

Axis 1

(of the National Strategy for Telecommunications)



«Infrastructure Development»

New Generation Access Networks



A WORLD OF POTENTIAL FOR ALL



We invest in a state-of-the-art Optical Fiber Network which changes the everyday life of the Greek citizen and creates a leading role for the country in the new digital era.

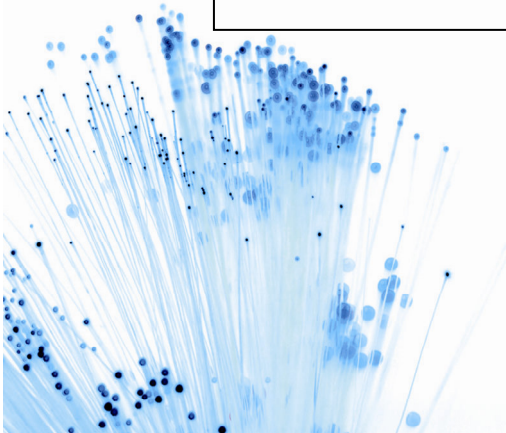
*A project that will allow **simultaneous** viewing of high definition channels, videophone services – that is to talk on the phone and see the person we are talking to – very high, consistent and reliable internet bandwidth, e-education and tele-medicine services at home etc.*



Project Objective



*Development of an open-access passive network that will provide optical fiber to approx. **2,000,000 homes and businesses**, in Athens, Thessalonika and **at least 50 other cities** across Greece.*



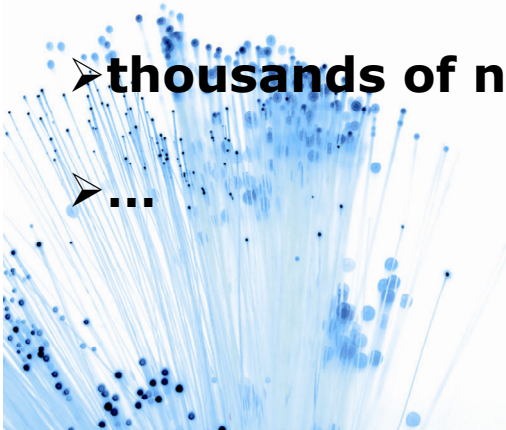
Targets



This project is part of the “Digital Strategy 2006-2013”, expanding the digital infrastructure and networks already developed and thus giving to the country the potential to **lead** and win a very large bet in continuing development. In this way:

- **large private investments are directly activated**
- **the “digital gap” that separates us from the leading European nations is closed, aiding thus the National Digital Convergence**
- **thousands of new highly specialized jobs are being created**

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Targets



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- **the competitiveness of national telecom industry is upgraded, providing higher quality services to consumers**
- **all branches of economy are benefited by implementing efficient administration and production systems**
- **business is encouraged in electronic services of high added value with potential for developing exportable services**
- **existing public infrastructure and next generation networks, funded in Axis 4 of the Information Society program are being utilized in the best possible way (eg. 75 Metropolitan Networks)**
- **the creation of successful national action plans is enhanced, in areas such as administration, environmental protection (by reducing unnecessary travel for example), mass implementation of tele-medicine and e-education etc.**

Survey Data^(*)



- About **90%** of the participants answered that they believe this **project is important** (as analytically presented during the survey)
- Over **80%** of the sample thinks that **state participation is necessary** in planning and implementing this project
- **Eight out of ten** persons asked would like to see the project **starting immediately**
- About **nine out of ten** people would tolerate some level of disturbance in their neighborhood.
- Whereas **nine out of ten** would tolerate some disturbance in their own building.

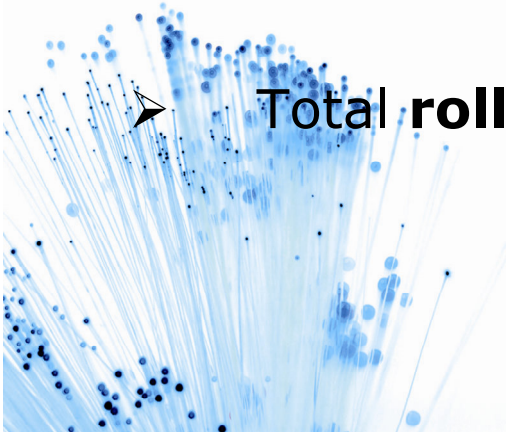
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Pulse RC (www.pulserc.gr) survey for the Ministry of Transport & Communications, conducted by telephone between 27/8/2008 and 29/8 /2008 with a sample of 2,120 persons in Attiki, Thessaloniki prefectures and in the municipalities of Patra, Heraklion and Larissa, using the method of random sampling on people over the age of 18. (mean statistical deviation +/-5%)

Project Prerequisites



- **“Open Access”** network model.
- **Optical fiber** to cover the increasing needs for bandwidth **of at least 100Mbps per user.**
- **Infrastructure Provider Model** for the construction maintenance and supply of the passive infrastructure (dark fiber) to telecom providers.
- Total **rollout** duration for the network: **7 years.**



Project Funding



- The project will be realized by implementing the law for **Public Private Partnerships** (SDIT) in such a way that competition terms are fully observed. A **Special Scope Company** will be established. The duration of the partnership will be **30 years**.
- The state will pay **availability dividends** that will correspond to a percentage of the total investment budget, while the proportion of public-private participation will be fixed following delegation with the EC.
- Potential for **financing on competitive terms**, via the European Investment Bank.

