

# Fibre to the Home Council Europe

## Media Update: September 2014

### Your new PR contact

I have the pleasure to introduce Amandine Combe, the new PR Officer of the FTTH Council Europe. From now on, she will be your dedicated contact so feel free to contact her directly on [pr@ftthcouncil.eu](mailto:pr@ftthcouncil.eu) if you have any questions or requests.

### Warsaw to welcome world's largest FTTH event in 2015

*Save the date: 10 - 12 February 2015*

The FTTH Council Europe is pleased to confirm that the 12th edition of the FTTH Conference will be held in Warsaw's international exhibition centre EXPO XXI on 10 - 12 February 2015.

The theme of the 2015 Warsaw event is 'Creating a Connected Continent'.

"The event timing is perfect for Poland since the country is widely implementing its broadband infrastructure," said Karin Ahl, President of the FTTH Council Europe.

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

### Polish government backs FTTH Conference 2015

The FTTH Conference 2015 in Warsaw, Poland, has received the fullest possible support from the host country, securing patronages from three of Poland's ministries.

The Polish Ministry of Infrastructure and Development (MIR - Ministerstwo Infrastruktury i Rozwoju) recently awarded its patronage to the event. The support is in addition to patronage from Poland's Ministry of Administration and Digitization (MAC - Ministerstwo Administracji i Cyfryzacji) and national telecoms regulator, the Office of Electronic Communications (UKE - Urząd Komunikacji Elektronicznej).

For the latest conference news, please visit [www.ftthconference.org](http://www.ftthconference.org).

### **Webinar:** Passive infrastructure of FTTH networks: an overview

*Tuesday 16 September 2014 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CEST*

This webinar will give a broad and neutral overview of the passive infrastructure of an FTTH network from different perspectives, from design to installation. We will review typical architectures and topologies as well as standard components and cable deployment methods. For each aspect of the network we will touch upon the various options and their possible strengths and weaknesses. By the end of this webinar, attendees should have a structured and broad view on all the relevant aspects and options for building a passive FTTH infrastructure. The presenter is Raf Meersman, CEO of Comsof.

## Invitation to Investors' Day Vienna on 7 October

Financial managers, investors, analysts, regulators and policy makers will gather in Vienna, Austria, on 7 October 2014 for the sixth FTTH Investors Day.

This event will have a special focus on FTTH opportunities in Eastern Europe.

With a newly-formed European Commission and a newly-elected European Parliament about to take office, the event will also consider what these leadership changes will mean for telecoms and economic policy.

Two key topics have been identified: access to capital and the separation debate. What are the possible sources of capital for FTTH projects? What are the risks and benefits of infrastructure-centric business models versus vertically-integrated models?

Journalists are warmly invited to join us in Vienna. Please email Amandine Combe to arrange your press pass: [pr@ftthcouncil.eu](mailto:pr@ftthcouncil.eu)

More information at [www.ftthcouncil.eu/home/investors/investors-day-vienna](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu/home/investors/investors-day-vienna)

This Investors Day is organised in cooperation with Arthur D. Little.

## Get ready for Gimme Fibre Day on 4 November

The FTTH Council Europe is preparing for the second Gimme Fibre Day on 4 November 2015. This annual celebration showcases how fibre access networks have positively impacted communities across the world.

We are asking organisations and individuals to have a think about what activity they could organise to mark the occasion, and then let us know what is being planned by emailing us at [gimmefibre@ftthcouncil.eu](mailto:gimmefibre@ftthcouncil.eu). We will advertise all the activities on a special website.

To find out more, or download promotional materials, visit <http://gimmefibre.eu>.

## CEO Interview: Wim De Waele, iMinds

Ultimately FTTH is about the end user experience, says Wim De Waele, chief executive of iMinds. Research carried out in "Living Labs" shows that people's attitudes towards FTTH change when they experience what they can do with it. In this sense, promoting FTTH today is primarily about marketing, he says. To find out De Waele's views on "killer apps", eHealth opportunities and the lab's future research topics, you need to read our interview.

[Read the Interview with Wim De Waele](#) >

## FTTH Council Europe welcomes first Operator Observer member

The FTTH Council Europe is pleased to welcome its first "Operator Observer" member: Polish operator HAWE SA. Describing itself as a "carrier's carrier", HAWE and subsidiaries provide telecommunications services to other operators over its fibre-optic network.

An "Operator Observer" is a new type of membership, which offers direct access to exclusive information, networking opportunities and participation in selected working committees of the FTTH Council Europe. Organisations can apply for Operator Observer status if they are a European network operator, utility company or municipal organisation that is either already operating an access network that includes FTTH/B connections or can prove that it is in the process of introducing FTTH/B connections within the next 24 months.

Interested operators can request the application forms at: [info@ftthcouncil.eu](mailto:info@ftthcouncil.eu).

## Upcoming Media Events

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

2 - 5 Sept	9 <sup>th</sup> Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Meeting <a href="http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/">www.intgovforum.org/cms/</a>	Istanbul, Turkey
10 Sept	Broadband Networks Conference / Konferencja Sieci	Warsaw,

	Szerokopasmowe / <a href="http://en.polskainfrastruktura.pl/broadband-networks/">en.polskainfrastruktura.pl/broadband-networks/</a>	Poland
22 - 24 Sept	ECOC 2014 <a href="http://www.ecocexhibition.com">www.ecocexhibition.com</a>	Cannes, France
25 - 26 Sept	XII Kongres Miast Polskich / Polish Cities Assoc. <a href="http://www.zmp.poznan.pl/aktualnosc-1175-xii_kongres_miast_polskich.html">www.zmp.poznan.pl/aktualnosc-1175-xii_kongres_miast_polskich.html</a>	Wejherowo, Poland
29 - 30 Sept	PLNOG13 (Polish Network Operators Group) <a href="http://plnog.pl/lang-pref/en/">plnog.pl/lang-pref/en/</a>	Krakow, Poland
1 Oct	Finnet-päivät <a href="http://www.finnetpaivat.fi">www.finnetpaivat.fi</a>	Helsinki, Finland
7 Oct	FTTH Investors Day Vienna <a href="http://www.ftthcouncil.eu/home/investors">www.ftthcouncil.eu/home/investors</a>	Vienna, Austria
23 Oct	iMinds The Conference <a href="http://www.iminds.be/en/iminds-the-conference-2014">www.iminds.be/en/iminds-the-conference-2014</a>	Brussels, Belgium
28 - 29 Oct	FTTH Conference 2014 Africa <a href="http://www.ftthcouncilafrica-conference.com">www.ftthcouncilafrica-conference.com</a>	Johannesburg, South Africa

*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: [pr@ftthcouncil.eu](mailto:pr@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 over 4767 members in our LinkedIn Group, 2331 followers on Twitter and 1328 "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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