



## **The FTTH Council Europe welcomes French ultra-fast broadband infrastructure investment plan**

"The FTTH Council Europe welcomes the announcement of the French government about investing 20 billion EUR into ultra-fast broadband infrastructure with a special focus on future-proof fibre in the coming years. Two weeks ago the European Union government decided to reduce the broadband budget in the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) from 9 to 1 billion EUR. In doing so, they missed an opportunity to make a strong statement towards the importance of broadband and of the Digital Agenda in Europe. By reducing the CEF budget, the European governments also took the individual responsibility to ensure a positive investment framework for future-proof fibre broadband in their countries. With François Hollande's announcement on Wednesday, France made a clear statement that it is willing to take this responsibility. The FTTH Council Europe welcomes this decision and hopes that other EU countries will follow the example of France very soon."

Karin Ahl, 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 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.

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