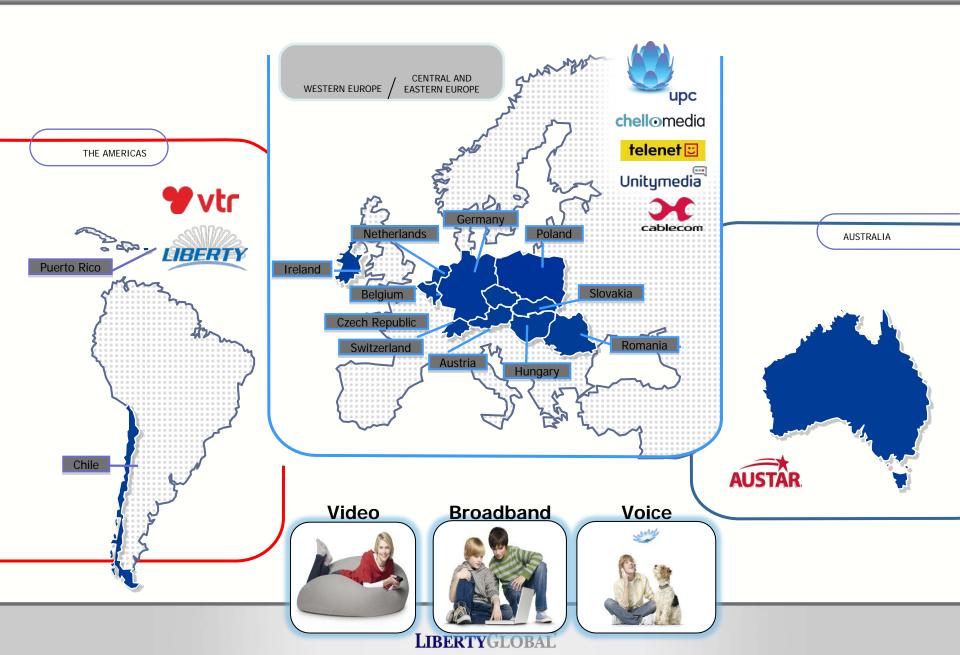


# Assessing business models to fund next generation access

NMHH 'All for Broadband - Broadband for All'

Chris Hutchins, Director Public Policy, Liberty Global Europe Budapest 3 March 2011

## **Liberty Global Footprint**



# Cable operators have moved from TV-only to multi-play

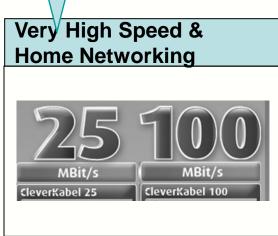
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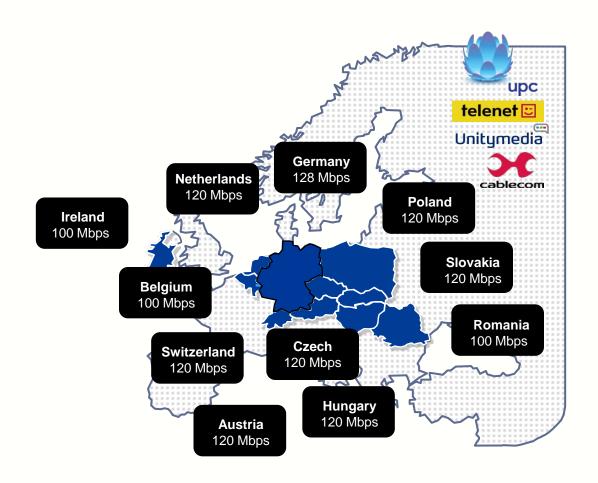








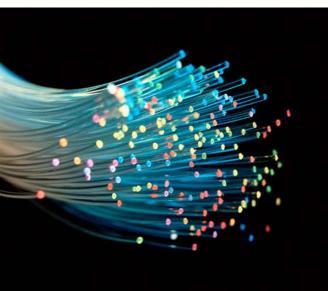
## NGA speeds offered in footprint



\* Announced



## Contribution to EC's Digital Agenda



- Around 100,000 km Fibre in EU
- Cable speeds start where DSL ends
- DOCSIS 3.0 delivers up to 400 Mbps
- Trials in Germany and Switzerland beyond 1G/Bit

