



## Press Note

### **In Italy, 2,500 municipalities are covered by TIM's landline UBB connections**

*19 million homes – representing 80% of Italy's UBB coverage – can already enjoy ultra-fast speeds; in 2020, 100 municipalities to be covered with FttH for speeds of up to 1 Gigabit/s*

*TIM's networks and UBB services are crucial for the development of 5G technologies and the making of the Gigabit Society*

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After successfully closing the frequency auction of the Ministry of Economic Development by securing the most prestigious frequency blocks for a total investment of 2.4 billion euros, TIM reaches the milestone of 2,500 Italian municipalities reached with fixed line ultrabroadband services, with a maximum download speed of between 100 and 1,000 Mbps depending on the network architecture chosen, providing for 80% coverage of the country with over 19 million homes reached.

Thanks to FTTC and EVDSL technology, around 1,800 municipalities already benefit from connections with download speeds of up to 200 Mbps, while already 116 municipalities – including 30 major cities – enjoy speeds of up to 1 Gigabit with super-fast FTTH connections, providing total coverage of over 2.9 million homes.

On mobile, TIM's 4G coverage has already reached 98% of the population.

TIM's UBB services rely on state-of-the-art and dynamic telecommunications networks, including 16 million kilometres of fibre currently deployed nationwide - equal to 41 times the distance between the earth and the moon, almost 400 times the circumference of our planet. This snapshot confirms TIM's leadership position and its key role in supporting Italy's digitisation process towards the Gigabit Society. A target that is closer thanks to the performance of the new 5G networks and the rise in adoption of more and more digital services by citizens, businesses and public administration.

Between now and 2020, TIM will continue to develop ultrabroadband networks, making FTTH ultrabroadband connections available in further locations, and reach up to 100 major municipalities. The first 5G services will also be launched following the success of technological trials and the installation of the first new generation antennas already active in Turin, San Marino, Bari and Matera (in these last two cities in collaboration with Fastweb and Huawei). As part of its DigiTIM Strategic Plan, the company will continue to focus on digital innovation as a key element in encouraging further growth in the demand for innovative services in Italy; these services are already able to revolutionise our lives within an environment (the Internet of Things) where everything is smarter and more connected: from urban mobility to security, e-government to health, environmental monitoring to transport, tourism and entertainment.

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