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Fibre Global Perspective

European Focus on FTTH & place of France

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01 | FTTx Worldwide Key Trends

Key trends worldwide

➤ **Superfast technologies⁽¹⁾ represented 67% of broadband access subscriptions in June 2018, 5 points more than by December 2017.**

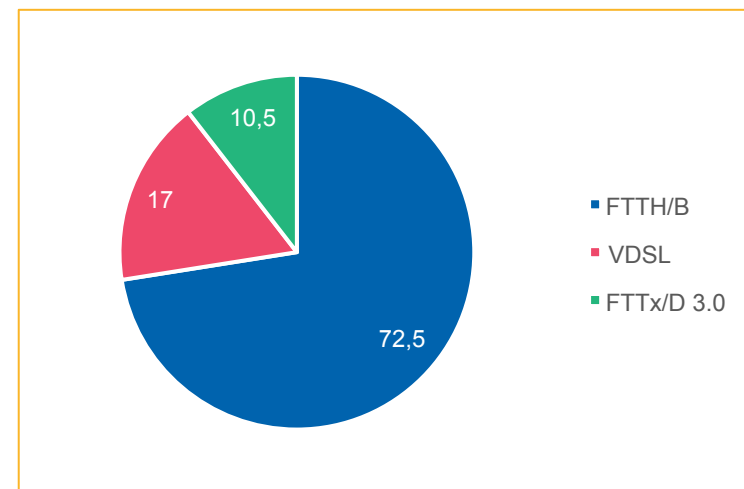
> **FTTH/B is still the leading superfast broadband solution, far ahead of FTTx/D3.0, followed by VDSL,**

FTTH/B represented **72.5% of FTTx subscriptions** in June 2018.

FTTx/D3.0 represented **17% of FTTx subscriptions** at June 2018. The percentage of superfast connections supplied by FTTx/D3.0 is levelling off even though some players are evolving towards **FTTx/D3.1** solutions.

VDSL is lagging behind, representing **10.5% of subscriptions** in June 2018. New VDSL or G.Fast solutions are installed at a lower pace.

Breakdown of superfast broadband technologies, June 2018



Source: IDATE DigiWorld, *World FTTx market*, December 2018

(1) Three main architectures meet our definition of superfast access technology: FTTH/B, FTTN+ VDSL and FTTx/D3.x deployed by cable operators

Breakdown of Superfast broadband technologies

> Disparate regional markets

Asia-Pacific continues its leadership in the **FTTH/B** market.

FTTH/B experienced a high evolution in **Latin America**, specially in Brazil and Mexico.

New deployments were observed in **Asia-Pacific**, such as Philippines, Viet Nam and in **Middle-East & North Africa**.

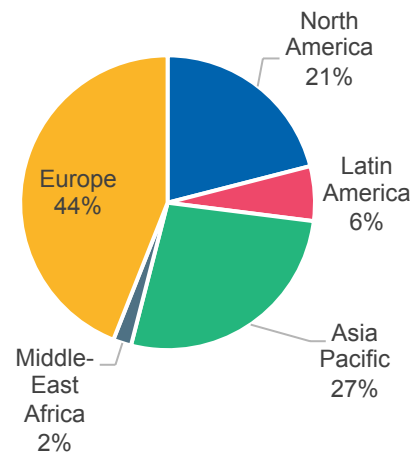
FTTx/D3.0 is still dominant in **North America** and is by and large growing more rapidly than other technologies.

There is limited room for **VDSL** (and other copper based technologies such as **G.Fast**) to grow in Europe where some incumbents are still working to optimise their copper networks.

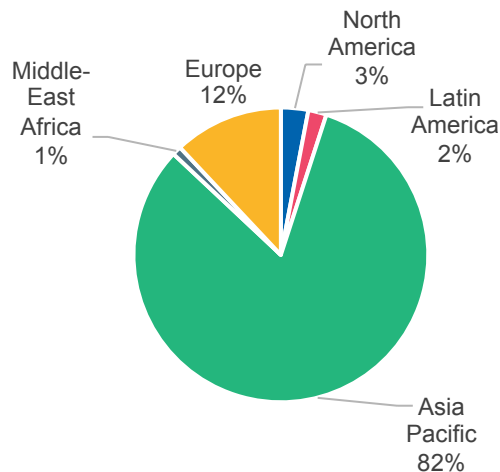
689 million FTTx subscribers Worldwide June 2018

Geographical breakdown of the three main superfast broadband architectures, June 2018

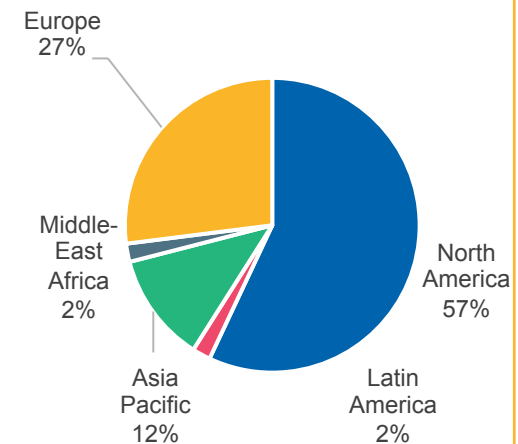
VDSL: 72.3 million subscribers (1)



