

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?



"Gigabit isn't even the end game for fibre to the home. It can reach 10-gigabit speeds in the future as well."

John George, Board Member of the FTTH Council Americas

In the Spotlight Time for action!

The FTTH Council Europe has issued a new call for action, asking Europe's decision makers to create a business-friendly environment for fibre deployment. We strongly believe that Europe needs fibre to the home now, so that Europe can maintain its competitiveness in a digital era. How are we going to do this? At the General Assembly in Amsterdam, the Board of the FTTH Council Europe discussed and agreed the work plan for the coming year, which has five key themes:

- To create a business-friendly environment, Europe needs to find better ways to support investors in FTTH, both through policy measures and through regulation.
- Business models like structural separation - where the network infrastructure is owned separately from the companies supplying the services - need to be firmly placed on the European policy agenda.
- Another positive step would be to encourage the public sector, which is a huge consumer of IT services, to buy services on new fibre networks - thus acting as an "anchor tenant".
- It is time to promote real technology neutrality, by setting genuinely future-proof broadband targets that are not constrained by the capabilities of current technologies.
- Transparency in broadband advertising also remains important - consumers need to have confidence that they get the advertised speeds and that when they choose fibre, they will in fact receive a real fibre to the home connection

Over the next 12 months the FTTH Council Europe intends to raise broad support for this call for action and ensure that these topics are firmly on the agenda of Europe's policy makers - and that funds for infrastructure investment under the "Juncker Plan" are available to invest in fibre.

[Read the press release](#) (PDF 2.5 MB) >

Edgar Aker named as new President of FTTH Council Europe

Also at the General Assembly in Amsterdam on 22 and 23 April, members of the FTTH Council Europe appointed Edgar Aker as the new President. He replaces outgoing President Karin Ahl, who has held this position for the past three years. Edgar is also Director of Marketing, Business Development and Strategy for the Prysmian Group, and will continue in this role.

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

Webinar: Why consumers love FTTH in Portugal - The FTTH Consumer Experience Study

Tuesday, 26 May 2015, 11 AM - 12PM CET

Following our ground-breaking study of FTTH users in Sweden last year, the FTTH Council Europe conducted a study to analyse the experience and attitudes of broadband users in the dynamic FTTH market of Portugal.

The survey was undertaken by Diffraction Analysis with a panel of 400 Portuguese users. The complete results of the survey will be presented by Benoît Felten, CEO and co-founder of Diffraction Analysis and a recognised expert on next-generation access. Register today to hear the surprising results of the survey.

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FTTH Council Europe 2014-2015 Annual Report goes digital

The FTTH Council Europe decided this year to opt for a digital format for its annual report. Immersive and intuitive, this new format presents the organisation's activities over the past year through extensive multimedia content. It includes direct links allowing the reader to obtain more details about the reported information: interviews, video clips, strategic market graphics, and more. More concise and convenient, this digital annual report provides a comprehensive experience of FTTH Council Europe's activity throughout the year. Let us know what you think of the new format.

[Download the report](#) (PDF 2.1 MB) >

Novas Tecnologias e Soluções FTTH

The White Paper "New FTTH Technologies & Solutions" by the Deployment & Operations Committee has been translated into Portuguese.

[Download the White Paper](#) (PDF 1MB) >

NewsBeat

[Orange picks up speed with "100% Fibre Orange"](#)

[Recommendation of the Most Effective Financial Instrument\(s\) for the CEF Broadband Activity](#)

[AT&T says it needs to invest in FTTP where it makes economic sense](#)

Upcoming events

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

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

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

19 - 20 May: [ICT Spring](#) in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

9 - 10 June: [Big Telecom Event \(Light Reading\)](#) in Chicago, US

9 - 11 June: [ANGA COM](#) in Cologne, 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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