

## Fibre to the Home Council Europe

### Media Update: February 2011

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#### **FTTH Conference 2011 attracts record number of delegates**

The FTTH Conference continues to go from strength to strength. More than 3000 participants from 80 countries gathered in Milan, making this event once again the largest FTTH conference in the world ever! The conference was opened by Dr. Letizia Moratti, Mayor of Milan. Other highlights included the keynote speech by renowned socio-economic expert, Professor Carlota Perez, who explained how high-speed internet infrastructure could lay the foundation for a golden age of technology. Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda addressed the closing plenary, urging member states to accelerate the deployment of fibre networks in order to meet the broadband targets of Europe's Digital Agenda.

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#### **Turkey joins the European FTTH Ranking**

The number of FTTH subscribers in Europe grew by 18% in the second half of 2010 to reach 3.9 million (8.1 million including Russia), according to the latest update of the FTTH Rankings unveiled at the FTTH Conference 2011 in Milan. There are now 18 countries in Europe's FTTH Ranking; Turkey joined the Ranking at the end of 2010, having added 298,000 fibre subscribers in just 12 months. The top five places in the Ranking were hotly contested but remain unchanged. Lithuania retained the top spot, followed by Norway, Sweden, Slovenia and Slovakia.

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#### **Innovation Award winners announced**

The FTTH Conference in Milan concluded with the presentation of the FTTH Innovation Awards. Now in the second year, the Awards are given to recognise creative companies and organisations in the FTTH industry. Portugal Telecom won the award in the deployment and operations category for its "I5" strategy to streamline and optimise FTTH deployment. The winner in the technical category was Nokia Siemens Networks for its experimental ultra-dense WDM-PON system utilizing coherent detection technology.

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#### **Meet us at CeBIT in Hannover**

The FTTH Council Europe will be attending CeBIT, the international trade fair for the digital and telecommunications industries in Hannover, Germany, on 1—5 March. Meet us in Hall 13 Booth C39 to discuss Fibre to the Home with the experts. To secure an appointment for an interview with our Director General, Hartwig Tauber, please contact: [nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu](mailto:nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu).

## Save the date for the FTTH Conference 2012

The date and location of the 9<sup>th</sup> FTTH Conference has been revealed: it will take place from 29 February to 1 March 2012 in Munich, Germany.

## Upcoming Media Events

1—5 March	CeBIT 2011 <a href="http://www.cebit.de/">http://www.cebit.de/</a>	Hannover, Germany
2—3 March	Transport Networks Russia 2011 <a href="http://www.comnews-conferences.ru/tn2011eng">http://www.comnews-conferences.ru/tn2011eng</a>	Moscow, Russia
6—10 March	OFC/NFOEC 2011 <a href="http://ofcnfoec.org">http://ofcnfoec.org</a>	Los Angeles, US
11—14 April	FTTx Summit Europe 2011 <a href="http://www.fttxsummiteurope.com">http://www.fttxsummiteurope.com</a>	London, UK
13—15 April	Fiber Optics Expo (FOE) <a href="http://www.foe.jp/en/">http://www.foe.jp/en/</a>	Tokyo, Japan

## 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 150 member companies. [www.ftthcouncil.eu](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu)

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