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Swiss4net connects the municipality of Wettingen with fibre optics

In the next two to three years, the municipality of Wettingen in the canton of Aargau will be provided with a comprehensive point-to-point fibre optic network (FTTH). This will be realised through a long-term partnership between Energie Wettingen and Swiss4net. As part of this partnership, Swiss4net is financing the construction of the FTTH network which it will subsequently operate through its wholly owned subsidiary, Wettingen4net AG. The new FTTH network in Wettingen is available to all interested telecom providers.

As a specialist in the construction, operation and financing of future-proof, environmentally friendly and high-performance point-to-point FTTH fibre networks, Swiss4net has already financed, built and successfully operates the FTTH networks in Chiasso, Vacallo, Morbio Inferiore, Balerna, Baden and Ennetbaden. The FTTH networks in Unter- and Obersiggenthal, Ascona, Pully and Morges are currently under construction. After completion of these projects and the FTTH network in Wettingen with over 11,000 connections, Swiss4net will already serve over 70,000 households and businesses in Switzerland with fibre-optic connections.

Energie Wettingen is convinced that a high-performance fibre optic network is an important location factor. Guido Hüni, CEO of Energie Wettingen, explains: "A state-of-the-art fibre optic network meets the need for fast and reliable Internet connections and also increases the attractiveness of a municipality like Wettingen. Energie Wettingen is not assuming any financial risks in this partnership and has found with Swiss4net an experienced partner in the construction and operation of FTTH networks."

A win-win situation for all involved

Energie Wettingen provides existing pipe facilities through which Swiss4net can pull in the optical fibres without having to build unnecessarily. In return, Swiss4net pays Energie Wettingen for a long-term right of use. Thanks to the partnership between Energie Wettingen and Swiss4net, the municipality of Wettingen gains a modern telecom infrastructure at no investment of their own. Swiss4net will take care of that.

Roger Heggli, CEO of Swiss4net, is pleased: "For several years we have been successfully operating the FTTH network of Baden and Ennetbaden with our Baden4net AG and are currently building the network in Unter- and Obersiggenthal with Siggenthal4net AG. We are very pleased that we are now also able to provide the neighbouring municipality of Wettingen with a comprehensive fibre optic network. With the new FTTH point-to-point network in Wettingen, we are further expanding our presence in German-speaking Switzerland. Our goal is to operate several hundred thousand fibre connections in homes and businesses throughout Switzerland."

Wettingen4net operates the FTTH network

As of now, the planning phase is underway with the detailed analyses and the dispatch of the building connection contracts for the building owners. By signing these, the owners secure a free fibre optic connection to their flats, houses or business premises. It is planned that the construction of the network will start in 2022 and is expected to take two to three years. For this purpose, Swiss4net is founding a local operating company, the wholly owned subsidiary Wettingen4net AG, which will assume responsibility for the entire construction and subsequent operation of the fibre optic network.

Wettingen4net's new FTTH network is open to all interested telecom providers without discrimination. This means that the population of Wettingen will soon be able to benefit from ultra-fast internet and state-of-the-art TV and telephony services from national and regional providers on the fibre optic network.

Swiss4net relies on a pure point-to-point model for all its FTTH networks, ensuring that all end customers and businesses receive their own fibres. In addition, two additional fibres are available in each building for future applications.

About Swiss4net

Swiss4net is the partner with the long-term all-round carefree package for point-to-point FTTH fibre optic expansion for municipalities, cities and utilities. Unlike other providers, Swiss4net takes care of everything from planning through construction, to operation. Municipalities, cities and energy supply companies incur no costs and assume no financial risks. The resulting environmentally friendly fibre optic network increases the attractiveness of municipalities and cities and enables the free choice of telecom provider through non-discriminatory access. Swiss4net currently operates the point-to-point FTTH

fibre optic network in Baden and Ennetbaden as well as in Chiasso, Vacallo, Morbio Inferiore and Balerna. In Ascona, Pully, Morges as well as Unter- and Obersiggenthal, the point-to-point FTTH fibre networks are currently being expanded and some are already in operation.

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