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ENEL OPEN FIBER AND CITY OF CATANIA JOIN FORCES FOR THE DIGITALISATION OF THE CITY

- *Enel Open Fiber's plan for Catania provides for the coverage of 115,000 premises by the end of 2018*
- *Fibre optic cabling will be brought to customers' homes via the Fiber to the Home (FTTH) method, which will be capable of supporting download and upload speeds of up to 1 Gbps*

Catania, July 19th, 2016 - The city of Catania and Enel Open Fiber (EOF), the Enel Group company for the development of a national ultra-broadband infrastructure, have signed the first agreement that will allow the laying of fibre optic cabling across the whole city.

EOF is interested in creating a fibre optic, ultra-broadband telecommunications network for Catania, while at the same time ensuring its operation and maintenance, as well as offering, under non-discriminatory technical and economic conditions, wholesale access rights to all operators that request them.

Enel Open Fiber's plan for the city of Catania provides for works to begin in September 2016, with a coverage of 50% of the premises by June 2017 and 80% by the end of September 2018, for a total of 115,000 premises being wired up, 200 km of underground cabling and 360 km of overhead cabling.

The fibre optic cabling will be brought to customers' homes via the Fiber to the Home (FTTH) method, which will be capable of supporting download and upload speeds of up to 1 Gbps.

EOF has stipulated separately with Vodafone and Wind, in this early stage of the partnership, contracts relating to the cabling of the first 10 cities provided for in its ultra-broadband development plan. The agreements provide for the activation by Vodafone and Wind of new customers on the network that EOF will create, guaranteeing coverage for at least 80% of each city's premises within the time frame indicated in the roll-out plan. EOF will also ensure the operation and maintenance of the new infrastructure.

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