### **Broadband Access**

100% with 30 Mbps

50% with 100 Mbps

**EU Goal** 

2020

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Cable operators

100% Today

80% YE 2010



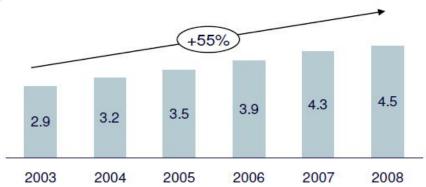
## Cable is a major investor

## Cable operators are investing heavily to realize first encompassing NGA infrastructure

INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION

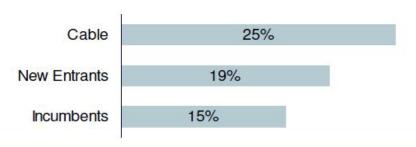
Cable has invested, Telcos have not in the past years

### Investments of the European Cable Industry €bn



### Investments Levels in comparison

% of annual revenue, 2008



- Cable operators have invested over €22bn into the network over the past 6 years
- On average, this is a Capex of 25% of revenues
- Cable thus invests significantly more than incumbents and new DSL entrants
- With these investments Cable realizes the first encompassing NGA infrastructure

source: Solon



### An outperformer

### Cable with superior high speed performance

BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITION

Cable vs. Incumbent-Marketed Bandwidths: Cable in the Lead in Mbps, August 2009



Cable is the true accelerator of NGA investments by telecom incumbents

- In many countries, Cable offers 2-6 times the best incumbent offer
- With implementation of EuroDOCSIS 3.0, Cable continues to lead in high-speed
- CEO's estimate by 2012, 40% of their customers will be at 10-50 Mbps, another 20% even >50 Mbps

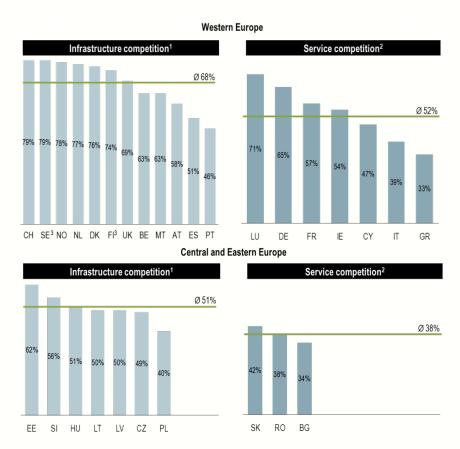
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## The result: Broadband penetration pushed by infrastructure competition

BROADBAND FOR ALL – ALREADY TODAY IN DENSLY POPULATED AREAS

### Broadband penetration in Europe % of households, 2009



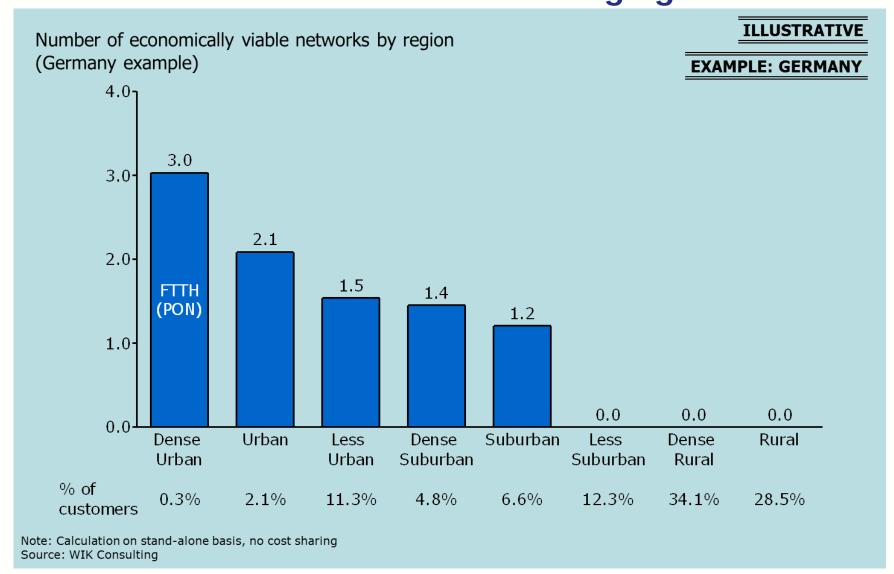
1) Market share of Cable and Fibre > 20%, <sup>2)</sup> Market share of Cable and Fibre < 20%, <sup>3)</sup> Although cable market share is slightly less than 20% in Sweden and Finland, strong fibre presence suggest high degree of infrastructure competition, Note: EU-27 countries + Switzerland and Norway