FTTH/B: 500.1 million subscribers



FTTx/D3.0: 117.0 million subscribers



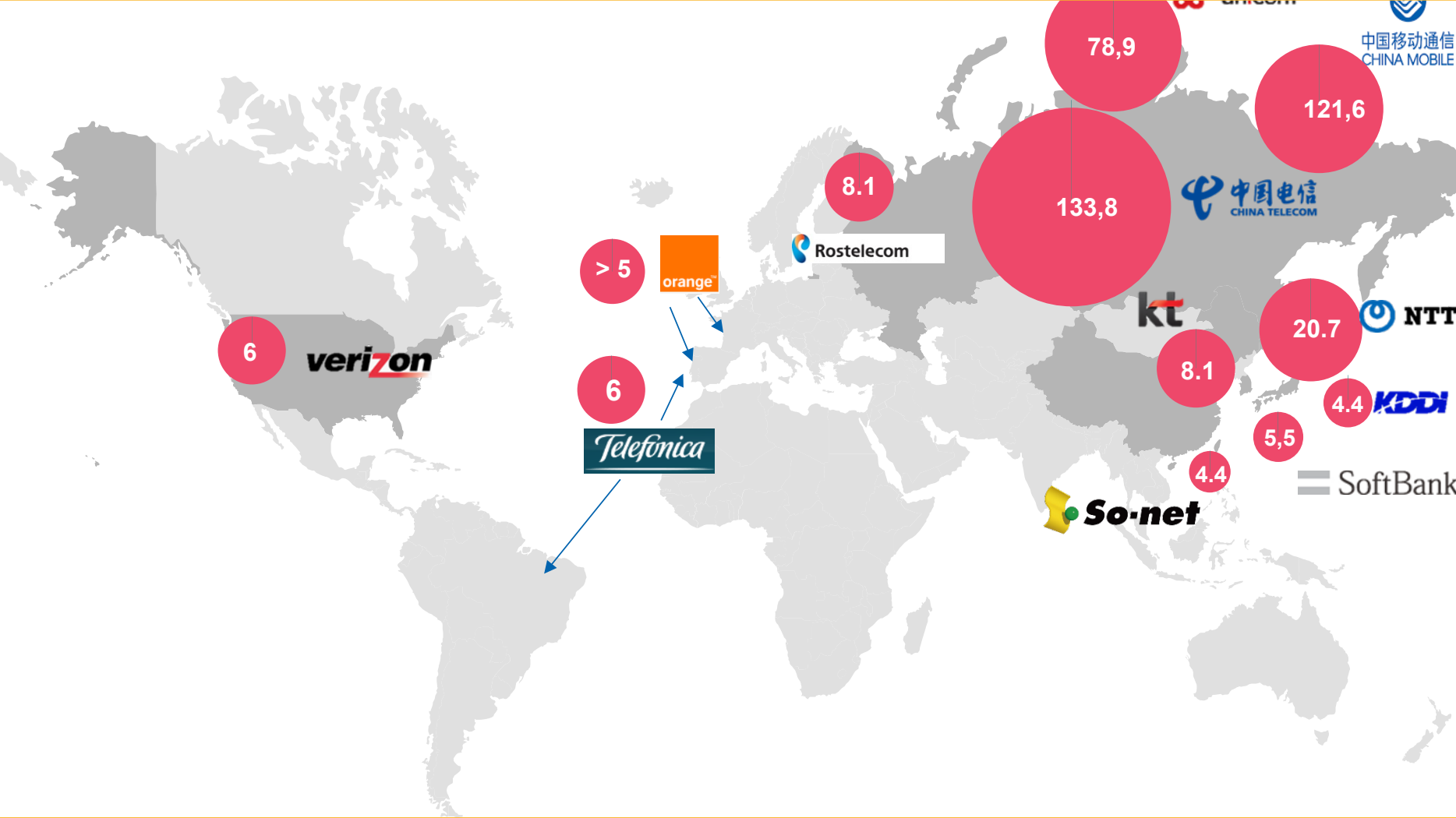
MEA = Middle East and Africa; LATAM = Latin America; APAC = Asia-Pacific; NA = North America; EUR = Western + Eastern Europe

(1) 11.8 M FTTx*+LAN subscribers in China are not taken into account.

