

PARIS



The Digital City



Once upon a time....

Paris City Hall

was a

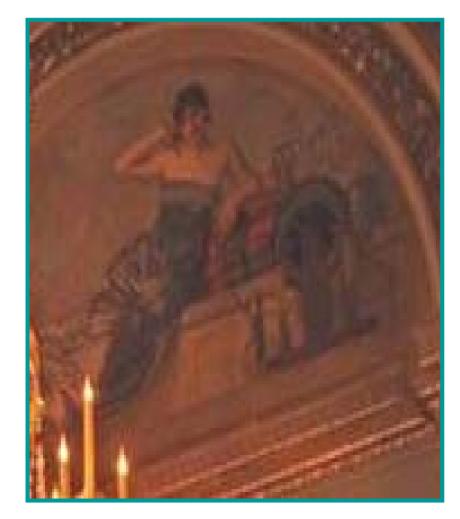
«smart building»

As you can see in this

mural of

a lady using ...

...A brand new telephone.





While in the foreground,

- Myself
- Deborah Taylor Tate
 FCC Commissioner
- Sylviane Toporkoff
 President Global Forum

are toying with our mobiles...

During the Global Forum, last year in Paris





Paris « City of lights ». Now the light is digital....





The Parvi Program 2001



Paris launched
an innovative program:

Parvi
Paris the Digital City.





The Parvi program focuses on

The deployment of

- very high-speed networks
- wireless technologies on the provision of Internet access for all.

Takes in account French Telecom regulations:
Only cities where no offer is available
can operate wired and wireless networks
This is not the case in Paris

So, The Parvi Program encourages telecom companies to deploy wired and wireless broadband in Paris



For example:

The sewer and water distribution systems in Paris provide a dense network of well maintained and easily accessible pathways = easier & less costly to install a *fiber network*



Using this unique characteristic

The City has decided to lower by 25% the fees for the operators to use the sewer and water distribution systems to install their fiber.





The Target:

To connect by 2009
80% of Paris' buildings
⇒high-speed networks
(fiber optic)