

## **Dietlikon and Swisscom agree on joint fibre-optic expansion**

**Swisscom and Gemeindewerke Dietlikon (Dietlikon Municipal Utilities) are planning to collaborate on construction of the fibre-optic network in the Zurich municipality of Dietlikon. With this in mind, the partners signed a Declaration of Intent at the beginning of February. In future, Gemeindewerke Dietlikon and Swisscom will each have a fibre-optic link over which they can offer customers in the municipality telephony, ultra high-speed Internet and TV services. Swisscom will cover 60 percent of the investment needed for the new fibre-optic network.**

Following lengthy and intensive negotiations between Gemeindewerke Dietlikon and Swisscom, both partners are pleased to have reached an agreement which can be carried out not only cost-effectively but also efficiently and without causing any additional emissions for the local population. Customers in Dietlikon who are already able to use fibre-optic services from various telecoms providers will soon also be able to order services from Swisscom. Fibre to the home (FTTH) connection already enables Internet speeds of 100 Mbps, but theoretically virtually unlimited speeds are possible. Customers can therefore simultaneously access several TV channels in HD quality, transmit data at ultra-fast speeds, and they are well set up for future Internet applications. Expansion is scheduled for completion as early as 2014 when all 3,800 homes and businesses in the municipality will be connected to the high-speed fibre-optic network. Swisscom will cover 60 percent of the investment needed.

Gemeindewerke Dietlikon have been building the fibre-optic network since 2010, after Dietlikon residents had voted overwhelmingly in favour of constructing a municipal fibre-optic network. The Declaration of Intent signed with Gemeindewerke Dietlikon will now allow Swisscom to market its fibre-optic services throughout the municipal region alongside existing telecoms providers.

### **Four optical fibres per connection pave the way for competition**

At least four optical fibres per home and business will be laid in Dietlikon. This is in line with ComCom recommendations. The fibre-optic network allows customers to choose between services from

Swisscom or other telecoms providers who have access to the fibre-optic network. This means that customers can benefit from attractive offers from various different service providers.

**Fibre-optic cooperation already agreed with 22 locations throughout Switzerland**

Swisscom is driving forward fibre-optic expansion, with fibre-optic network access currently being rolled out to a new household or business in Switzerland roughly every two minutes. The new network is already being expanded in 22 cities and municipalities in cooperation with electrical utilities or cable network operators. By the end of December 2012, fibre to the home (FTTH) had been rolled out to some 552,000 households and businesses. This figure is set to rise to around a million by the end of 2015 – equivalent to one-third of all households in Switzerland. In 2013 alone, Swisscom is investing CHF 1.75 billion in the expansion of its infrastructure.

**Future-ready infrastructure in Dietlikon**

The municipality of Dietlikon not only enjoys proximity to Zurich Airport, ideal public transport connections and rapid access to the motorway network. This leafy suburb also offers its residents an attractive place to live and is an excellent business location for national and international companies. Dietlikon was quick to recognise the advantages of a forward-looking infrastructure and took steps to build a fibre-optic network to cover the entire municipality. Telecoms companies can offer their services over Dietlikon's fibre-optic network free from discrimination. Thanks to brisk competition, customers benefit from high quality at attractive prices. For further information, visit [www.dietlikon.ch](http://www.dietlikon.ch) or call 044 835 83 00.

**Further information about Swisscom's fibre-optic network:**

[www.swisscom.ch/fiber](http://www.swisscom.ch/fiber)

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