

PRESS RELEASE

“Getting Europe back on the fibre track” is the theme of the FTTH Council Europe’s strategic work plan 2014

BRUSSELS, 9 April 2014 – Members of the FTTH Council Europe met at the General Assembly in Amsterdam on 7 and 8 April to set the course for the coming years. Six members of the Board were elected and Karin Ahl was confirmed as President of the FTTH Council Europe.

“Based on the analysis of its stakeholders’ ecosystem, the FTTH Council Europe wishes to consolidate its position as a valued source of information for decision makers, by focusing on the main issues that are hindering the acceleration of FTTH adoption in Europe” said Karin Ahl. “This includes a special focus on providing education and basic information about FTTH whenever necessary, so that all stakeholders can make well-informed decisions about access networks”.

The organisation will focus on four main activities in the 2014-2016 period:

- Bringing European Commission, regulators and national policy makers back on the “FTTH track”
- Addressing the issue of the financing of FTTH networks
- Proving and communicating the need for FTTH from the end-users’ side
- Creating alliances to multiply the impact of the FTTH Council Europe messages

The members of the FTTH Council Europe also approved the implementation of an “Operator Observer” status which will allow network operators to join selected committees and activities of the FTTH Council Europe.

The Board of Directors consists of the following nine members:

- Karin Ahl, Rala Infratech, Sweden – **President of the Board**
- Matthias Nass, elcon Systemtechnik, Germany - **Treasurer**
- Edgar Aker, Prysmian Group, The Netherlands
- Carlos Barroqueiro, CBE, Portugal
- Werner De Wolf, TE Connectivity, Belgium
- Thomas Kallstenius, iMinds, Belgium
- Joël Mau, Institut Mines-Télécom, France
- Ana Pesovic, Alcatel-Lucent, Belgium
- Gerlas van den Hoven, Genexis, The Netherlands

The Working Committee Chairs are:

- Wolfgang Fischer, Cisco, Germany
Chair of the Deployment & Operations Committee
- Joeri Van Bogaert, Capabilities, Belgium
Chair of the Financing Committee
- Jan Schindler, Prysmian Group, The Netherlands
Chair of the Market Intelligence Committee
- Hartwig Tauber, FTTH Council Europe, Austria
Chair of the Policy & Regulation Experts Group
- Paolo Sebben, Consultant, Switzerland
Chair of the Smart Cities Committee
- Eric Festraets, Alcatel-Lucent, Belgium
Chair of the World of Applications Committee

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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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