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FTTH COUNCIL EUROPE UNVEILS DETAILS OF LANDMARK FIBRE-TO-THE-HOME EVENT IN COPENHAGEN

*Keynote Speaker Announced as 'Building a Sustainable Future' Theme Inspires Annual Showcase
for the Fibre Industry; Call for Papers Still Open*

The FTTH Council Europe today announced plans to conduct its next annual conference in Copenhagen, on the 11th and 12th of February 2009. The Council is pleased to unveil its first keynote speaker, Dan Tapscott, author of the international bestseller 'Wikinomics' and world renowned thought leader on the strategic value and impact of information technology for the networked economy. The event builds on the overwhelming success of previous annual conferences and Tapscott will be joined by a host of high-profile industry spokespeople, providing delegates with the unique opportunity to gain invaluable insights into the industry.

Taking place at Scandinavia's largest exhibition centre, the conference programme will pursue the theme of 'Building a Sustainable Future', and is anticipated to attract around 2,500 delegates drawn from the telecommunications service provider community, investors, policy-makers, equipment manufacturers and other key industry stakeholders.

"The FTTH market in Europe is enjoying great success now that an increasing number of operators and other service providers across the continent have embraced its benefits, and already started to deliver on bold commitments for large-scale fibre deployment," said Joeri Van Bogaert, President of the FTTH Council Europe. "Our conference again promises the most valuable opportunity to bring our increasingly substantial community together, to share experiences and best practices. FTTH is proven to deliver a sustainable, commercially rewarding and environmentally positive long-term future for the high bandwidth demands of businesses, communities and individual subscribers - and this key theme is something we intend to celebrate and explore in depth at our conference."

Within the theme of 'Building a Sustainable Future', chosen to reflect the environmental benefits of fibre broadband technology and the compelling advantages of fibre investment, the conference will cover all the major topics concerning issues including local/regional regulation, market development,

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and examples of new business models and technology architecture approaches drawn from Europe and around the world.

Van Bogaert concludes, "Copenhagen is set to elevate the positive momentum of European FTTH in a host country that has made great progress in the FTTH arena. Denmark recently took 9th position in the Council's Global Ranking of FTTH connected nations, and the fact that four Scandinavian countries rank among the top FTTH countries in the world, is a clear indication that Europe is moving forward with the adoption of next-generation broadband."

An exhibitors' hall will provide hands-on experience of the latest technologies and solutions, and provide the opportunity to network and share experiences with other industry experts, vendors, telecom operators, policy makers, media and analysts.

For the first time in the event's history, a public call for papers has been issued, for which respondents are encouraged to submit their abstracts by October 13th. Interested parties should visit <http://www.conference.ftthcouncil.eu> to respond.

Registrations are now open, and more details concerning the event will be posted online at the same URL (<http://www.conference.ftthcouncil.eu>). The event has been extremely popular in the past, and the Council encourages interested delegates to register as early as possible in order to secure places.

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About the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Council Europe - The FTTH Council Europe www.ftthcouncil.eu is a market development organisation with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, broadband access networks to consumers and businesses. With few exceptions, Europe lags well behind the US and Asian tiger economies in the availability of high-speed broadband services (100 Mbps and upwards). The Council believes that the development of fibre-based access networks is fundamental to the deployment of such services, and hence to reaping their benefits for European citizens and businesses. The Council's charter is to work with European governments, policy-makers and opinion leaders qualify and quantify the benefits to be gained from fibre-based broadband access networks, and to identify and

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help to erode the barriers to their development. Council members are drawn from the telecoms (vendors), broadband content and academic sectors.

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