



### Press release

#### **The FTTH Council Europe welcomes new Director General, Board Member and appoints new Chair of the Policy & Regulation Committee**

**Brussels, 29 June 2020** – The FTTH Council Europe is pleased to announce the appointment of Vincent Garnier as its new Director General, effective as of 13 July 2020.

Vincent Garnier brings to this position 25 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, in Marketing and Business Development in EMEA and Asia for BtoB companies. Most recently he was Marketing Director responsible for defining the marketing strategies for the broadband solutions at CommScope, a global network infrastructure provider company. Prior to joining CommScope, Mr Garnier worked in international business development at TKH Group NV and as a Marketing Manager at Prysmian & Exide Technologies.

Vincent Garnier has been actively involved in the FTTH Council Europe activities for several years. He became a Member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer in 2019.

*“The FTTH Council Europe is proud to announce the appointment of Vincent as the new Director General, succeeding to Erzsébet Fitori whom we would like to thank again for her dedication and outstanding contribution to reshaping the FTTH Council Europe. I am confident that Vincent’s solid experience in the telecommunications sector, vast understanding of the association’s membership, focus on growth and proven ability to implement creative change in such a transforming industry like ours will allow him to work effectively in the Council members’ best interest”* **said Eric Festraets, President of the FTTH Council Europe.**

Commenting on his new position, **Vincent Garnier said:** *“I’m honoured to join the FTTH Council Europe as Director General. Its membership representing the whole value chain of the fibre sector and its respected position as a knowledge and data hub in the telecom and digital sectors makes of the FTTH Council Europe a unique trade association. I look forward to joining the FTTH Council Europe’s team and to work together and with our members towards the acceleration of ubiquitous full fibre connectivity, empowering a leading Digital Society and sustainable economy throughout Europe.”*

#### New Board Member of the FTTH Council Europe

Upon Mr Garnier’s joining the team of the FTTH Council Europe and resigning from his board position, the Board of Directors has appointed [Su Guaglianone](#), Senior Marketing Director EMEA at CommScope, as a new Board member. We are confident that her impressive experience and achievements will bring a unique perspective to the Council’s leadership.

#### New Chair of the Policy & Regulation Committee

The Board has appointed the interim Acting Director General of the FTTH Council Europe Aurélie Bladocha Coelho as new Chair of the Policy and Regulation Committee of the FTTH Council Europe in addition to her responsibilities of Director of Communications and Public Affairs.

She succeeds to Karin Ahl, whom the Board would like to thank for her commitment and all the efforts she put into the work of this Committee for many years.

Finally, the Board would also like to thank Ms Bladocha Coelho for her dedicated work as Acting Director General during the transitional period and for ensuring a smooth continuity in the Council’s operations to the benefit of our members.

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**About the FTTH Council Europe**

The FTTH Council Europe is an industry organisation with a mission to accelerate ubiquitous full fibre-based connectivity empowering a leading Digital Society throughout Europe.

Fibre is a future-proof infrastructure which enables an unparalleled fixed and wireless experience as well as new innovative digital technologies and services, the prerequisites for Europe's global competitiveness and sustainability.

The FTTH Council Europe's vision is that fibre connectivity will transform and enhance the way we live, do business and interact, connecting everyone and everything, everywhere.

The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 150 member companies. [www.ftthcouncil.eu](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu)

