

HGI GOING STRONG FOLLOWING BIARRITZ MEETING

30 April, 2010 – During its highly successful first member meeting of 2010 the Home Gateway Initiative (HGI) made important progress in key topics concerning the deployment of broadband services in the home, and also announced that seven new members have joined the organisation since its last meeting in December 2009.

HGI also made the decision to launch a focussed study of requirements for the convergent digital home that would enable multi-platform support of services.

Luca Giacomello, Project Manager at Telecom Italia, commented: “The convergent digital home embraces convergence not only at the connectivity layer, but also at the software and services layers, and it is a key topic for Telecom Italia. We fully support HGI’s work to determine requirements on home network infrastructure, devices, and software modules that will lead to a richer set of interoperable, cross-platform residential services.”

As HGI’s momentum in addressing key topics of interest to broadband service providers and their vendor ecosystems continues to grow, the question of Next Generation Access (NGA), involving new types of fibre deployments to the home, has also been named an area of strong interest in HGI. The Biarritz meeting saw David Thorne, Chief Broadband and Access Strategist at BT, presenting the keynote speech outlining possible impacts of NGA on home network equipment evolution and the Home Gateway.

David commented: “As fibre deployments progress, the impacts upon home networks need to be addressed. HGI includes many service providers and vendors dealing with NGA, and it will have a key role in determining the resultant equipment requirements.”

The Biarritz meeting also provided the perfect opportunity to launch the new HGI website to its members - www.homegateway.org – featuring the Initiative’s new mission statements and scope.

With major work on energy efficiency, convergence and software modularity leading HGI into 2010, it looks set to become a benchmark year for the organisation.

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For further information, please visit the new website at www.homegatewayinitiative.org or email contact@homegatewayinitiative.org,

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About the Home Gateway Initiative

The HGI, founded in 2004 by nine telecom operators, is shaping the next generation of internet and voice services. Starting from use-cases and service needs, the HGI sets requirements for Home Gateways, infrastructure devices, and the home network. The HGI now has members from across the globe, representing the entire spectrum of players in the broadband home area.

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