

PRESS RELEASE

CONFERENCE PUTS FTTH AT THE HEART OF EUROPE'S FUTURE

***FTTH COUNCIL EUROPE ANNUAL CONFERENCE PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON FTTH's INFLUENCE
AS A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DRIVING FORCE***

FTTH Council Europe Annual Conference, Copenhagen, 11th February: Today and tomorrow, the FTTH Council Europe is hosting its influential annual conference in the Danish capital, Copenhagen. The event comes at a time when Europe stands in need of more jobs, a better, sustainable environment and an overall economic boost.

"Our society is looking for answers and FTTH is a big part of the solution," commented Joeri Van Bogaert, President of the FTTH Council Europe. "Our choice of theme for this annual conference 'Building a Sustainable Future' highlights the importance of FTTH in driving the economy, and of the environmental advantages that investment in FTTH can provide to European countries."

As well as an impassioned opening address from Council President Joeri Van Bogaert concerning the future of Europe with FTTH at its heart, the conference speaker programme also features an unprecedented range of authoritative participants, including celebrated business author Don Tapscott, ex-Greenpeace sustainability expert Prof. Michael Braungart, and representatives from the European Commission.

During the conference, the FTTH Council Europe will also be presenting findings from various groundbreaking studies including those focused upon the socio-economic and 'quality of life' benefits of FTTH, and the current state-of-play regarding FTTH services innovation and availability. The FTTH Council Europe will also unveil its 'sustainable FTTH configurator' – an exciting new tool to support FTTH deployers in understanding and enhancing the environmental sustainability of their FTTH networks. Additionally, the three FTTH Councils (Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific) will together announce the latest global ranking of leading FTTH nations.

Alongside the conference itself will be a dedicated exhibition showcasing products and service offerings from leading fibre companies and systems manufacturers. The exhibition will provide the opportunity to experience new fibre developments that promise to impact the market landscape during 2009 and beyond.

A significant audience of over 2,000 delegates will attend The FTTH Council Europe Annual Conference in the Bella Center in Copenhagen. "The choice of venue for this year's conference reflects the fact that Denmark has consistently been one of the most advanced European nations for FTTH roll-out, with a vibrant and competitive local market for advanced broadband services." Said Van Bogaert .

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About The 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.

The Council promotes this technology because it will deliver a flow of new services that make a decisive difference in the lives of consumers and companies and create value for the wider society.

Its members include leading telecommunications companies and many world leaders in the telecommunications industry.

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