

## 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?



"Today the main driver of innovation is at the residential level. The kind of bandwidth that the youngsters, that our families, require is sometimes much higher than the bandwidth that the smaller and the medium enterprises require."

Xavier Rodriguez-Martin, Chief Executive Officer, dstelecom

### In the Spotlight

#### Statistics and Strategies

The deployment of Fibre to the Home (FTTH) and Fibre to the Building (FTTB) has accelerated over the past year, growing at a pace of more than 50% over the 12 months ending December 2014, according to the FTTH market panorama prepared by IDATE for FTTH Council Europe. Highlights from the study were presented in a recent webinar.

The number of FTTH/B subscribers on the European continent reached nearly 15 million (14.5 million to be exact) by the end of December 2014 - not including Russia and the Ukraine, which would add a further 14.8 million homes to the total. This means the number of FTTH/B subscribers in continental Europe (not including Russia) now surpasses those in North America for the first time.

Spain deserves a special mention as one of the most competitive markets in the region. Incumbent Telefonica achieved its aim to cover 10 million households at end year, compared to less than 4 million at end 2013, making Spain the only Western European nation to have passed more than 10 million homes with fibre. It is challenged by Vodafone, which bought cable operator Ono last year. Not to be left out, Orange Spain has agreed to buy FTTH player Jazztel and plans to step up its fibre investments.

For more details about who is doing what and where in Europe, please see our recent webinar.

[Watch the webinar replay on Vimeo >](#)

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### Webinar: European FTTH Forecast, 2014-2019: Behind the Numbers

Tuesday, 14 April, 11 am - 12 pm CET.

In this webinar, Heavy Reading Chief Analyst Graham Finnie will discuss the latest five-year forecast for the European FTTH market. He will provide a detailed analysis of the further development of FTTH networks in the greater European region, including Russia and Turkey, and explain the thinking behind the forecast, setting out the key indicators used to generate the data. The forecast will look at both the overall region covering 44 countries, and the EU region, explaining why the EU will have reached only 14% penetration at 2019, against 19% in the region as a whole. It will also look at developments in some key individual countries such as France, Germany, Russia and Spain, and analyse the differing contributions from different actors in the market.

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## New report: MENA Market Panorama from IDATE

The Middle East and North Africa Market Panorama, compiled by market consultancy firm IDATE, provides an update and analysis of FTTH/B deployment in 11 countries in the region. The region is intriguing because FTTH/B is a priority: no noticeable Fibre to the Node (FTTN) projects have been announced to date. There are two countries with significant FTTH/B rollouts, where more than 1 million homes have been passed. One of these is the United Arab Emirates, which leads the FTTH Global Ranking with the highest FTTH/B subscriber uptake in the world.

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## Newsbeat

[Italian state-backed lender ready to buy out Metroweb](#)

[Fibre features prominently in Orange's €15B investment plan](#)

[Broadband is a question of economics and risk, says BT's Bill Murphy](#)

[Italy approves €6bn plan to boost broadband networks](#)

And just for laughs...

[Google Fiber: Introducing dial-up mode](#)

## Upcoming events

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

22 - 23 April: [Fixed Access Networks Summit](#) in Berlin, Germany

28 - 29 April: [BREKO Breitbandmesse](#) in Darmstadt, Germany

28 - 30 April: [Fiberweek 2015](#) in Supetar, Island of Brac, Croatia

11 - 12 May: [IBA 26th Annual Communications & Competition Conference](#) in London, UK

19 - 21 May: [FTTH Conference 2015 Asia-Pacific](#) in Jakarta, Indonesia

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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

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