

## > Improving fiber access in Europe: the Institut Mines-Télécom joins the board of the FTTH Council Europe

Joël Mau, Mission Director at the Institut Mines-Télécom, was elected to the board of the Fiber to the Home Council Europe on 8 April – a first for an academic institution.

The FTTH Council Europe was set up in 2004 and brings together more than 150 European members who work in the fields of fiber optic networks and the role of these networks and digital services in transforming society. Thanks to the Internet and the rise of digital technologies, we are currently undergoing the fastest and most far-reaching changes that humanity has ever known. The FTTH Council Europe is actively involved in leading the way towards this new 21<sup>st</sup> century society. Accelerating the availability of fiber optic networks for all European citizens is a key phase in building the nervous system of this future digital society.

Joël Mau will contribute to the studies that the FTTH Council Europe provides to European decision-makers in both the public and private sectors, by using the multidisciplinary approach adopted by the Institut Mines-Télécom, which works with stakeholders across the digital sector.

'By accelerating the availability of FTTH networks – that is, fiber optic for citizens of all countries and for humanity as a whole – Europe could achieve its aim of moving from the age of copper into a new optical era,' Joël Mau observes.

'By working with telecoms providers across Europe, the Institut aims to contribute research and a broader vision of and perspective on the impact of super-fast broadband,' explains Francis Jutand, Scientific Director at the Institut Mines-Télécom.

Joël Mau graduated as an Ingénieur Général (Senior Engineer) from the Corps des Mines. Since 2011, he has worked as Mission Director at the Institut Mines-Télécom, where he oversees multidisciplinary research into fiber optic networks in partnership with a number of stakeholders from both the private and public sectors in France and abroad. He previously worked as Director of Broadband, Super-fast Broadband and Local Authority Relations at the French telecommunications regulator ARCEP (Autorité de Régulation, des Communications Électroniques et des Postes) and as Development Director for Fixed Networks and Network Support Engineering (copper, fiber optic, terrestrial and satellite wireless) at Orange.



### About the Institut Mines-Télécom [www.mines-telecom.fr](http://www.mines-telecom.fr)

The Institut Mines-Télécom is a public establishment dedicated to higher education, research and innovation in the engineering and digital fields. It is made up of 10 Mines and Télécom "grandes écoles", under the aegis of the Minister for Productivity.

There are 2 subsidiary schools and 2 strategic partners and a network of 11 partner schools.

The Institut Mines-Télécom is nationally and internationally renowned for the high standard of its courses for engineers, managers and PhD students, and its research and innovation activities.

The Institut Mines-Télécom is a member of the Allistene, Aviesan and Athena national alliances for research planning. It maintains close relationships with the business world and has two Instituts Carnot. Every year, some one hundred start-up businesses are born.

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