

Fibre to the Home Council Europe

Media Update: Nov 2013

Inaugural 'Gimme Fibre Day' was a success!

On Monday 4 November, people from all over the world came together to celebrate how optical fibre communication has positively impacted communities around the world.

"Gimme Fibre Day" activities, organised by our members and the five global FTTH Councils, took place around the world. You'll find the European activities programme at www.ftthcouncil.eu/gimme-fibre/programme.

To commemorate the occasion, the FTTH Council Europe held a special Live Talk Show at 15:00 CET on the subject of open access networks in the Nordics. Mikael Ek, Managing Director, The Swedish Urban Network Association, was the host. Guests included Hafsteinn Jonsson, Network Manager, Karlstads Stadsnät, Sweden; Per Norrthon, CEO, Stadsnät I Svealand, Sweden; and Jörgen Svärdh, CEO, Utsikt Bredband AB, Sweden. More than 1,000 viewers watched the show. You can watch the recording of the Live Talk Show on www.tv.ftthcouncil.eu.

A photo and video prize-winning contest was also launched on Facebook. To find out the details, head over to our "I WANT FIBRE" page on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/pages/i-want-fibre/174248502650699

Save the date for next year's celebration of Gimme Fibre Day on 4 November 2014.

Webinar: National Fibre Strategies

Tuesday 12 November, 2013, 11:00 – 12:00 AM CET

In a recent study, Arthur D. Little identified five strategic models for fibre-based access networks that have been implemented by countries around the globe, and assessed which of these models are most likely to fulfil national broadband targets. These models encompass a number of success factors, which can be adopted by industry, government and regulators, and which require more sophisticated public and private coordination and graded policy frameworks. The highlights of this study are presented by Andrea Faggiano, telecoms and policy expert based in Arthur D. Little's Rome office.

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Previous webinars have been uploaded to Vimeo and can be played or replayed as often as you like. They include:

- 10 Sept: [FTTH basics - architecture, topology and technology](#) by D&O Committee
- 6 June: [FTTH: THE solution for mobile broadband?](#) by iDATE
- 21 May: [European FTTH Forecast, 2012 – 2017 Behind The Numbers](#) by Heavy Reading

The presentations can also be downloaded from the “Resources” section of our website: www.ftthcouncil.eu/resources?category_id=10

Live Talk Show: Women in ICT

Monday, 2 December 2013 – 3PM CET

Make a note in your diaries for our “Women in ICT” talk show next month. Around 7 million people work in the ICT sector, but only 30% are women, according to the latest figures from the European Commission. Female talent cannot be overlooked if European companies think seriously about innovation, says Neelie Kroes, vice-president of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda.

Our President Karin Ahl will head the speaker line-up in this special talk.

You can watch the Live Talk Show on www.tv.ftthcouncil.eu at the scheduled time, and replay our previous talks on the same link.

Want to pose a question? Sign up on the website or use the Twitter hashtag #ftthtalk.

FTTH Council Europe comments on Greece's broadband plans

Public money should be invested in full fibre-access future-proof solutions, says Hartwig Tauber, Director General of the FTTH Council Europe. “Following the recent announcements, the FTTH Council Europe is pleased to hear that fibre broadband infrastructure is back on the agenda in Greece,” he commented.

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

Nominations open for FTTH Awards 2014

Every year, the FTTH Council Europe likes to recognize outstanding contributions to the acceleration of FTTH in Europe. The FTTH Awards – to one individual and one operator – will be presented in a plenary session at the FTTH Conference 2014 in Stockholm on 20 February 2014. Submissions will be evaluated by the board of directors and the committee chairs of the FTTH Council Europe, representing the views of over 150 member companies.

The deadline for nominations is close of business on 22 November 2013.

[How to make a nomination](#) >

If you wish to participate to the FTTH Conference, please send an email to nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu for your press accreditation.

CEO interview: Jürgen Seidenberg, BKTel

Jürgen Seidenberg is General Manager of BKTel, a designer and manufacturer of hardware and services for FTTH, cable broadband networks and video distribution. He talked to us about the role of cable operators in the broadband market, how video distribution is expected to evolve over the next five years, and how social media is pushing consumers and networks towards symmetrical bandwidth usage.

[Read the interview with Jürgen Seidenberg](#) (PDF) >

The Light Age: Volume 3, September 2013

The latest edition of our glossy magazine includes news and articles from the five FTTH Councils around the world. Read it online or download it now.

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Upcoming Media Events

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

19 – 21 November	Digiworld Summit 2013 www.digiworldsummit.com	Montpellier, France
25 – 26 November	Superfast Broadband: Lack of Supply or Lack of Demand? www.wik.org/index.php?id=611&L=1	Bonn, Germany
26 – 28 November	FTTH Council MENA Conference 2013 www.ftthcouncilmena.org/ftth-conference/welcome	Marrakech, Morocco
27 – 28 November	Broadband Forum Russia 2013 www.comnews-conferences.ru/bb2013eng	Moscow, Russia
3 – 5 December	ECTA Regulatory Conference 2013 www.ectaportal.com/regulatory2013/	Brussels, Belgium
5 December	iMinds The Conference http://conference2013.iminds.be	Brussels, Belgium

18 – 20
February

FTTH Conference 2014
www.ftthconference.eu

Stockholm,
Sweden

*Journalists are invited to interview FTTH Council Europe executives
at events where they are speaking, or by phone at any time.
For an appointment, please email: nadia.babaali@ftthcouncil.eu.*

Join our social media communities

Be first to find out about the latest developments at the FTTH Council Europe by joining our active social media communities. We have 3,797 members in our LinkedIn Group, 1,800 followers on Twitter and nearly 1000 “likes” on Facebook – so you’ll be in good company!



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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