

Fibre to the Home Council Europe

Media Update: November 2011

HOT NEWS! Fibre Speed Tool re-launched

How fast is *your* broadband compared to alternative technologies? The FTTH Council Europe has just re-launched its popular Fibre Speed Tool, which visually illustrates the answer to this question. The original version of the tool, released in 2009, compared different types of broadband connection by showing how long it would take to download or upload a song, a photo album or a movie, at various broadband speeds. The new tool takes two user inputs – your download and upload speeds – and runs a simulation to compare them with a range of other access network technologies from ADSL to FTTH, including various types of mobile broadband. [Try out the new Fibre Speed Tool >](#)

New opinion article: Bridging the urban-rural digital divide

Local authorities in many rural areas are struggling to keep communities alive, as younger people leave to pursue careers in capital cities. The result is a spiral of decline in services and infrastructure in rural zones, which in turn exacerbates the problems of supporting an ageing population. The danger is that mega-cities will thrive at the expense of rural communities; an option that few governments or voters find politically acceptable. Yet, today's economic climate does not lend itself to heavy investment in widespread education, health and transport services. That is why, increasingly, governments around the world see broadband infrastructure as the most cost-effective way to provide services that reinvigorate rural areas. Find out more about the impact of FTTH on rural communities in our latest opinion article from Nadia Babaali, Communications Director of the FTTH Council Europe.

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Simultaneous German interpreting at FTTH Conference 2012

The FTTH Conference 2012 will provide simultaneous interpreting of all conference sessions on 15 and 16 February 2012 into the language of the host country: German.

Register for the FTTH Conference 2012

Visit the FTTH Conference 2012, to be held on 14–16 February at the International Congress Centre Munich, Germany, and gain access to 100 exhibitors and three days of high-quality workshops, round tables and presentations offering expert insights into the world of FTTH. Join in with wide-ranging discussions, from policy and regulation to equipment and installation techniques, and connect with industry leaders.

Tempted? The FTTH Council Europe welcomes bona fide journalists to its annual conference free of charge. To obtain a press pass for the 2012 event in Munich, simply send an e-mail request with details of your publication and contact information to: nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu.

Upcoming Media Events

The FTTH Council Europe will be attending and speaking at the following events:

9—10 Nov	Finnish Regional Broadband Association Autumn Seminar www.seutuverkot.fi	Nilsjö, Finland
15—16 Nov	NextGen 11 www.nextgenevents.co.uk	Bristol, UK
16-17 Nov	Digiworld Summit 2011 www.digiworldsummit.com	Montpellier, France
22—24 Nov	Broadband Russia Forum 2011 www.comnews-conferences.ru/bb2011eng	Moscow, Russia
28—30 Nov	ECTA's 12th Annual Regulatory Conference www.ectaportal.com	Brussels, Belgium
29—30 Nov	8th Broadband Forum http://konferencje.computerworld.pl/broadband	Warsaw, Poland
30 Nov – 1 Dec	FTTH Council MENA Conference www.ftthcouncilmena.org	Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
6 Dec	SEE Telecoms 2011 www.eeevents.co.uk/see_telecoms_2011	Zagreb, Croatia
6 Dec	ZVEI Kompetenztreff Kommunikationsinfrastruktur: Breitband- und FTTH-Lösungen für Kommunen www.zvei.org	Osnabrück, Germany

*Journalists are invited to interview Hartwig Tauber, Director General of the FTTH Council Europe, at events where we have a booth.
For an appointment, please email: nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu.*

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

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