

Fibre to the Home Council Europe

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FTTH Council Europe launches online Wiki

Earlier this year the FTTH Council Europe launched the FTTH Business Guide, which is the first-ever comprehensive guide to business planning for FTTH deployment. The step-by-step guide is intended to support any prospective or early stage organisation through the planning process, whether municipal government, a community-based scheme, a private start-up venture or even an incumbent operator.

Now this book has been published in wiki form, making it possible to search through the content and move directly to sections of interest, and even edit the content. Everyone is invited to comment, make suggestions and contribute to the next version of the FTTH Business Guide, as part of the process of improving the document and keeping it up to date. The FTTH Handbook has also been published on the wiki, along with a selection of useful links to FTTH reports and national plans.

[Visit the FTTH Council Europe Wiki](#) >

Regulatory workshop highlights importance of public policy

The FTTH Council Europe hosted a highly successful workshop with European policy makers in Brussels to raise awareness of the issues and challenges surrounding the roll-out of fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) in Europe. It is important for governments and national regulators to understand the issues because FTTH will be needed to meet the bandwidth goals of the EU2020 Strategy and European Digital Agenda. The FTTH Council Europe believes the success, or otherwise, of FTTH deployments is strongly influenced by regulatory policy, which should be clear and appropriate.

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

UK: starting block or slow lane?

Will the United Kingdom be the last nation in Europe to reach fibre maturity – defined as 20% of households subscribing to broadband over fibre? This is a strong possibility according to recent research commissioned from analyst firm Heavy Reading, which suggests that the UK is at least five years behind the European leaders in terms of FTTH deployment. With the new coalition government's emphasis on spending cuts, and no clear mechanism for funding fibre infrastructure in rural areas, the FTTH Council Europe is concerned that FTTH deployment plans will remain on the sidelines.

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

Upcoming Media Events

12–16/9/2010	FTTH Conference and Expo http://www.ftthconference.com/	Las Vegas, Nevada
17/9/2010	ASUT Kolloquium http://www.asut.ch/	Bern, Switzerland
21–22/9/2010	EUROFORUM-Konferenz http://www.euroforum.de/	Frankfurt, Germany
21–22/9/2010	ConnectedHome World Summit 2010 http://www.the-connected-home.com/	London, UK
20-22/10/2010	EEBC 2010/expoTEL 2010 http://eebc.net.ua/eng/index	Kiev, Ukraine
26-27/10/2010	North Africa Com http://nafrica.comworldseries.com	Cairo, Egypt
26-28/10/2010	Broadband WorldForum 2010 http://www.bbwf10.com	Paris, France
9-10/11/2010	FTTH Forum 2010 http://www.ftthforum.net	Budapest, Hungary

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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 130 member companies.

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