Source: IDATE DigiWorld, World FTTx market, December 2018

Snapshot of the world's leading FTTH/B providers

Worldwide FTTH/B leaders (in millions), June 2018



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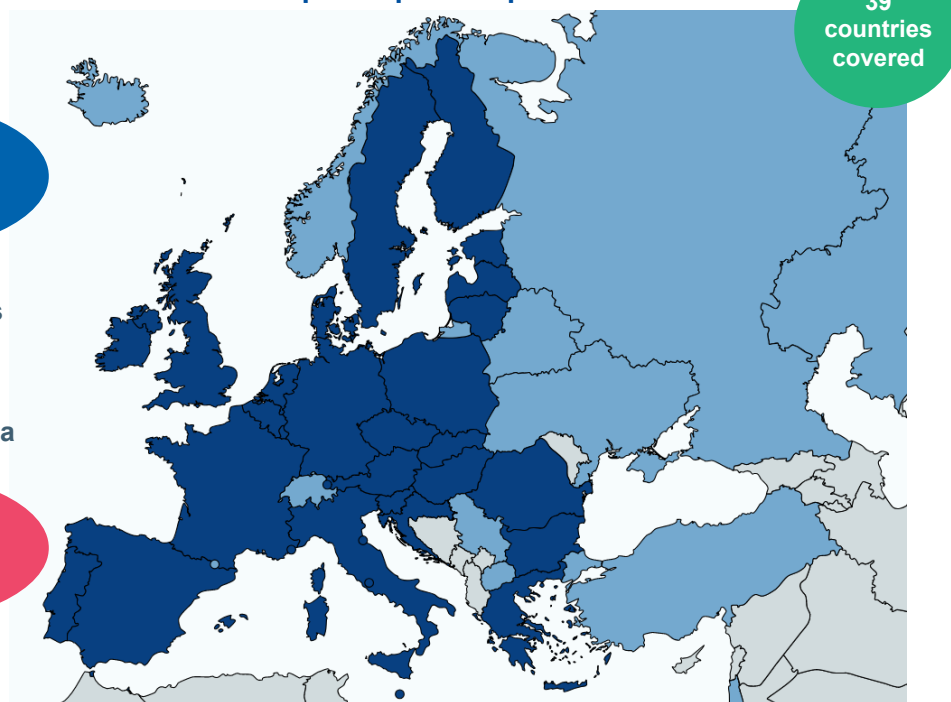
03 | FTTH in Europe

FTTH/B figures as at September 2018

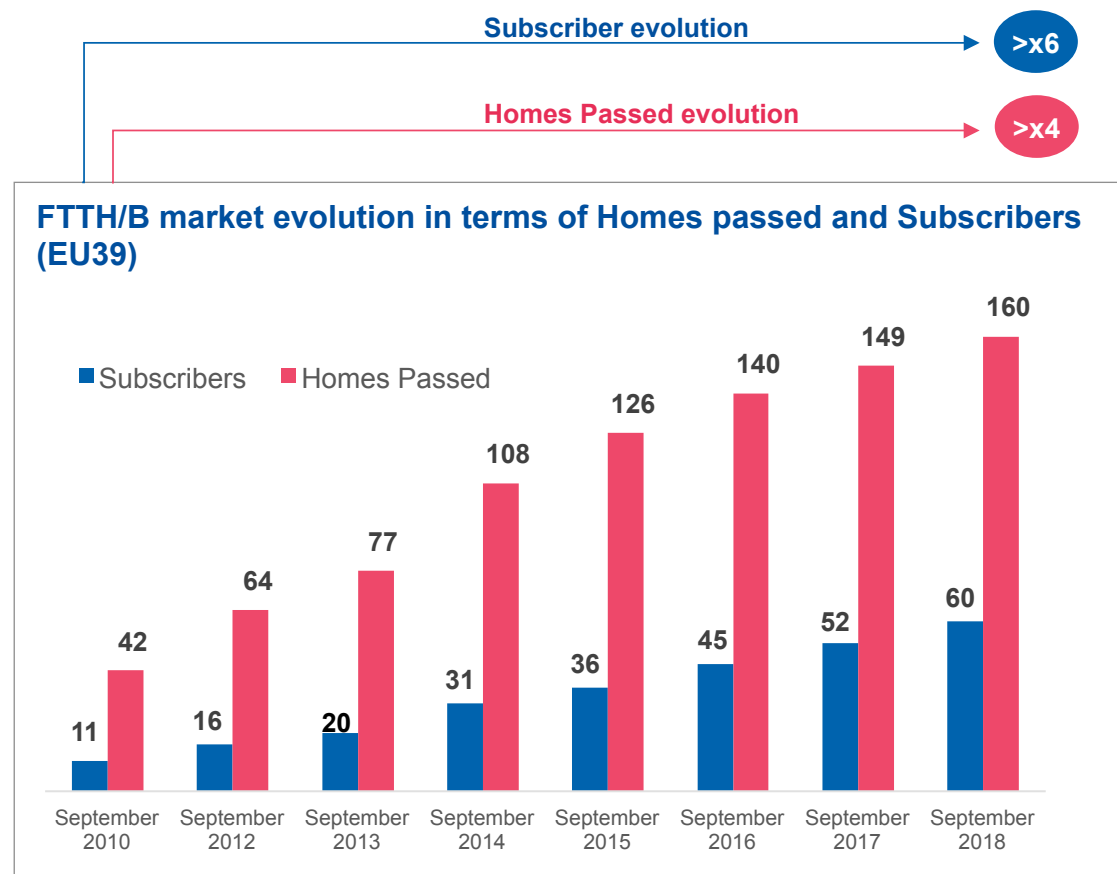
As at September 2018 in EU39*:

