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# Creating a brighter future

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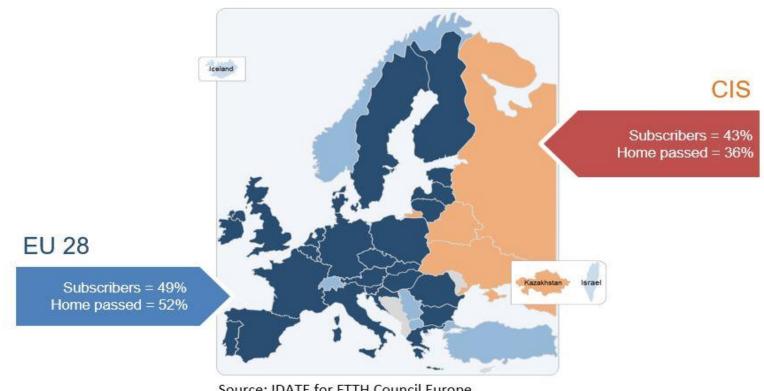


#### **Overview**

- The State of Fibre: Global/European Ranking
- Cost for full fibre coverage in EU28
- Driving Fibre Investment: Policy & Regulation
- Socioeconomic Benefits of Fibre
- Concluding remarks

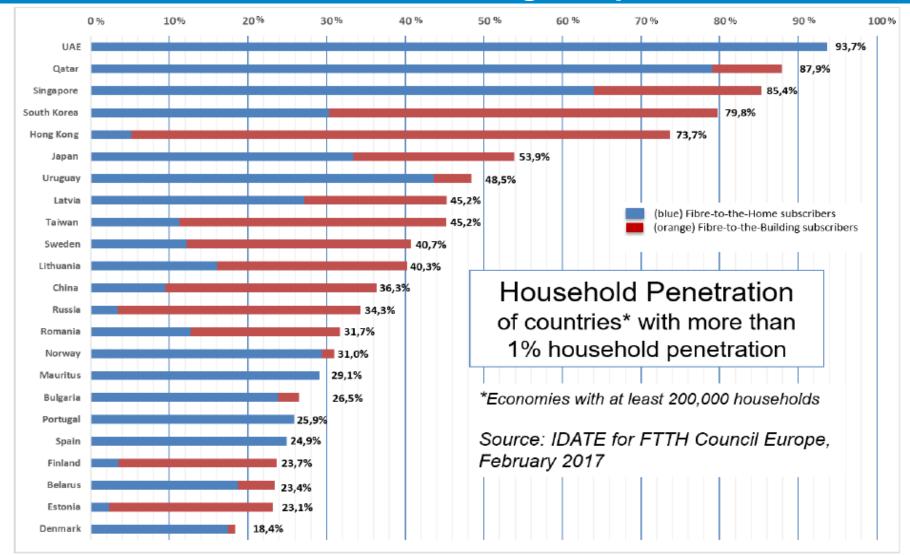
## FTTH/B figures – September 2016

FTTH/B Figures, September 2016 - More than 44.3 million FTTH/B subscribers and nearly 148 million FTTH/B Homes Passed in EU39

