

Fibre to the Home Council Europe

Media Update: September 2012

Press invitation: Update to the European FTTH ranking

The FTTH Council Europe is set to unveil the latest update to the ranking of the European FTTH economies on 8 October, and you are warmly invited to one of our press conferences in London or Brussels. To reserve your place at either event, please email nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu.

Combine the press conference with a visit to our FTTH-enabled services demos. The “World of Applications” exhibit is on display as part of “Open Days – 10th European Week of Regions & Cities” in front of the Brussels parliament building from 8 to 11 October, and we will also be at NextGen 12 in the Church House Conference Centre in London on 8 and 9 October. Contact info@ftthcouncil.eu for further information on these events.

Free webinar: FTTH stimulus packages

Friday 7 September 2012 @ 11AM—12PM CET

Despite the financial crisis, there is a huge pool of capital available for infrastructure investment projects. Fibre access projects, if structured correctly, could be highly attractive targets for these long-term funds. However, the current industry structure and regulatory environment have failed so far to attract that investment in any significant way.

In this webinar, Stefan Stanislawski from Ventura Team and Jacek Krauze from Portland Advisers will outline their initial thoughts on how this impasse could be overcome to the general benefit of all stakeholders including consumers.

Ventura Team carried out the study on behalf of the FTTH Council Europe.

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FTTH Council Europe welcomes new initiatives to change the investment environment

The Digital Agenda Scoreboard, published over the summer, highlighted the lack of investment in new and future proofed broadband networks. While Europe is progressing on three of the targets, it is falling further behind on three others. Change in the investment environment is needed says Neelie Kroes, Vice President of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda. The FTTH Council Europe fully supports this position and will examine the Commission’s proposals when they are issued in due course.

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

CEO interview: Paul Schwartz, ICOTERA

This month, the subject of our CEO interview is Paul Schwartz, member of the board at the FTTH Council Europe and CEO of ICOTERA, a Danish company that supplies home gateway products for the fibre-to-the-home market. The Nordic countries are historical leaders in fibre access networks; Schwartz offers his insights into why this is so.

Schwartz also talks about the importance of ubiquity of broadband access, the need for more consumer education, and looks at some key bandwidth drivers for FTTH in the future.

[Read the interview online \(PDF\) >](#)

Find information fast with new web search tools

The Resources section of the FTTH Council Europe website contains a wealth of useful information, but the section was starting to become so well populated that it was difficult to navigate. Responding to feedback from our online visitors, the Council has added a new search facility that makes it easier and quicker to find the article you are looking for. Now it is possible to search for articles using a combination of category, topic and language.

[Try it for yourself >](#)

FTTH Conference 2013: Registration opens soon!

Registration for the 10th anniversary edition of our annual FTTH Conference opens on 13 September. Taking place on 19—21 February at the ExCeL London, UK, the conference promises to be the biggest and best yet!

In the meantime, watch our short video or get the latest conference information from www.ftthconference.eu:



To request a press pass for the FTTH Conference 2013 please contact nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu.

Meet us in Amsterdam for ECOC 2012

The European Conference on Optical Communications (ECOC), taking place at the RAI Centre in Amsterdam on 17—19 September, is a key event on the industry calendar. You can hear Council representatives speak at the Market Focus theatre on Wednesday 19 September, where they will discuss the status and outlook of FTTH in Europe, and service strategies for FTTH operators. Visit us at booth # 277 in Hall 1, or at the FTTx Centre.

Upcoming Media Events

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

17-19 September	ECOC 2012 – <i>Hall 1, booth 277</i> www.ecocexhibition.com	Amsterdam, Netherlands
23-27 September	FTTH Conference & Expo www.ftthconference.com	Dallas, Texas
24-26 September	FTTx – Glasfaserausbau EVU www.glasfaser-evu.de/Event.aspx?id=770308	Berlin, Germany
8-11 October	Open Days: 10 th European Week of Regions & Cities ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2012/index.cfm	Brussels, Belgium
8-9 October	NextGen 12 – <i>Booth</i> www.nextgenevents.co.uk/events/nextgen-12	London, UK
8-11 October	Futurecom www.futurecom.com.br/2012/en	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
16-18 October	Broadband World Forum 2012 – <i>Booth</i> www.broadbandworldforum.com	Amsterdam, Netherlands
17-19 October	EEBC 2012 www.eebc.net.ua	Kyiv, Ukraine
23-25 October	Premier congrès francophone des applications des fibres optiques www.mesurexpovision.com	Paris, France
19–21 February 2013	FTTH Conference 2013 www.ftthconference.eu	London, UK

Journalists are invited to interview the FTTH Council Europe executive team at events where they are speaking, or by phone at any time.

For an appointment, please email: nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu.

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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 150 member companies.

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