- **59.6 million FTTH/B subscribers**
- **Almost 160 million FTTH/B Homes Passed**

FTTH Council Europe scope at September 2018



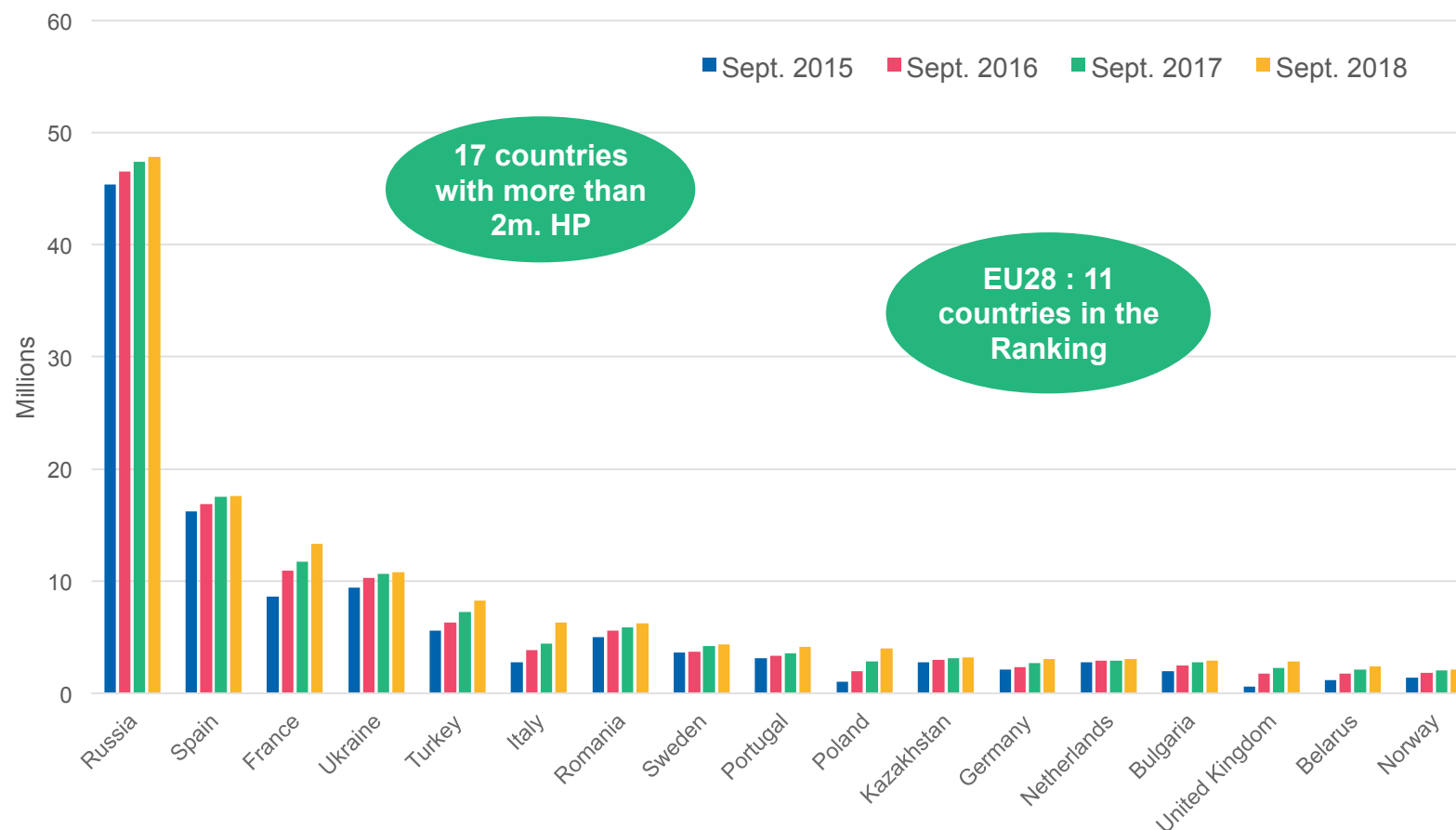
- (1) EU39 = EU28 (excl. Cyprus) + 4 CIS countries + Andorra, Iceland, Israel, Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey
- (2) Cyprus was replaced by Macedonia at end-2012 because the FTTH/B market is much more developed in this country.



