

Di² Summit 2019
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Roundtable: **FTTH roll out: Trends in rural areas**

Roundtable Host(s): **Prof Hartwig Tauber, nöGIG – Niederösterreichische Glasfaserinfrastrukturgesellschaft mbH**

NOTE: This workshop will be held in GERMAN

Time: **10:30-11:30**

Room: **Vienna**



Prof Hartwig Tauber:

Hartwig Tauber is CEO of nöGIG Group which implements the rural FTTH roll out in Lower Austria. After a pilot phase with 35.000 homes passed in very rural areas, phase 2 of the project started end 2019. This second phase is a PPP with Allianz Capital Partners (ACP) to deploy FTTH to another 100.000 rural homes in Lower Austria. Since beginning 2020, Hartwig is also CEO of öGIG GmbH and represents the ACP broadband investments in Austria.

Before taking over nöGIG in 2016, Hartwig was managing director of the FTTH Council Europe for more than 10 years.

Objective:

The workshop will discuss trends and solutions for FTTH roll out in very rural areas in Europe. As a result of this workshop, participants should get a good overview on different projects and solutions to enable future proof fibre broadband for underserved areas.

Format:

- Interactive workshop with max. 15 participants
- One 1h session
- Presentations only support the workshop discussion. The major focus is the active participation and integration of the participants
- Chatham House rules apply for every Di² Summit Workshop and secure the high-level trustful environment

Content of the Roundtable:

The Roundtable will discuss the following questions:

1. What are the main challenges for rural areas regarding fibre roll-out?
2. How can PPP models look like for such areas?
3. What are the requirements of investors to invest in rural FTTH projects?
4. Are state aid regulations really a challenge for rural fibre roll out?