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Whatever the outcome of the Climate Conference, it will be via sustainable fibre

The FTTH Council Europe points out that the UN Climate Change Conference will be connected to the world by green fibre-to-the-home technologies, since Denmark has one of the highest FTTH penetration rates and is therefore a leading European country when it comes to sustainable innovation.

Brussels, 4 December 2009 - Whatever the outcome of the long awaited United Nations Climate Change Conference being held in Copenhagen (COP 15), one thing is certain: they will be connected by fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) technology and offer remote participation possibilities. The broadband connections in Denmark in general - and at the Copenhagen Bella Conference Centre in particular - not only offer ultra high-speed access but also contribute to sustainable development.

Denmark is a very suitable location to hold the debate on climate change: it is one of the leading European adopters of fibre-to-the-home technology, with a 90% increase in subscribers over the past year. It is therefore a shining example when it comes to adapting future-proof technologies that boost the economy while at the same time benefitting the environment and enhancing the quality of life of its citizens.

“The potential reduction in carbon emissions from fibre-to-the-home enhanced services – such as teleworking and telemedicine – is significant. Over the next 30 years savings could cumulatively exceed one million tons of CO₂ per million subscribers in Europe,” said Karel Helsen, President of the FTTH Council Europe.

But there is more: the environmental benefits of fibre go beyond carbon emissions. Further FTTH deployment will have a positive impact on depletion of stratospheric ozone, atrophication of water resources, and a reduction in other forms of greenhouse gas emissions.

To find out more about the work of the FTTH Council Europe’s Sustainable Development Committee (SUDEFIB) and assess how fibre access networks make an impact on the environment by using the web-based “FTTH Configurator”, visit <http://www.sudefib.eu>.

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