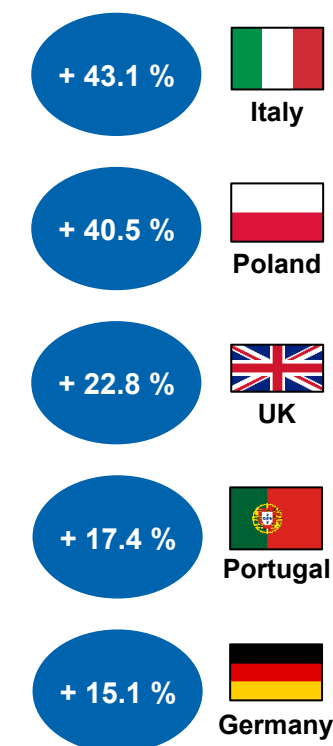
Source: IDATE for FTTH Council EUROPE

General Ranking: FTTH/B Homes passed

European ranking in terms of FTTH/B Homes passed over time (in million homes)
Data comparison between Sept. 2015 and Sept. 2018



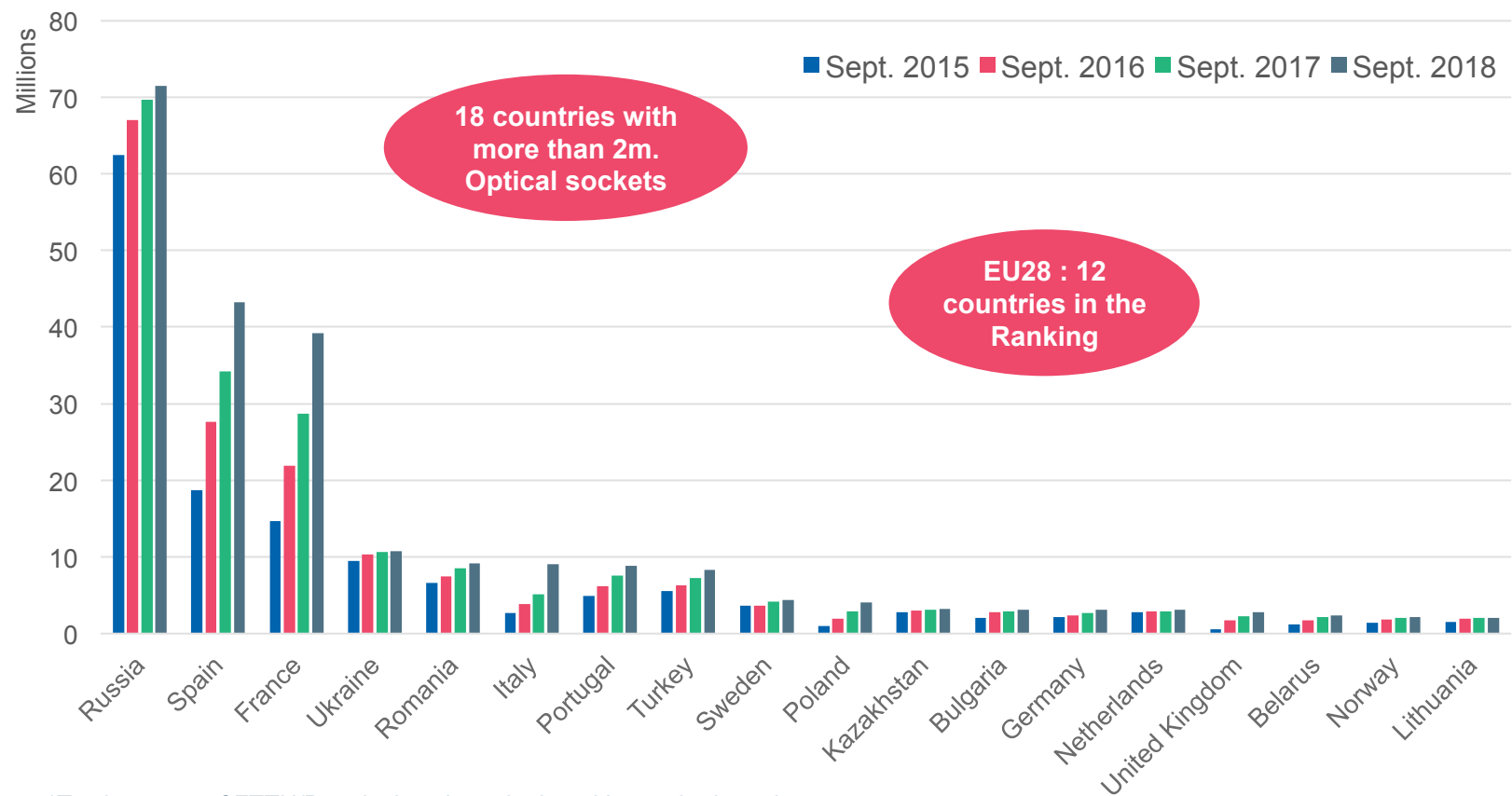
Top 5 annual growth rates – Homes passed (in %)
Data from Sept. 2017 to Sept. 2018



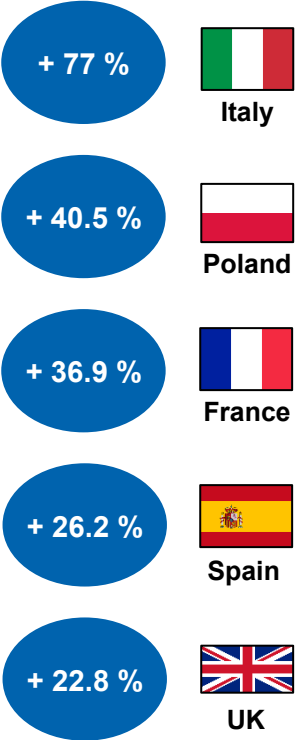
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General Ranking: FTTH/B Sockets deployed*

