



Press Note

TIM celebrates Internet Day with 1,100 municipalities connected via fibre optics and 6,300 reached by 4G

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Approximately 1,100 Italian municipalities are now reached by fixed ultrabroadband and 6,300 by TIM's mobile ultrabroadband, there are more than 150,000 roadside cabinets of which more than 56,000 are fibre optics, a wealth of more than 11 million kilometres of fibre optics, 10,400 telephone exchanges throughout the territory and 33 million termination units installed in homes. These are the figures that make the TIM network the most capillary in Italy and with which the company today celebrates Internet Day, with a dedicated area on its website telecomitalia.com/InternetDay and the hashtag #InternetDay.

"Our commitment to the digitisation of the country is concrete. The Telecom Italia Group has written the history of telecommunications, performing a fundamental role in building the fixed and mobile network infrastructure", said Telecom Italia Group Chairman Giuseppe Recchi on Internet Day. *"Thanks to the major investment plan dedicated to ultrabroadband, we are proceeding at a rate of 250 km of fibre optic cables laid on average every hour. The fixed and mobile network infrastructure now reaches over 45% of properties with fixed ultrabroadband services, and over 91% of the population with 4G. The goal is to bring fibre optics to 84% of homes - of which 20% also in FTTH technology - and to have 98% mobile ultrabroadband coverage by the end of 2018.*

30 years since the first Internet connection was made in Italy, TIM networks provide connectivity in excess of 100 Mbit/s, up to 1 Gigabit/s by fibre optics and up to 300 Mbit/s in 4G, giving simultaneous access to multimedia content on smartphones, tablets and smart TVs. Public Administration and businesses can also make the most of innovative solutions and applications made possible by the new generation network, according to the digital life model. As an identity provider accredited by AGID, TIM, through the company Trust Technologies, makes TIM ID available, the single digital ID that allows citizens and businesses to communicate easily and immediately on-line with the PA and businesses adhering to the public digital identity system (Sistema Pubblico di Identità Digitale - SPID).

TIM will continue to drive the digitisation of the country thanks to the investments forecast in the 2016-2018 business plan of 12 billion euros, of which 4.8 billion are dedicated to the development of ultrabroadband (3.6 billion for the fixed network and 1.2 billion for the mobile one), with a significant portion (approximately 20% of the total investment) allocated to FTTH technology.

By doing this, TIM will contribute to achieving the objectives of the Digital Agenda for Europe 2020, which provide for 100% of the population to be covered with new generation networks for browsing the Internet at 30 Mbits/s or more, and connections of at least 100 Mbit/s in 50% of homes.

TIM is supporting the sustainable growth of the country's economy and the improvement in the quality of life of citizens, particularly with a view to creating shared social value. Also thanks to the development of ultrabroadband, TIM in fact estimates having generated an economic contribution for the country in the region of 9 billion euros, with a positive impact on the GDP of half a percentage point. The company is also involved in actions seeking to ensure energy efficiency, which have enabled a reduction in emissions in the amount of 37,000 tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

To celebrate Internet Day, TIM is offering its customers one day of Internet free of charge, at 4G speed. From today until tomorrow 30 April, all prepaid consumer customers can activate the free option "1 Giga per te", valid in Italy until midnight the day after activation, using the My TIM Mobile APP or on tim.it.

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