

FTTH for Europe Within Reach

The FTTH Council Europe says that FTTH for Europe can be achieved at a cost of €137bn

Brussels, 12 April 2017 - The FTTH Council Europe today made public its 2017 study on the cost of deploying FTTH throughout the EU. The results of the cost model indicate that €137 billion would be required to provide a complete overlay of the EU28 countries. This cost includes 100% homes passed and 50% connected (with 50% of the most remote 5% both passed and connected). This figure is lower than the estimate for the Commission which stood at €154bn with infrastructure reuse¹ but significant progress has been made since those studies in terms of homes passed and connected with fibre.

Ronan Kelly, the President of the FTTH Council Europe added: 'We are very happy to be publishing this study now. The cost modellers who generated the FTTH Council Europe cost estimates have modelled over three quarters of a million households using real data from actual deployments in a variety of scenarios. By putting out the methodology we also invite other parties estimating these costs to join a discussion. The key for me is that the opportunity cost of not building fibre networks or delaying their construction is too high. Policy makers should not compromise in seeking the best networks for Europe. Fibre will undoubtedly play a crucial role in enabling European 5G rollout as its foundational infrastructure as well as next generation digital services.'

'I don't want to understate the challenge that Europe faces or the size of the investment that will be needed but the challenge should not be overstated either. FTTH is achievable throughout the EU.' said Erzsebet Fitori, Director General of the FTTH Council Europe.

The FTTH Council Europe study is available [here](#) and a video presentation of the study will be held on 19 May from 10:00am to 11:00am CEST to which you can register [here](#).

More details are available [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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¹ See section 3.1.1 of the Staff Working Document accompanying the Gigabit Society Communication (SWD(2016) 300 final)