

Fibre to the Home Council Europe

Media Update: December 2011

Opinion: Setting the course to a high-bandwidth future

Today the European Union is facing the biggest crisis in its history; who has time to think about broadband? But considering that better broadband is inextricably linked to economic growth and social prosperity, who can afford not to? Germany certainly cannot. The country lags behind its European neighbours in terms of fibre-to-the-home, the only future-proof form of broadband. If Germany wants to remain a competitive economy in the future, the course needs to be set today.

[Read the original article in German \(PDF\) >](#)

Interview: Chris Holden, President of the FTTH Council Europe

Some 18 months since he was elected President of the FTTH Council Europe, Chris Holden talks to Brian Dolby about how things have changed. How has the FTTH market in Europe developed, and what are the big challenges going forward?



[Watch the video >](#)

Another interview of Chris Holden about the FTTH market in the UK is also available [here](#)

FTTH Award deadline extended to 12 December

The FTTH Council Europe Award is a prestigious award that recognizes outstanding support for the acceleration of FTTH in Europe. The award has two categories: the individual award and the operators award. The winners will be presented in a special plenary session at the FTTH Conference 2012 in Munich on 16 February 2012.

[Find out more about the award >](#)

Lord Mayor of Munich to open the FTTH Conference 2012

The FTTH Council Europe is pleased to announce that Christian Ude, Lord Mayor of the city of Munich, will address the audience of the FTTH Conference 2012 during the official opening ceremony on 15 February 2012.

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

Taking place over three days at the International Congress Centre Munich, Germany, the FTTH Conference 2012 promises to be a worthy successor to last year's event! This edition has already gathered – two months before it takes place – an unprecedented number of exhibitors. All sponsorships – Gold, Silver and Bronze – are sold out!

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:

14—16 February	FTTH Conference 2012 www.ftthconference.eu	Munich, Germany
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Journalists are invited to interview Hartwig Tauber, Director General of the FTTH Council Europe, by phone or 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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