 150 million to Jazztel for investment in its fibre optic network](#)

[Sky and TalkTalk challenge BT with fibre optic broadband network for York](#)

[Vodafone bringing 200Mbps fibre service to Spain next week](#)

[This Is AT&T's Plan to Smother Google Fiber](#)

Upcoming events

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

5 - 6 May: International Bar Association - [25th Annual Communications and Competition Conference](#) in Prague, Czech Republic

6 - 8 May: [FiberWeek 2014](#) in Supetar, Island of Brac, Croatia

20 - 22 May: [ANGACOM](#) Exhibition & Congress in Cologne, Germany

3 - 5 June: [FTTH Council Asia-Pacific Conference 2014](#) in Penang, Malaysia

17 June: [NextGen Expo Scotland](#) in Glasgow, UK

23 - 25 June: FTTH Council Americas' [FTTH Conference & Expo 2014](#) in Fort Lauderdale, 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.

The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 150 member companies. www.ftthcouncil.eu

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