European ranking in terms of FTTH/B Sockets deployed (in million homes)
Data comparison between Sept. 2015 and Sept. 2018



Top 5 annual growth rates – Sockets deployed (%)
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*Total amount of FTTH/B optical sockets deployed by each player in a country (may be higher than Homes Passed when homes are covered by several players). Might lead to overlap situations

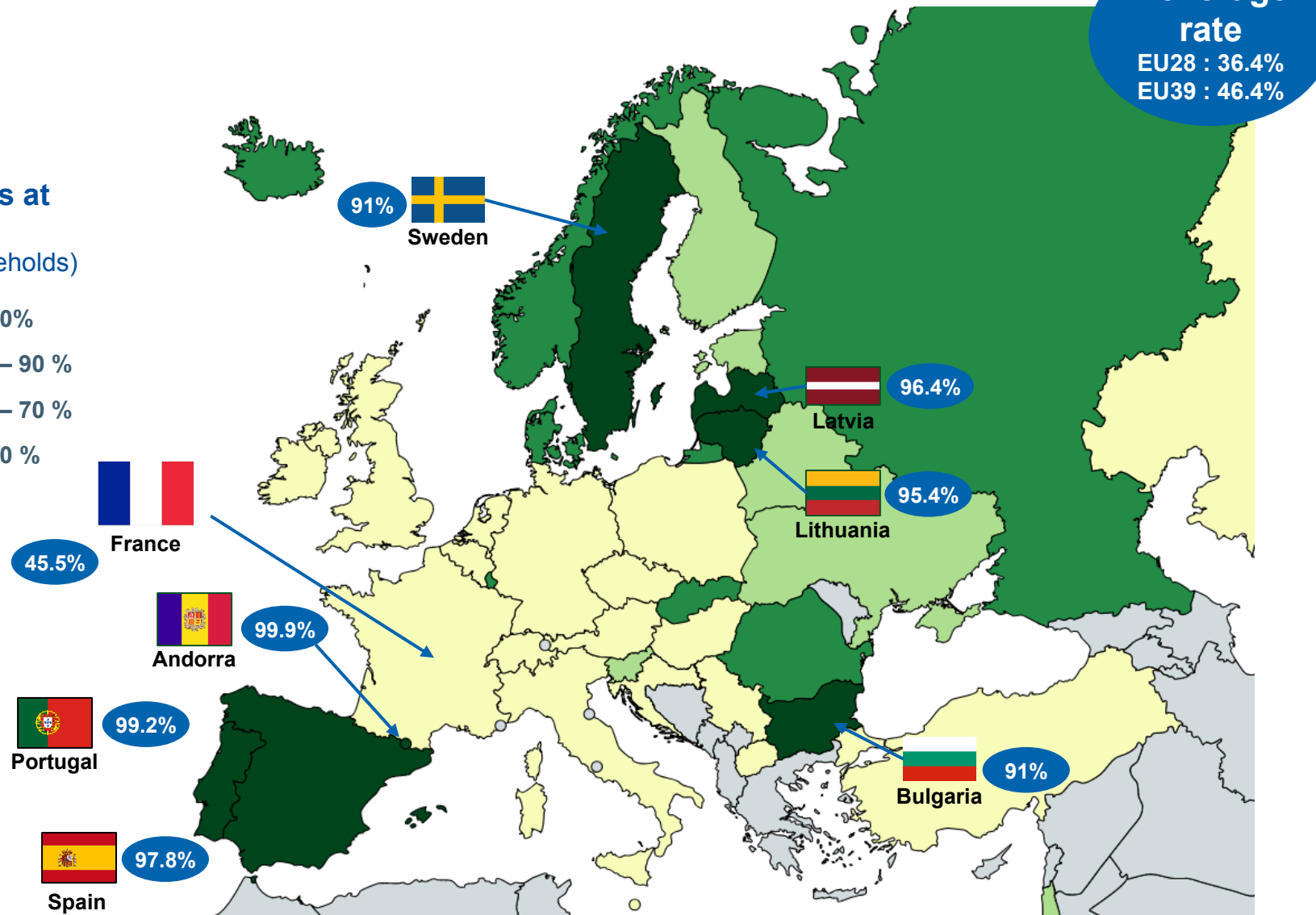
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General Ranking: FTTH/B Coverage

FTTH/B coverage* as at September 2018

(* Homes passed / Households)

- FTTH/B coverage > 90%
- FTTH/B coverage 70 – 90 %
- FTTH/B coverage 50 – 70 %
- FTTH/B coverage < 50 %

