

PRESS RELEASE

Germany – Vectoring Discussion and latest announcements of BNetzA

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“The FTTH Council Europe closely follows the vectoring discussion in Germany and is concerned about the latest announcements of the regulator BNetzA. The published proposal leaves many open questions, e.g. the implementation of a “standardised” bit-stream product or the option to block access to a street cabinet if there is a plan to upgrade it within one year. The overall discussion seems misplaced as it is enabling a network deployment that is not future proof and that could – again – delay the roll out of FTTH networks in Germany. The FTTH Council Europe is convinced that future consumer needs (see the recent WIK study) can only be delivered by FTTH. BNetzA and the industry would be more effective to put the same energy, motivation and resources into discussing how to roll out FTTH networks in Germany rather than waste time and effort on other stopgap solutions. The FTTH Council Europe is happy to be involved in such a future oriented and sustainable approach and will continue to address the issues of fibre roll out including the financing of FTTH networks.”

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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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