

Fibre to the Home Council Europe

Media Update: April 2012

Karin Ahl is the new President of the FTTH Council Europe

At the General Assembly in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on 28 and 29 March, members of the Board of Directors were elected, and Karin Ahl was elected as President of the Board. An active member of the Council since 2009, Karin was previously Chair of the Business Committee, Board member and Treasurer. The Board thanked outgoing President Chris Holden, who steps down at the end of his maximum term as member of the Board and President. For the complete election results, please see the related press release.

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

2012 strategy will focus on applications and financing

Also at the General Assembly in Amsterdam, members of the FTTH Council Europe agreed upon the organisation's work plan for the coming 12 months. The successful "Why fibre?" and "How fibre?" strategy that was adopted last year will be continued and expanded. The Council is planning more activities to address the "pull" and "push" forces in the market. To increase the "pull" from the market, the Council plans to continue its educational programme with end users, and to work with entertainment providers and application developers to create and demonstrate services that drive the market towards higher speed broadband networks. On the "push" side of the equation, the financing topic is of particular importance as the EU budget for the period 2014—2020 is currently being prepared, and it is necessary to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to fibre roll out.

[For more details, please contact us to arrange an interview](#) >

FTTH Council Europe Annual Report 2011—2012 is out now

The Annual Report of the FTTH Council Europe is the public record of the key findings and achievements of the Council over the preceding 12 months. In 2011—2012, the Council worked extensively with European policy makers and regulators, and has become an accepted voice of authority on matters relating to high-speed broadband and fibre infrastructure. The FTTH Conference continued to grow, and the 2012 event in Munich, Germany, attracted more than 3,300 delegates. Highlights of the year included the presentation of the FTTH cost model, which concludes that the build costs necessary to meet Digital Agenda targets could be significantly lower than previously thought. For more highlights, download the report.

[Download the FTTH Council Europe Annual Report 2011—2012 \(PDF 8.7MB\)](#) >

Upcoming Media Events

The FTTH Council Europe will be speaking or exhibiting at the following events:

23-26 April	IQPC FTTx Summit Europe 2012 www.fttxsummiteurope.com/Event.aspx?id=599618	London, UK
24-27 April	2012 FTTH LATAM Conference www.ftthcouncil.org/en/landing/latam-annual-conference	Mexico City, Mexico
24-26 April	FiberWeek 2012 www.fiberweek.info	Split, Croatia
9-10 May	FTTH Council Asia Pacific Annual Conference 2012 www.infoexevents.com.cn/ftthcouncilap/index.htm	Shanghai, China
30 May	NextGen Roadshow Milton Keynes www.nextgenevents.co.uk	Milton Keynes, UK
7 June	NextGen Roadshow Edinburgh www.nextgenevents.co.uk	Edinburgh, UK
12-14 June	ANGA Cable Show 2012 www.angacable.com	Cologne, Germany
19—21 February 2013	FTTH Conference 2013 www.ftthconference.eu	London, UK

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.

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