



PRESS RELEASE

Ranking of European FTTH penetration shows Scandinavia and smaller economies still ahead

Full global findings, and other unique research, available at FTTH Conference in Lisbon in February 2010

BRUSSELS – 8th September 2009 - The FTTH Council Europe announced yesterday morning the latest figures showing which EU countries are leading the way in the penetration of fibre-to-the-home, at a press conference at the Broadband World Forum in Paris.

“The ranking clearly demonstrates that Scandinavia and the continent’s smaller economies are continuing to dominate the list of the top 10 adopters of FTTH services,” says Thomas Kallstenius, Chair of the FTTH Council Europe’s Marketing and Intelligence Committee (MIC).

Sweden, Norway and Slovenia still hold the top three spots, while new entrant Slovakia takes the place of Italy, which drops out of the top 10. Large countries like France, Germany and the UK have still not broken into the list.

The FTTH Council Europe’s unique ranking is part of its Market Panorama study, commissioned by the MIC and carried out by research firm IDATE. It shows the percentage of homes and businesses that receive broadband communications services over direct fibre optic connections to their homes or buildings.

“This ranking is part of the effort we are making to push the FTTH agenda forwards in Europe,” says Jan Schindler, the MIC member responsible for the research. “It will remain our job to promote fibre access and educate people about its benefits.”

The latest figures are the half-year update to the global FTTH ranking released twice a year by the three FTTH Council organisations. The next updated global listing will be revealed at the FTTH Council Europe’s annual conference, to be held in Lisbon on 24 and 25 February 2010.

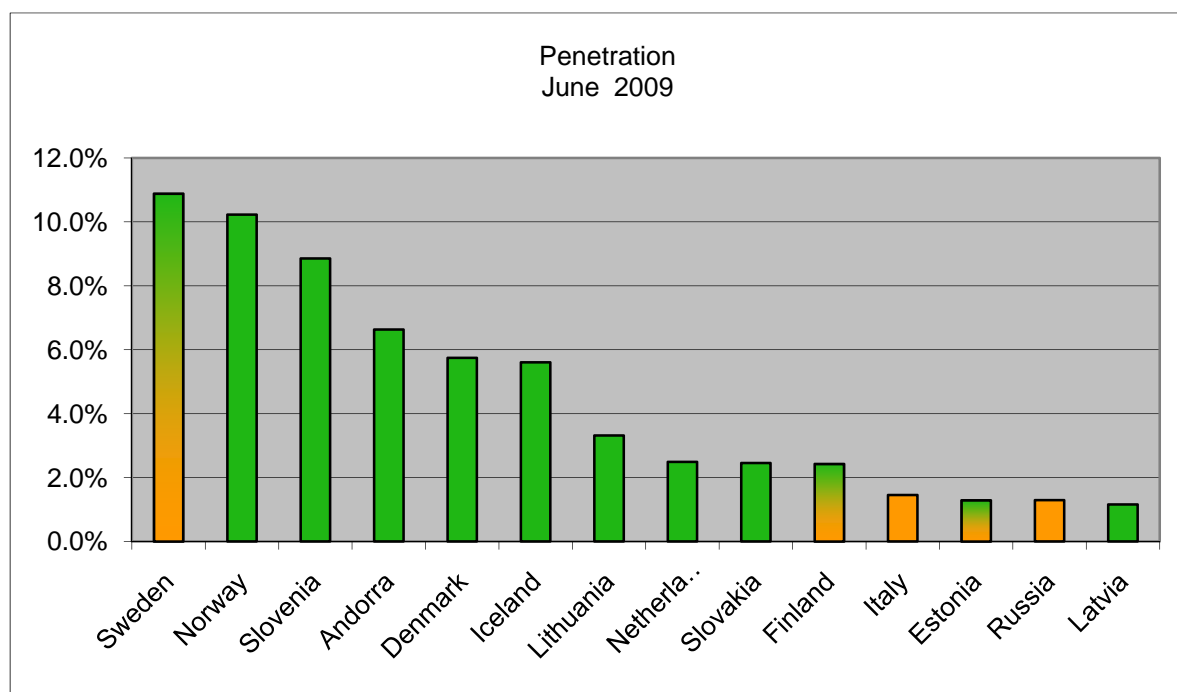
The ranking is one of five MIC studies launched in 2009 in the committee’s biggest ever programme of independent research. Prestigious names like Yankee Group, Analysys Mason, Pyramid Research, IDATE and Heavy Reading are looking into different aspects of FTTH adoption and its effects on economies, communities and individuals.

Other FTTH Council Europe committees will also be unveiling the results of their own research at the Lisbon event.

FTTH Council Europe President Karel Helsen comments: “Our ambitious programme of research is part of an ongoing effort to demonstrate that FTTH is a sustainable technology. All those attending the FTTH Conference in Lisbon will have the chance to hear first hand and in detail the results of these unique studies before they are announced to the world.”

European FTTH Ranking:

| EU Ranking June 2009 | Countries | FTTH/B subs | Penetration June 2009 | Penetration December 2008 | Majority architecture (FTTH or FTTB) |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Sweden | 478.900 | 10,9% | 9,1% | 50/50 |
| 2 | Norway | 204.550 | 10,2% | 9,0% | FTTH |
| 3 | Slovenia | 62.000 | 8,9% | 7,3% | FTTH |
| 4 | Andorra | 3.315 | 6,6% | 3,0% | FTTH |
| 5 | Denmark | 143.700 | 5,7% | 3,6% | FTTH |
| 6 | Iceland | 6.000 | 5,6% | 4,4% | FTTH |
| 7 | Lithuania | 45.000 | 3,3% | 1,7% | FTTH |
| 8 | Netherlands | 174.500 | 2,5% | 2,4% | FTTH |
| 9 | Slovakia | 54.000 | 2,5% | new entrant | FTTH |
| 10 | Finland | 60.120 | 2,4% | 1,9% | 50/50 |



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 enhances the quality of life, contributes to a better environment and increased competitiveness. The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 115 members companies. Its members include leading telecommunications companies and many world leaders in the telecommunication industry.

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