

What is Fibre to the home?

Fibre-to-the-home is a solution that delivers the **highest possible speeds of Internet** connection, with optic fibre coming right into the home, the building or the office.

What makes FTTH **unique** is that it **removes all the bottlenecks**:

- You can download (receive) files at least 10 times faster (ex DVD) than with ADSL
- The **connection symmetry is enhanced**, so:
 - You can upload (send) files such as family photos almost at the same speed as downloading
 - FTTH gives you access to a large choice of interactive applications, such as video communication with friends/family & colleagues, gaming, video-on-demand, teleworking, eHealth...
- FTTH is like having a **dedicated roadway right into your home/office**, instead of sharing it and getting stuck in traffic. FTTH delivers **unlimited speeds**.

FTTH is **not just about Internet access**. Without bottlenecks and with full interactivity, FTTH opens the door to a **wide range of new services, delivered right to the home or the office**.

What is 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 delivers **unlimited speeds** that empower the development of a flow of **new services and content** that **enhances the quality of life**, contributes to a **better environment** and **increased competitiveness**.

We believe that **Fibre to the Home is key to developing a sustainable future**, as it is now widely acknowledged that **FTTH is the only future-proof technology**, when it comes to bandwidth capacity, speed, reliability, security and scalability.

The FTTH Council Europe consists of **more than 140 member companies**, including many world leaders in the telecommunications industry. We are currently expanding our membership base to a **broader community of Fibre to the Home stakeholders**, to include content and applications providers (from media, entertainment, health and elderly care, etc.), as well as other associations, governmental and academic institutions.

Who are our speakers?

Chris HOLDEN, President

Elected President of the FTTH Council Europe by its Board of directors in April 2010, Chris Holden continues in his current role as Strategic Marketing Manager Carrier EMEA with Corning Ltd.

Chris Holden started his career in mechanical engineering, working on specialist engineering projects and moved to the telecommunications industry in 1995. Since then Chris has held various management positions in R&D, manufacturing, training, quality and OSP Services. On the onset of FTTH he has been leading initiatives in the development of new products, systems and services for FTTH deployments. Since joining the FTTH Council Europe in 2005, Chris has been an extremely active member of several Committees. In April 2008 he was elected as Chairman of the Development & Operations Committee, and in April 2009 as Board member.



Prof. Hartwig TAUBER, Director General

Hartwig has more than ten years of experience in the broadband and ICT fields. Hartwig worked as a consultant and managed several national and international broadband projects in Austria, and he is a member of the ICT Taskforce of the Austrian government. Since 2003 he is a Professor of e-business management at the IMC University of Applied Sciences in Krems. Hartwig Tauber holds a masters degree in Economics and Informatics from the University of Vienna and a postgraduate masters degree in Telematics Management from the Danube University Krems.



Nadia BABAALI, Communications Director

Over the course of her 20-year career in the international ICT world Nadia has held various positions in the field of European Affairs, International Development and Public Relations with large Groups such as BT Group and Telindus-Belgacom, but also with industry organisations and networks such as Opticsvalley and System@tic Paris-Region. Nadia holds an MBA from London Business School, an MA in Economics from the University of London and an MA in Mandarin Chinese from the University of Paris.



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