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**Free Fiber** is now available to all of the homes covered by the **Haute Saône Numérique** Public Initiative Network (PIN).

Free's arrival on this network further demonstrates its commitment to the rollout of fiber throughout France in line with its aim of having a presence on the networks deployed in local communities.

Through the Haute Saône Numérique network, Free is now offering its Fiber services to 19,000 homes in the following 46 municipalities:

Lure Grav Arc-lès-Grav Luxeuil-les-Bains Rioz Villersexel Magny-Vernois Voray-sur-l'Ognon Frotey-lès-Lure Saint-Sauveur Rigny Chargey-lès-Gray Vy-lès-Lure Froideconche Boulot Pin

Boult Chaux-la-Lotière Étuz Lyoffans Bussières Chambornay-lès-Pin Neuvelle-lès-Cromarv Sorans-lès-Breurey Buthiers Vereux Perrouse La Malachère Montureux-et-Prantigny Cromary Palante Aillevans

Gézier-et-Fontenelay Vregille Moimay Andornay Villers-la-Ville Saint-Sulpice Traitiéfontaine Cirey Villargent Gray-la-Ville Longevelle Autrey-le-Vay Magny-Jobert Les Magny By the end of the year, it is planned for an additional **50,000 homes in a further 75** municipalities to be eligible for Free Fiber through the Haute Saône Numérique network, including in Héricourt, Saint-Loup-sur-Semouse, Port-Sur-Saône, Scey-sur-Saône, Saint-St-Alban and Marnay...

In addition to its presence on the Haute Saône Numérique network, Free's Fiber offerings are already available to **18,000 other homes** in the AMII<sup>1</sup> areas in the **agglomeration of Vesoul.** 

## In total, **37,000 homes in the Haute-Saône region are currently eligible for Free's Fiber offerings.**

In all of the above-mentioned areas, businesses covered by the FTTH networks and interested in Fiber are eligible for the **Free Pro** offer on <u>https://pro.free.fr</u>.

Free's partnership with the Haute Saône Numérique network illustrates its aim of offering fiber services throughout France and being able to propose a fiber plan to French consumers through the **Freebox Pop** (€29.99/month for 12 months and then €39.99/month).

Additionally, Free is the only operator in France to offer **10G-EPON fiber technology**<sup>2</sup> (subject to the subscriber having a compatible plan and Freebox).

As from today, people living in the Haute-Saône region can check their eligibility and subscribe for Free Fiber at **www.free.fr**, on **1033** (a freephone number dedicated to Free Fiber), or in the **Free stores in Belfort, Besançon or Dijon.** 

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\*According to the nPerf performance survey of fixed Internet connections in Metropolitan France published on July 16, 2021, in terms of average FTTH speeds in first-half 2021, Free was ranked number one both for download speed (534.82 Mbps) and for upload speed (356.09 Mbps). Survey based on 1,60,653 tests carried out between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021 on fiber-optic networks by users of the nPerf tool in Metropolitan France. See www.nperf.com for the full survey and the methodology used. Number of connectible sockets and number of Fiber subscribers as of June 30, 2021.

## About Free

Free – an iliad Group subsidiary – is the inventor of the Freebox, the first multiservice box on ADSL. Free is behind numerous innovations in the Broadband and Ultra-Fast Broadband access segment. Since January 2012, Free has brought mobile phone usage within everyone's reach with straightforward offerings at very attractive prices. As at June 30, 2021, Free had over 20 million subscribers in France (6.8 million Broadband and Ultra-Fast Broadband subscribers and 13.3 million mobile subscribers). On May 29, 2018, the Group launched its mobile network in Italy under the iliad brand, becoming the country's fourth mobile operator, and had over 7.8 million subscribers at June 30, 2021. With the acquisition of Play, the leading mobile network operator in Poland, the iliad Group has become the sixth-largest mobile operator in Europe by number of subscribers (excluding M2M).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AMII areas: medium-populated areas of France in which fiber networks are rolled out using private funds, following calls for expressions of investment intentions ("appels à manifestation d'intentions d'investissement").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 10G-EPON fiber technology: maximum theoretical speeds of 8 Gbps download and 700 Mbps upload, subject to use of compatible devices.

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Fiber offer subject to conditions, eligibility and actual connection of the subscriber's home. See free.fr for full terms and conditions and eligibility. Connectible FTTH socket: a socket for which the link between the shared access point and the optical splitter has been put in place by the building operator, which the Group can access in accordance with its co-financing commitments, and for which the connection to the Group's network has been completed or is in progress.

Start-up fee: €49. Termination fee: €49.

1033: freephone number (access & call), France only.

Freebox ADSL unbundled subscribers eligible for Free Fiber will be contacted by Free with a proposal to migrate their offer, which will be carried out by a technician at their home. The fiber installation is provided at no cost to the subscriber.