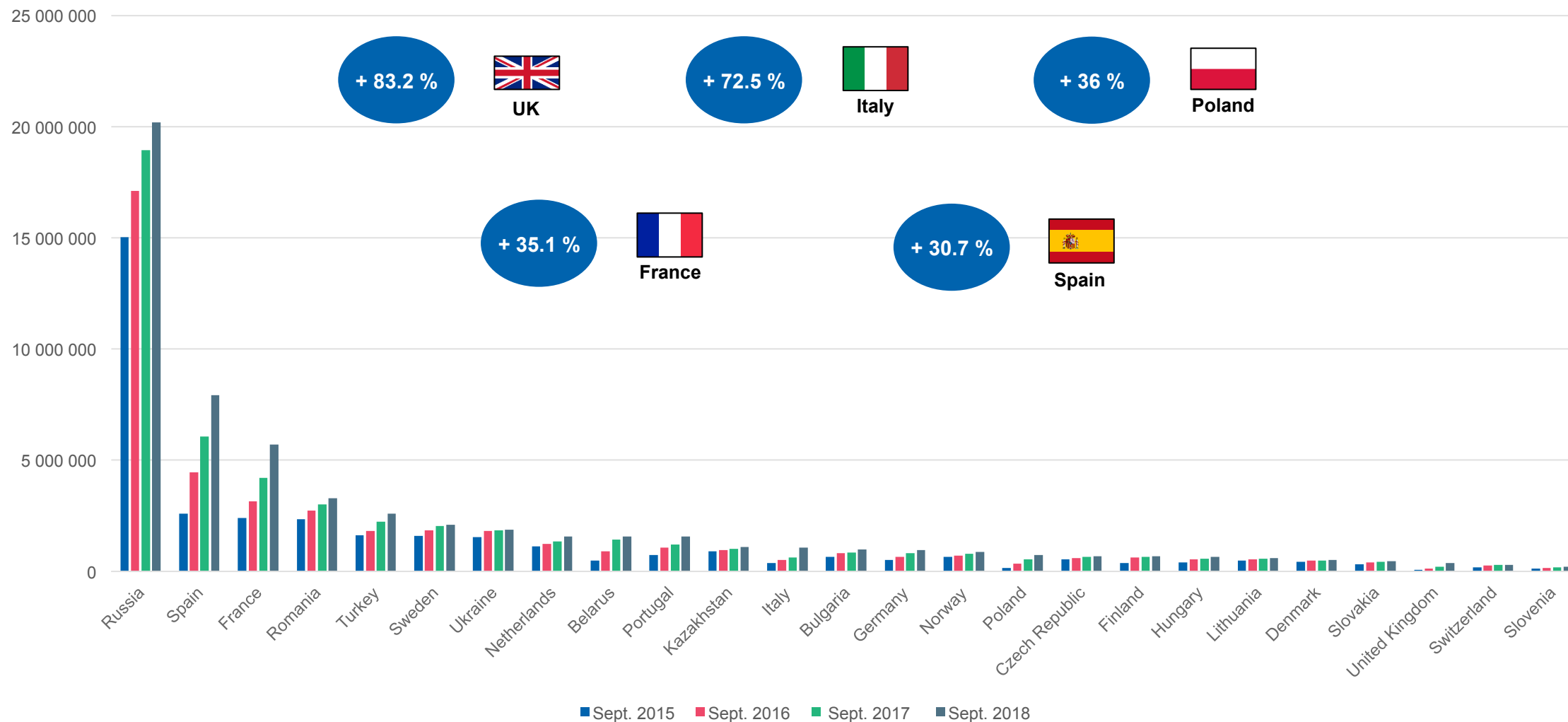


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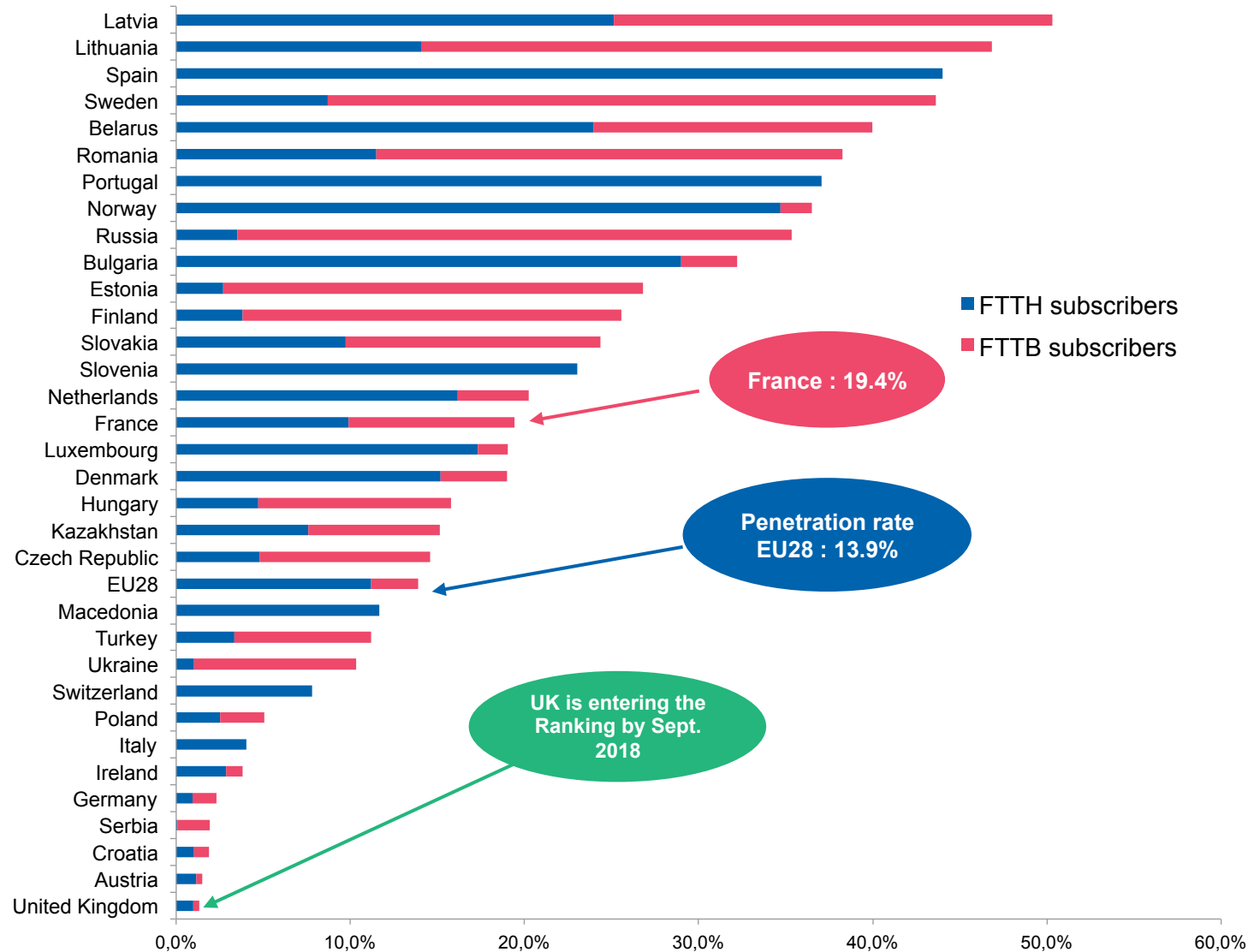
General Ranking: FTTH/B Subscribers

European ranking in terms of FTTH/B Subscriptions (million)

Data comparison between Sept. 2015 and Sept. 2018



European Ranking as at September 2018








Penetration rates of European countries at September 2018
(FTTH/B Subscriptions / Households)

- Includes countries of +200k Households in which FTTH/B subscribers represent at least 1% of total households
- Eastern Europe and Nordic countries are among the top of penetration ranks, mainly due to a proactive state intervention towards fibre expansion
- Some major European countries are lagging behind (except. Spain and Portugal) due to a predominance of copper-based technologies (VDSL, G.Fast) and/or cable networks (DOCSIS 3.0 / 3.1)

04 | Key Conclusions

Indicators affecting the FTTH adoption

Positive criteria

1		Demand for data and bandwidth continues to grow steadily, pushing operators towards FTTH technologies
2		Public authorities, via subsidies and an investment-friendly regulatory framework, will participate actively in fibre enhancement throughout Europe
3		Many incumbents shifting business models to focus on FTTH rather than copper-based technologies plus the Success of FTTH in Eastern Europe
4		Mutualized networks as well as sharing agreements tend to push FTTH development
5		Technology innovation to help lowering costs
6	5G	Fibre densification driven by 5G deployment & cost savings from fibre-5G convergence

