

## Connecting regions, people and knowledge: Fiber to the home (FTTH)



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- Water, electricity, internet = right of every citizen
- FTTH-network is the basis of future everywhere
  - Should cover 100%
- Possible?
  - ENGAGE & manifesto
  - Broadband Investment Guide
  - Different models
    - Stokab
    - Regional open access networks owned by local authorities or people







- Benefits:
  - Savings for municipalities while preparing for the future
  - People working from rural area to urban and opposite
  - Enables existing businesses to grow and new ones to be developed
  - Access to services in the cities
  - People are able to share knowledge world wide without physically leaving
  - Increases competitiveness, vitality & simply happiness of the regions!





## Regions of Smart & Green Growth - Pilot led by Suupohja -





- Program of the Finnish Ministry of Employment and the Economy
- 15 cities, municipalities and rural regions
- *Aim:* 
  - Partners develop Smart & Green platforms, concepts and pilots
  - Each partner creates their own unity, ecosystem & new business possibilities
  - Together partners develop national operations
- Why:
  - Also rural regions need local solutions for renewable energy, smart ICT applications and resource wisdom
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> industrial revolution is on its way!



- Benefits:
  - New type of cooperation in Finland where small and big regions work together
  - Small regions can be flexible pilot platforms for new solutions
  - Gives competitive advantage, brings new motivation, increases employment => higher vitality!
- Examples:
  - Suupohja, Vaasa, Oulu together developing smart grid
    - Suupohja: renewable energy sources & FTTH-network
    - Vaasa: knowledge about software
    - Oulu: Center for Internet Excellence
  - Results benefit the whole society but gives extra advantage for these regions!

