

FTTH Council Europe and German BREKO Verband sign Memorandum of Understanding

BRUSSELS, 11 May 2011 – The FTTH Council Europe continues its strategy of active cooperation with associations in Europe to raise awareness for the need of accelerated fibre deployments. Early May, Dr. Stephan Albers CEO of Bundesverband Breitbandkommunikation e.V. (BREKO) and Hartwig Tauber Director General of FTTH Council Europe signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the ANGACable trade show in Cologne, Germany.

The cooperation includes exchange of information and study results as well as speaking opportunities at events and conferences of the MOU partners. For the upcoming FTTH Conference in February 2012 in Munich, BREKO and the FTTH Council Europe will do joint activities to communicate the benefits of fibre networks in Germany.

“Germany has still a long way to go until it becomes a leading fibre country. The cooperation with BREKO is an important and very positive step forward to create awareness in Germany”, comments Hartwig Tauber, “The BREKO members are an important group of potential players in the deployment of fibre networks in Germany. We are therefore happy to cooperate with BREKO and we are looking forward to successful projects and activities.”

“This is a good day for the members of BREKO and for the further deployment of fibre in Germany”, underlines Stephan Albers, “The know-how of the FTTH Council Europe on different models and technologies for fibre deployments are a perfect match to the comprehensive experience of BREKO members in planning and building telecommunication networks. The potential for synergies of this cooperation will be of benefit for the accelerated fibre deployment in Germany.”

BREKO has more than 70 members today; most of them are municipal or regional network operators from cities and rural areas. BREKO members invested nearly 1,5 billion euro in 2010 in the deployment of telecommunication networks. The FTTH Council Europe is a European industry organisation with more than 150 members from the fibre industry. The organisation is based in Brussels and organises the largest FTTH Conference in the world, which will be held in Munich, Germany in February 2012.

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 enhance the quality of life, contribute to a better environment and increase economic competitiveness. The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 150 member companies. www.ftthcouncil.eu

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