

## Fibre to the Home Council Europe

### Media Update: February 2016

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#### **“I want Fibre”: Calling for a brighter future in Luxembourg!**

**The FTTH Conference was held from 16 to 18 February 2016 in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.**

The FTTH Council Europe would like to thank all our exhibitors, speakers, attendees and distinguished guests for a highly successful conference in Luxembourg. We also extend our special thanks to the media for the amazing buzz created around the “I want Fibre” call.

The FTTH Conference 2016 was opened by Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister and Minister for Communications and Media of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Ruud Hendriks, entrepreneurial icon in the Netherlands, shared his experience and vision in an inspirational keynote speech.

The FTTH Conference remains to this day the world’s largest FTTH-focused event, attracting 3,000 participants from 96 countries. This year, 120 exhibitors hosted the event, which included 11 workshops and over 100 high-level presentations and cases studies from distinguished speakers.

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#### **Croatia, Germany and Poland join the FTTH ranking!**

The number of fibre to the home (FTTH) and fibre to the building (FTTB) subscribers in Europe increased by 19% over the first nine months of 2015, reaching more than 35.9 million FTTH/B subscribers, according to the latest update to the FTTH panorama announced on Wednesday 17 February at a press conference held at the FTTH Conference 2016. Three new countries – Croatia, Germany and Poland - reach the 1% FTTH/B penetration threshold required to enter the FTTH ranking.

[Read the Press Release](#) >

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#### **Who are the champions of the FTTH Award?**

Two companies jointly received the FTTH Operator Award at this year’s FTTH Conference. Luxembourg’s incumbent operator **POST** was honoured for its high investment in state-of-the-art fibre optic networks. Joint winner of this award, **INEA** is a Polish alternative telecommunications operator that has significantly grown its fibre networks, particularly in the Greater Poland suburban and rural areas. **Professor Hartwig Tauber**, winner of the FTTH Individual Award, has been one of Europe’s most active defenders of FTTH for more than a decade now. His involvement in the FTTH Council Europe helped the organisation to develop a strong and respected voice in Europe.

[Read the Press Release](#) >

Watch the Award Ceremony [here](#)

## Marseille to welcome the FTTH Conference 2017!

The venue for next year's event has been revealed. The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the FTTH Conference will be held in the French city of Marseille on 14-16 February 2017. You will receive more information soon, so stay tuned!

## "Women in Fibre" lunch at the FTTH Conference 2016

The FTTH Council Europe and Karin Ahl, Leader of the Women in Fibre Group and Chair of the Policy and Regulation Expert Group, are pleased to report that the second edition of the "Women in Fibre" lunch was held on Thursday 18 February during the FTTH Conference 2016.

At the lively event, women made and renewed connections with like-minded women who share the same determination to make a difference to society through their work in the fibre to the home industry.

## More information about the FTTH Conference 2016!

You will find below a summary of the key links to get more information about the event:

- Read our Press releases in five languages [here](#)
- Download Conference Pictures [here](#)
- Watch interviews with a selection of distinguished speakers [here](#)
- Watch the key moments of the FTTH Conference 2016 [here](#)
- Visit our Conference videos section [here](#)

## Upcoming Media Events

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

2 March	Fiber Optic Days <a href="http://www.comunic.ro/fiberopticday2016/">www.comunic.ro/fiberopticday2016/</a>	Bucharest, Romania
2-3 March	Breitband-Symposium <a href="http://www.langmatz.de/symposium/">www.langmatz.de/symposium/</a>	Garmisch, Germany
14 March	CeBIT 2016 <a href="http://www.cebit.de/home">www.cebit.de/home</a>	Hannover, Germany
17 March	12 <sup>th</sup> annual SEE Telecom Forum <a href="http://www.eeevents.co.uk/see-telecom-2016/">www.eeevents.co.uk/see-telecom-2016/</a>	Belgrade, Serbia

*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

Find out about the latest developments at the FTTH Council Europe by joining our active social media communities. We have 6,594 members in our LinkedIn Group, 3,225 followers on Twitter and 2,733 “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 150 member companies. [www.ftthcouncil.eu](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu)

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