Subscribers

+ 72.5 %



Italy

Homes Passed

+ 43.1 %

Subscribers

+ 36 %



Poland

Homes Passed

+ 40.5 %

Subscribers

+ 83.2 %



UK

Homes Passed

+ 22.8 %

Indicators affecting the FTTH adoption

Negative impacts

1



Still no clear mass-market applications for FTTH

2



New variants or mixed-build architectures, along with G.Fast or DOCSIS 3.1, could delay FTTH investments by operators

3

5G

Potential risk of mobile 5G broadband technology delaying FTTH in economically non-viable areas especially with fixed-wireless access

4



Public funding initiatives may not be assertive to effectively encourage FTTH growth

Conclusion: Where's the Growth Worldwide for FTTH?

Short Term

- **Europe:** **Germany** and the **UK** : incumbents will react as Altnets and Munis are deploying.
Italy : Open Fiber rollouts and role of the Government
- **MENA:** Egypt is today starting large FTTH Rollouts (Telecom Egypt) and **KSA** with massive new cities projects
- **LATAM:** the very segmented market of **Brazil** and still **Mexico** and **Argentina** ; presence of large pan regional telcos such as **Telmex / Claro** and **Telefonica / Vivo**

Long Term

- **APAC:** the huge potential of **India** and **South East Asia:** **Bangladesh, Viet Nam, Pakistan, Cambodia,...**
- **Sub Saharan Africa:** up to **17 countries** involved in native FTTH Rollouts

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Dataset	FTTx markets in Asia-Pacific	Q2 2019	3 500
Dataset	World FTTx Markets (global)	Q2 2019	5 000
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