



Connect network test: "very good" for Swisscom again

After seven years in a row as test winner, Swisscom takes second place in Switzerland and in the three-country comparison of Germany, Austria and Switzerland in this year's mobile phone network test conducted by trade magazine connect. Swisscom congratulates Sunrise on taking first place this year. Swisscom is forging ahead with the network expansion for its 6.6 million mobile customers: 99% of the Swiss population can now surf on 4G/LTE, with 40% already able to use LTE advanced.

"We are delighted to be awarded 'very good' although we are disappointed not to win the title for the eighth time in row," says Heinz Herren, CIO and CTO Swisscom. "We want to continue to offer our customers the best network and will continue to expand this massively in the future." In its test report, trade magazine connect states: "The test results clearly show that last year's winner Swisscom has improved over the past 12 months. Swisscom customers can rest assured that these excellent results mean that this provider would take the number one position in the test field in Germany or Austria immediately." The results show that infrastructure competition in Switzerland spurs the companies to maximum performance. Swiss customers benefit from mobile phone coverage that is among the best and most advanced in the world.

The network expansion continues

Customers are using their smartphones with increasing intensity and the mobile data volume needed in doubling annually. To meet customer requirements for increased capacity and higher speeds, Swisscom is continually expanding its mobile phone network. Swisscom now covers 99% of the Swiss population with 4G/LTE and around 40% with LTE advanced (with max. speeds of up to 300 Mbit/s). To increase capacity at busy sites, Swisscom has developed antenna solutions in cable ducts. Following successful pilots in the cities of Basel, Bern, Lausanne and Zurich, negotiations to expand the technology are continuing with other towns and communities. Swisscom has invested a total of CHF 1.8 billion in its infrastructure in 2016.



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Alongside the expansion of the mobile phone network with 4G/LTE, Swisscom is also researching the latest 5G mobile technology standard. In conjunction with Ericsson and research partner Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Swisscom has established the "5G for Switzerland" programme and is working intensively on the development of the new mobile telephony standard, aiming to launch it on its network in 2020. www.swisscom.ch/5g

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