

## Fibre to the Home Council Europe

### Media Update: October 2010

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#### Digital action plan will encourage investment in FTTH

The FTTH Council Europe welcomes the new publications from the European Commission. The Recommendation on regulated access to next-generation access networks will help provide stability so that operators can make long-term investment plans. The Commission also published a Communication setting out practical measures to guide Europe towards the goals in the Digital Agenda: 30Mbps broadband by 2020, and 50% of subscriptions at 100Mbps. The Council is pleased to see that the Commission recognises the increasing importance of upstream bandwidth and the need for low latency to support new services such as smart meters in the electricity grid, cloud-based applications and video-consultations between hospital and patient. FTTH infrastructure can support these new services.

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

[Find out more about Europe's broadband strategy >](#)

#### Carlota Perez to deliver keynote at FTTH Conference 2011

How can universal access to high-speed internet usher in a new “golden age” of technology? Professor Carlota Perez, an international authority on the socio-economic impact of major technology changes, will address this question in her keynote address at the FTTH Conference 2011, to be held in Milan on 11–12 February 2011. Ms Perez is the author of the highly acclaimed book *Technological Revolutions and Financial Capital: the Dynamics of Bubbles and Golden Ages*, which made an important contribution to the understanding of the relationship between finance, technology and economic development.

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

[Read our interview with Carlota Perez \(PDF\) >](#)

#### Join our webinar on economic stimulus packages

*Thu, Oct 7, 2010 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CEST*

Governments all over the world have announced stimulus investments in broadband infrastructure with the aim of creating jobs, encouraging economic growth and improving social wellbeing. In this webinar, the Market Intelligence Committee of the FTTH Council Europe will present the results of a study on past and current FTTH stimulus packages, their character and success in meeting an array of objectives.

[Register for the webinar >](#)

## **Book the date for our next webinar on the socioeconomic benefits of FTTH**

*Thu, Nov. 4, 2010 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CEST - Details in the next Media Update.*

## **Join our press conference on the FTTH European Ranking mid-year update**

*Tue, Oct 26, 2010 13.00 – 14.00 CEST with buffet lunch*

Come and be the first to hear the latest news on the European league of FTTH leaders, including a full analysis of the European market. Our President, Chris Holden, will make the presentation and be available for interviews afterwards.

To register, please send an email to [nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu](mailto:nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu)

## **Swedish case study highlights open access**

A new success story has been published on the FTTH Council Europe website. MälarEnergi Stadsnät has pioneered an open access fibre network in the Swedish town of Västerås. The concept was simple: more service providers on the network means higher network utilisation and hence more income. Indeed, the concept was so successful that it was documented and sold to other municipalities in Sweden.

[Read the story of MälarEnergi Stadsnät \(PDF\) >](#)

## **Upcoming Media Events**

12-13 October	NGT 10 <a href="http://www.ngt-conference.eu/">http://www.ngt-conference.eu/</a>	Brussels, Belgium
20-22 October	EEBC 2010/expoTEL 2010 <a href="http://eebc.net.ua/eng/index/">http://eebc.net.ua/eng/index/</a>	Kiev, Ukraine
26-27 October	North Africa Com <a href="http://nafrica.comworldseries.com/">http://nafrica.comworldseries.com/</a>	Cairo, Egypt
26-28 October	Broadband World Forum 2010 <a href="http://www.broadbandworldforum.com">http://www.broadbandworldforum.com</a>	Paris, France
27-28 October	Convergence to Casablanca 2010 <a href="http://www.samenacouncil.org/event/convergence_casablanca_2010/index.php">http://www.samenacouncil.org/event/convergence_casablanca_2010/index.php</a>	Casablanca, Morocco
9-10 November	FTTH Forum 2010 <a href="http://www.ftthforum.net/">http://www.ftthforum.net/</a>	Budapest, Hungary
17-18 November	DigiWorld Summit 2010 <a href="http://www.digiworldsummit.com/">http://www.digiworldsummit.com/</a>	Montpellier, France
18 November	TEN's Next Generation Broadband Summit <a href="http://gateway10.socialgo.com/events/profile/16">http://gateway10.socialgo.com/events/profile/16</a>	London, UK
22-23 November	NextGen 10 Conference <a href="http://www.inca.coop/events/nextgen-10-0">http://www.inca.coop/events/nextgen-10-0</a>	Birmingham, UK

23-24 November	Broadband Services Forum <a href="http://konferencje.computerworld.pl/konferencje/broadband2010eng/zagadnienia.html">http://konferencje.computerworld.pl/konferencje/broadband2010eng/zagadnienia.html</a>	Warsaw, Poland
29 November—1 December	ECTA Regulatory Conference <a href="http://www.ectaportal.com/regulatory10">http://www.ectaportal.com/regulatory10</a>	Brussels, Belgium
30 November—1 December	FTTH Middle East Conference <a href="http://www.conference.ftthcouncilme.org">http://www.conference.ftthcouncilme.org</a>	Beirut, Lebanon

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## About The FTTH Council Europe:

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 will enhance the quality of life, contribute to a better environment and increase economic competitiveness. The Council consists of more than 145 member companies. [www.ftthcouncil.eu](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu)

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