Monetary/financial Data



- Indicative project budget: **2.100.000.000 €.**
- For the faster rollout of the network the project will be split into **3 geographical areas** corresponding to **3 PPPs.**
- **Revenues via the availability and use fees** of the passive infrastructure by the telecom and content providers.
- Possibility for **state aid** of the **end users** covering costs for vertical wiring via the EU's **National Strategic Reference Framework** .

The State Role



State intervention will be via:

- **financial support**
- **legal/ regulatory interventions**
- **establishing technical standards & requirements**

...aiming at minimising risk of investment, assuring swift profitability while creating at the same time a safe environment of equal terms for all market players.

Regulatory Framework



The Regulatory Framework will include legislative and regulation aspects to facilitate implementation of the optical fiber network.

Indicatively :

- **Rights-of-Way** for new and existing infrastructure
- **Development Requirements** for new infrastructure
- **Rights-of-Way** for public use networks
- Development of **aerial-wiring** networks
- **Rights-of-Way fees**
- **Access regulations** to private buildings public places etc.

Technical Requirements



A common ministerial decision which will cover **Technical Specifications** for indoor networks of electronic communication networks is being prepared.

Establishing technical specifications includes a **full installation guide for indoor optical fiber networks** and assures the **non-restriction of fiber network installations** in new and existing buildings.

In addition it describes all technical specifications regarding issues of:

- access to sites
- expansion potential
- installation and maintenance
- operational efficiency etc.

Next Steps



By the end of 2008:

- Preparation and Submission of the Project Proposal to the EC
- Public Delegation on the final Project Proposal.

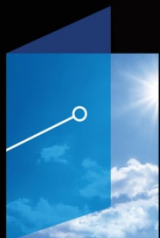
First Semester 2009:

- Project approval by the inter-ministerial committee for PPPs.
- PPP consultant selection – Preparation of tender dossiers.

Second Semester 2009:

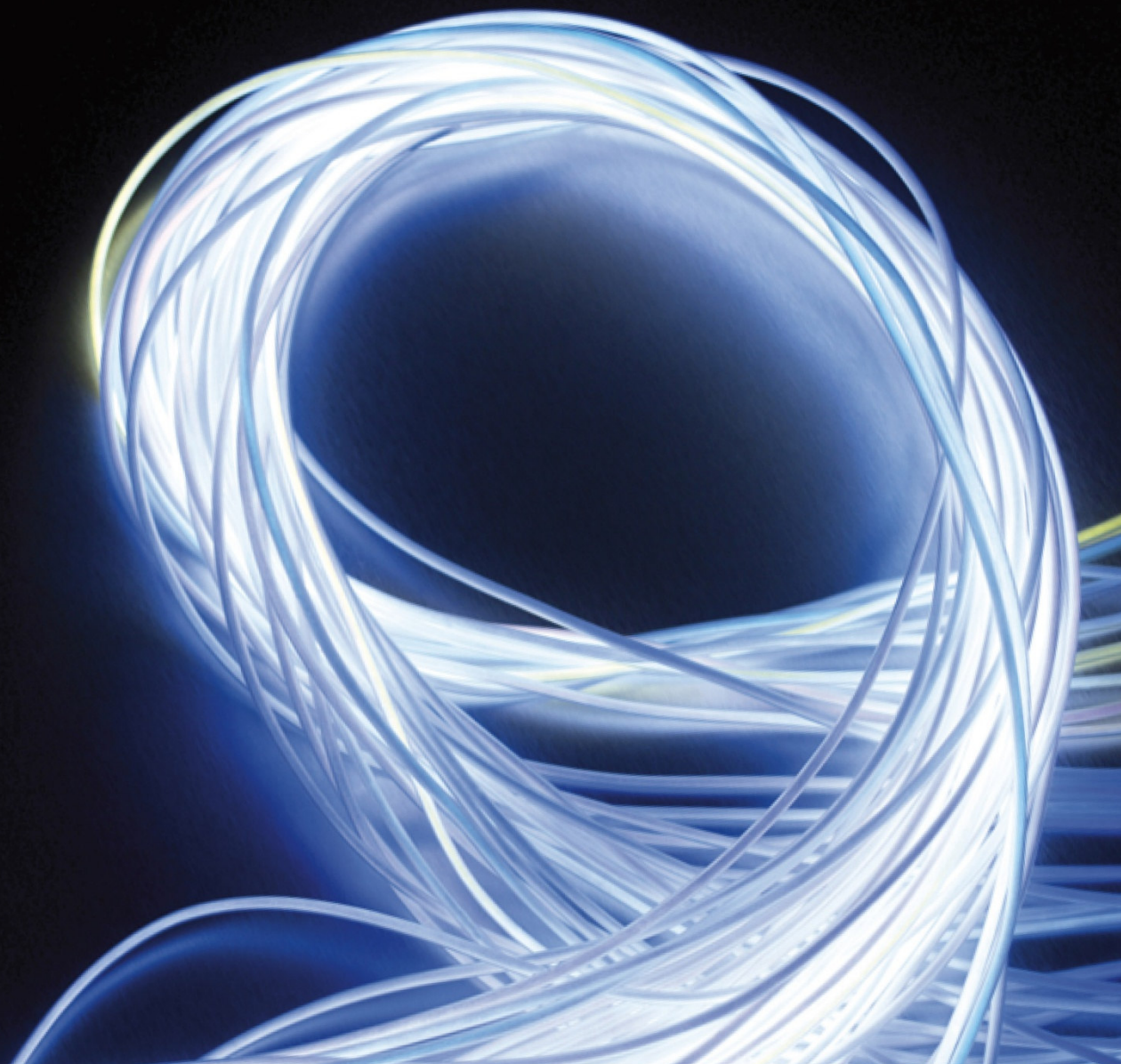
- International public tender for the project.

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