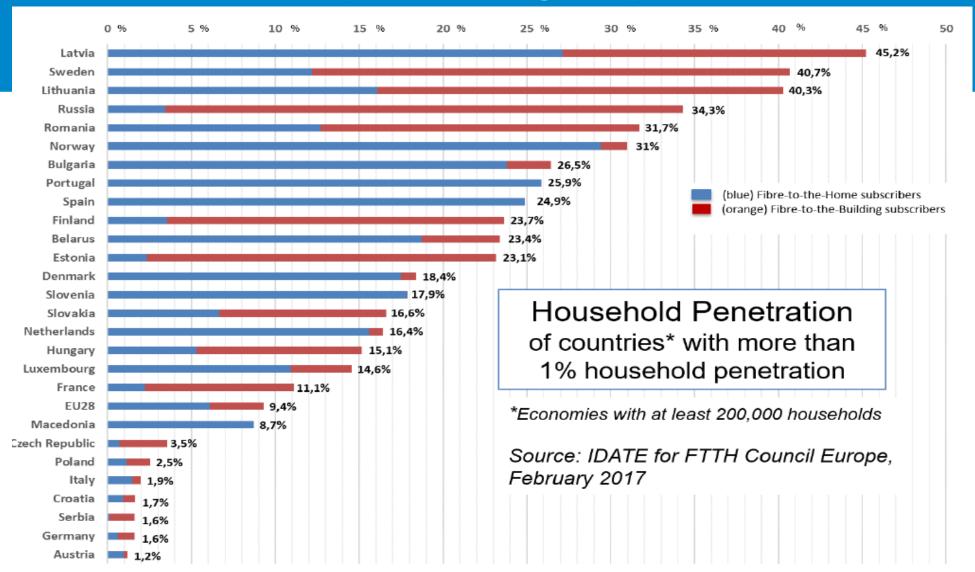


Source: IDATE for FTTH Council Europe

#### FTTH/B Global Ranking – September 2016



#### FTTH/B European Ranking – September 2016

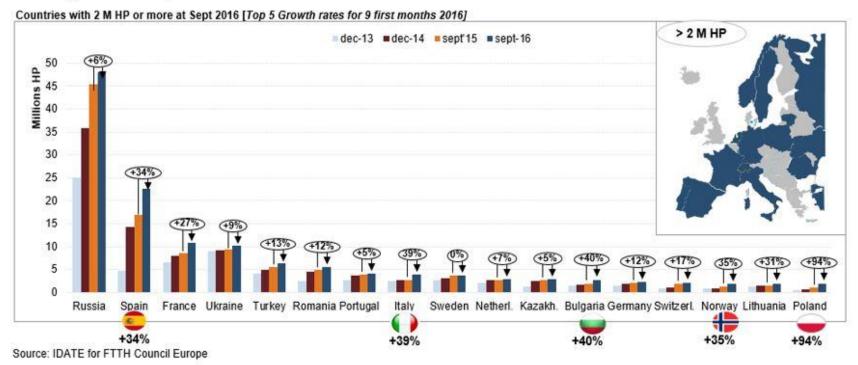




## **General ranking: FTTH/B Homes Passed**

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- 17 countries with 2 M HP or more in EU39 (10 countries in EU28, in blue on the map)
- Most significant growth rates do not necessarily concern the largest market but this confirms that, even in countries where FTTH/B is not the leading NGA solution, the interest is growing (e.g. Bulgaria: +40%)

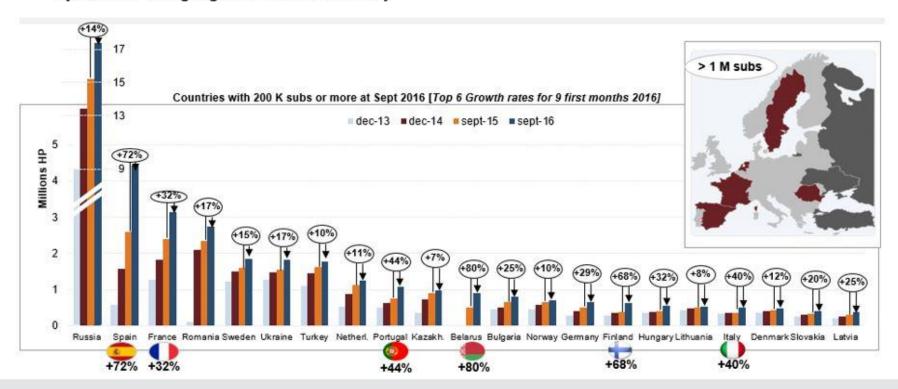




### General ranking: FTTH/B Subscribers

#### FTTH/B Takeup

- 9 countries with 1 M subscribers or more in EU39 (5 countries in EU28, in red on the map))
- Strong growth in Spain, Belarus, Finland and Portugal
- Dynamism to highlight in France and Italy





### **EU Cost Model – Key Assumptions & Results**

## Calculates cost of 100% Homes Passed + 50% Homes Connected in EU28 Member States

- **Based on extrapolation:** 213M homes, using Eurostat statistics on NUTS3, Focus on Green Areas Excluding non-populated areas
- Uses labour index per country
- Considers efficient deployment methods for fibre: assumes a mix between traditional and mini/micro trenching (30%)
- Extracts already built networks
- Includes impact of cost reduction opportunities (12% of total cost)

#### **Headline Results**

- € 156B: Cost estimate for EU28 to reach full FTTH coverage excluding already deployed areas
- € 137B: Cost estimate for EU28 to reach full FTTH coverage with cost reductions applied (aligned with Directive 2014/61/EU



# Driving Fibre Investment: Policy & Regulatory Solutions

Political commitment to new Gigabit Society targets and fibre based infrastructure enabling Europe's digital societies and economies

Access to and take-up of very high capacity connectivity as a regulatory objective alongside the existing ones of promoting competition, contributing to the internal market and promoting the interests of citizens

**Definition of Very High-Capacity networks** proposed in the EECC, which is **ambitious and oriented towards future-proof fibre infrastructure** enabling a plethora of new technologies and services

**Priorisation of competitive infrastructure deployment** for a competitive market structure and access remedies that directly support the development of infrastructure competition

**Regulatory certainty and clarity** to promote new fibre investments by existing and new players alike

New regulatory framework for co-investment and wholesale-only business models with the aim of facilitating the deployment of VHC networks deeper including by attracting new capital



# Socioeconomic benefits of FTTH – Sneak Preview of WIK Study findings

## Socioeconomic benefits of FTTH Study 2017 by WIK Consult – Sneak Preview

• Study based on consumer survey conducted in Sweden (approx.) 1k questionnaires to be launched & presented at the FTTH Conference 2018 in Valencia, 13-15 February

#### **Headline Preliminary Results**

- FTTH/B users are overall more satisfied with their service;
- Fibre users perform more activities on the Internet and have more devices connected than other users;
- Significant share of respondents switched from other types of BB to fibre. The majority of those respondents notice benefits from switching and increased internet usage;
- Perceived benefits of fibre on eLearning, eHealth and remote working still moderate, but expected to grow with these service advancing from low to high-capacity;
- Majority of FTTH/B users expect benefits from being connected to a 1Gbit/s fibre in the future.



### **Concluding remarks**

Ubiquitous future-proof fibre infrastructure enabling a plethora of new technologies & services requires significant investment but realistically achievable across Europe

Political targets & commitment and a policy & regulatory environment promoting competitive fibre deployment are key prerequisites

End-user demand increasing including expectation of further future benefits from fibre





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### Thank you for your attention!

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