- Broadband penetration significantly higher in active Cable markets characterized by infrastructure competition
  - Western Europe:

     Average 68%
     penetration in cable
     driven markets
  - Central & Eastern
     Europe:
     Average 51%
     penetration in cable
     driven markets
- "Cable markets" reach higher penetration quicker



## Economic feasibility of multiple parallel FTTH infrastructures challenging





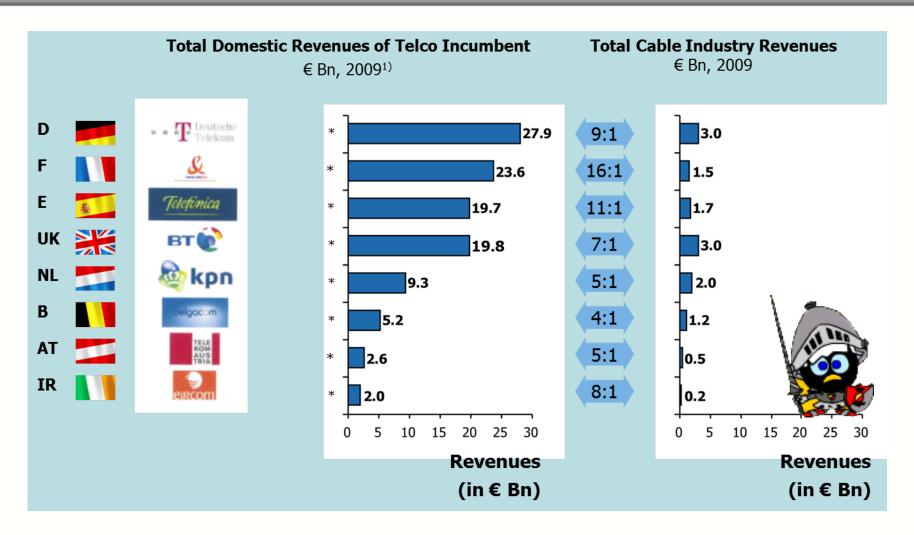
## **Cable Challenges**

Cable consolidation in Europe



- Cable is still mostly fragmented in 7000 companies across Europe, compared to 23 incumbents
- Consolidation has strengthened broadband competition in Europe
- European competition authorities systematically approved cable consolidation resulting in healthy competitors to the incumbent
- Telecoms incumbents continue to be the dominant players (factor 4 to 16)

### A need for Scale



Note: Revenues include fixed telephony, mobile, telephony, internet access, and TV distribution

1) Figures not fully consistent due to different revenue categories and reporting periods; 2) Exchange rates as of 26 May 2010

Sources: Screen Digest, Annual Reports, oanda.com, Booz & Company analysis



## -I-DTV essential for television to compete

#### TV Guide



### Video On Demand



### **Catch Up TV**



**Channel On Demand** 



Search



**Series Linking** 



**Self Care** 



**Dual Recording** 



Kids Zone



**Pay Per View** 



**Interactive Programs** 

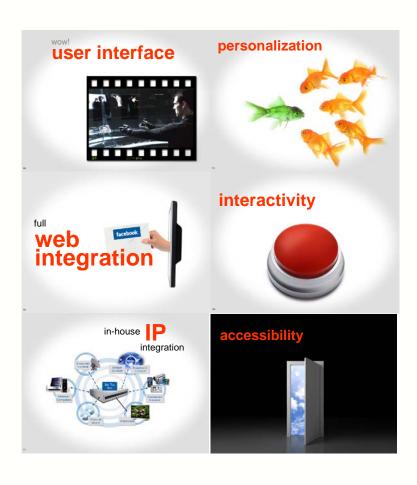


**Interactive Advertising** 





## The Future: Digital interactive TV



- ✓ The future is not just broadband, but the whole e-digital ecosystem, which includes TV
- ✓ Digital penetration in Europe to double in the next four years from 35 to 75%.
- Core driver of cable investment and innovation is digital interactive television. HD, DVR, VOD and later 3D - more than just gadgets
- ✓ The next revolution is where the television will meet the internet. Building seamless user interface will be the next challenge!
- We invest billions in making the TV smarter, integrate with the web and cooperate with broadcasters
- ✓ This is fundamentally transforming the television ecosystem, allowing for new business models and additional revenue streams
- Accelerating speed, Accelerating IDTV

