

FTTH Council Europe launches Israel Working Group and cooperates with the Israeli Association of Grid Technologies (IGT)

BRUSSELS – 2 December 2009 - The FTTH Council Europe launched its Israel Working Group to support the local market and raise awareness among the various stakeholders. The FTTH Council Europe will enhance the discourse of next-generation access networks with the experience already gathered in Europe and the Middle East for the promotion, regulation, planning, deployment and operations of ultra high-speed FTTH networks. The objective is to promote FTTH roll-out in Israel to catch up with other Regions, building on the experience developed by the Council in Europe.

The Israel Working Group was launched in August 2009 and had its second meeting on 5 November in Herzelia. The group is a working committee of the FTTH Council Europe and was founded as an ad hoc working group based on the plans of FTTH Council Europe to deepen the activities on national level. Chaired by Peleg Erlich, the working group was initiated by several members of the Council.



The Israel Working Group has joined forces with the IGT because of the complementary activities of the two organisations: GRID/Cloud computing demands very high bandwidth solutions and Fibre-to-the-Home technologies provide the highest speed available on the market, as well as the enhanced symmetry that is necessary for interactive applications and seamless communications with “the cloud”.

“I am glad to witness the motivation and drive of the Council’s members in the region. This new regional addition to our working groups is evidence of the all-encompassing interest for future-proof FTTH solutions. I wish the Israel Group great success in promoting Fibre-to-the-Home locally”, said Karel Helsen, President of the FTTH Council Europe.

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

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