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FTTH Council Europe confirms President and sets out mission to ‘Connect Everyone and Everything, Everywhere’ with fibre-based networks

Brussels, 10 May 2017 – The FTTH Council Europe re-elected Ronan Kelly as President at its General Assembly and set out an ambitious growth strategy to accelerate fibre investment and adoption across Europe connecting everyone and everything, everywhere.

A new Working Committee on Fibre Business Models has been also set up with the aim of contributing to the ongoing policy debate on very high capacity network investments, bringing together expertise from fibre operators, investors and technology innovators.

Ronan Kelly has been re-elected as President of the FTTH Council Europe. He was first appointed in 2016 becoming the eighth person to hold this position since the organisation was founded in 2005. In addition to his position as President of the FTTH Council Europe, Ronan Kelly is CTO, EMEA & APAC Regions at ADTRAN.

The FTTH Council Europe’s General Assembly has reinforced its mission to accelerate ubiquitous, fibre-based connectivity empowering a leading Digital Society throughout Europe.

Fibre-based infrastructure is the only future-proof foundation enabling fixed and wireless gigabit networks as well as all new innovative digital technologies and services and the prerequisite for Europe’s global digital competitiveness and sustainability.

The FTTH Council Europe’s vision is that fibre connectivity will transform and enhance the way we live, do business and interact, connecting everyone and everything, everywhere. In this vein in 2017 the organisation will further study the socioeconomic impact of fibre-based broadband and also embark on analysing the enabler role of fibre for 5G networks and 5G readiness.

“It is a great honour to have been re-elected as President of the FTTH Council Europe. This is a particularly exciting period to work towards ubiquitous, fibre-based connectivity when very high capacity broadband is at the centre of the policy debate and the market is also moving fast.” commented Ronan Kelly. “With the support of our members, we are working towards a shift in our strategy from an education focus on the benefits of fibre towards contributing actively with our expertise on technology and fibre networks to the ongoing EU legislative process and national policy debates. We have also established a new platform for discussing fibre investment models and pooling expertise in our new Fibre Business Models Committee.”

Following the elections held at the General Assembly, the Board of Directors now consists of the following nine members:

- Ronan Kelly, ADTRAN, Ireland – President
- Ismail Adibelli, Genexis, The Netherlands – Treasurer
- Tobias Ahl, Rala Infratech, Sweden
- Magnus Angermund, Hexatronic Group, Sweden
- Antoni Bosch, Prysmian, Spain
- Michael Johansson, Ericsson, Sweden
- Joël Mau, Institut Mines-Télécom, France
- Ana Pesovic, Nokia, Belgium
- Edgar Van Essen, Reichle & De-Massari, The Netherlands

The Working Committee Chairs are:

- Rong Zhao, Germany, Chair of the Deployment & Operations Committee
- Jan Schindler, The Netherlands, Chair of the Market Intelligence Committee
- Karin Ahl, Sweden, Chair of the Policy & Regulation Experts Group
- Edgar Aker, The Netherlands, Chair of the Fibre Business Models Committee

Full details about our Board and Committees [here](#)

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 150 member companies. www.ftthcouncil.eu

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