

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?



"There's a rapid and very fascinating consumerization of technology going on. Call it the "AGFA world" - Amazon, Google, Facebook and Apple. But the real battle is about the future infrastructure and big data. No one predicted these new patterns just a few years ago."

Dr. David Bosshart, CEO of the Gottlieb Duttweiler Institute for economic and social studies (GDI) in Zurich and keynote speaker at the FTTH Conference 2014.

In the Spotlight

Sweden Shows Us the Way

Sweden started to deploy fibre to the home (FTTH) networks over a decade ago. With more than 1.2 million FTTH subscribers by the end of 2013, corresponding to 26.5% of households in the country, Sweden holds second place on the European FTTH Ranking. Sweden was also one of the most active markets in 2013 - operators passed a further 500,000 homes, boosting FTTH coverage to 45.4%. This goes to show that even in countries already deemed "mature", there is plenty of room for growth.

Sweden will now focus on how to connect the remaining 2 million homes with fibre, said ministers at the FTTH Conference. Sweden had already ambitiously set the target to bring 100Mbps connectivity to 90% of homes and businesses by 2020 and, according to the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS) the country is on track to meet that ambitious goal.

Elsewhere in Europe the outlook for FTTH is mixed. Some countries are making good progress - substantial roll outs took place in Spain, the Netherlands, France and Portugal in 2013 - while others continue to make slow or even no progress. "We need to do more and I can't help but feel that some policy makers underestimate the danger of not getting to fibre to the home networks quickly enough," said Karin Ahl, President of the FTTH Council Europe.

Full details of the European FTTH Ranking are available on our website."

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

[Download the Market Data presentation \(PDF\) >](#)

Webinar: FTTH Market in Europe

18 March 2014, 11 am to 12 pm CET

How has the European FTTH/B market fared during the last six months? This webinar will provide detailed information about the status of FTTH/B deployment in Europe and Russia, and examine the different drivers and blocking factors for fibre deployment in the European markets. The study covers the EU28 member states as well as all other European economies including Turkey, Russia and Ukraine. Presented by Roland Montagne, Principal Analyst and Director of the Telecoms Business Unit at IDATE, the webinar will also cover the European FTTH Ranking.

REGISTER NOW

Thank you for joining us in Stockholm!

With 3000 attendees from 84 countries and 120 exhibitors coming to Stockholm, the FTTH Conference remains the largest FTTH-focused event in the world. The FTTH Council Europe would like to thank all the participants for joining us in Stockholm and making the event a success! We'll see you next year, 10 - 12 February 2014, in Warsaw, Poland.

[Visit the conference website](#) >

On-demand Replay of FTTH Conference 2014

If you couldn't make it to the FTTH Conference 2014 in Stockholm, you missed a unique opportunity to hear from key FTTH stakeholders and decision makers. But all is not lost because you can still watch the presentations from our keynote speakers and exclusive interviews on our TV channel free of charge:

www.tv.ftthcouncil.eu

There is also the option to replay ALL of the main conference tracks with our on-demand replay service. This way you can see top experts present a Nordic showcase of FTTH-enabled innovation and services, and hear important industry players talk about the latest business, marketing, regulatory and technical innovations and solutions in FTTH.

The online replay service will give you the following benefits for at least four months following the conference:

- * On-demand replay of all sessions of the FTTH Conference 2014 on 19 and 20 February 2014
- * On demand replay of additional expert discussions held during the session breaks
- * Special bonus: Access to the conference presentation slides

To get access to this service, register [here](#).

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After you have finalised the registration process, you will first get a confirmation e-mail together with your invoice. You will then receive an e-mail with the link to the online platform together with your personal password. Please note that your password only allows access for one person at a time!

To start viewing, open your browser and go to www.tv2014.ftthcouncil.eu

FTTH Award Winners Announced

Vodafone Group and Sir Charles Kao have received awards at the FTTH Conference 2014 in Stockholm for their outstanding contribution to accelerating FTTH adoption in Europe.

Vodafone received the FTTH Operator Award in recognition for rolling out advanced fibre networks in Portugal, Spain and Italy as part of a large investment programme.

In awarding Sir Charles Kao the Individual FTTH Award, the FTTH Council Europe recognised the importance of his contribution to the birth of fibre-optic communications.

[Read the full story here](#) (PDF) >

New White Papers & Studies

The Working Groups and Committees of the FTTH Council Europe organised several Workshops on the day before the main conference, where they presented the latest edition of the FTTH Handbook and several new white papers. These documents are available to download from our website.

[FTTH Handbook 2014](#) >

[FTTH Smart Guide 2014](#) >

White Paper: [Innovative FTTH Deployment Technologies](#) (PDF) >

Briefing Note: [G.fast - an Introduction](#) (PDF) >

White Paper: [The FTTH Journey](#) (PDF) >

White Paper: [New FTTH-based Technologies and Applications](#) (PDF) >

Newsbeat

[Digital push could save welfare millions: report](#)

[Exploring new cities for Google Fiber](#)

[Telecom Italia and Enel strike deal to boost fibre-optic development](#)

[IP-Only picks Alcatel-Lucent, Maintrac for new FTTH network in Sweden](#)

[Openreach increases price of fibre on demand FTTP product](#)

[TPG Telecom's FTTB play a headache for Turnbull](#)

Upcoming events

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

3 - 4 March: [PLNOG 2014](#) in Warsaw, Poland

5 - 6 March: [11th Annual SEE Telecoms Forum 2014](#) in Belgrade Serbia

19 - 20 March: [Transport Networks and Carrier Cloud Russia 2014](#) in Moscow, Russia

26 - 28 March: [FTTH Conference 2014 LATAM](#) in Bogota, Colombia

1 - 2 April: [Breitbandversorgung in Deutschland 2014](#) in Berlin, Germany

8 - 10 April: [Broadband Strategy, Technology and Innovation Summit](#) in Barcelona, Spain

9 - 10 April: [Fixed Access Networks Summit 2014](#) in Berlin, Germany

9 - 10 April: [BREKO Breitbandmesse](#) in Frankfurt am Main, Germany

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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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