



PRESS RELEASE

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Free Fiber has arrived on the Public Initiative Network (PIN) rolled out by the Val d'Oise Numérique association of local authorities and operated by **Val d'Oise Fibre** (TDF).

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.

In two weeks' time, **all of the 85,000 homes covered by the PIN will be eligible for Free's Fiber offerings.**

As of today, the following municipalities already have access to Free Fiber:

Asnières-sur-Oise	Chaumontel	Parmain
Beaumont-sur-Oise	Ennery	Persan
Belloy-en-France	L'Isle-Adam	Saint-Martin-du-Tertre
Bernes-sur-Oise	Luzarches	Viarmes
Bruyères-sur-Oise	Magny-en-Vexin	Presles
Champagne-sur-Oise	Nesles-la-Vallée	

By the end of November, all of the municipalities covered by the PIN will be eligible, notably:

Auvers-sur-Oise	Frépillon	Méry-sur-Oise
Bessancourt	Marines	Montsoult
Butry-sur-Oise	Mériel	

Free Fiber is already available to 36,000 homes in the Val d'Oise département via the Debitex public network and to over 445,000 homes in the “private zone” (including in Argenteuil, Cergy, Sarcelles, Franconville, Pontoise, Bezons, Garges-lès-Gonesse, Ermont, Sannois, Taverny, Herblay-sur-Seine, Deuil-la-Barre, Saint-Ouen-l'Aumône, Eaubonne, Villiers-le-Bel, Cormeilles-en-Parisis and Montmorency).

Free will therefore ultimately offer its fiber services to over 566,000 homes and business premises in this *département* which forms part of the Greater Paris region.

In all of the above areas, businesses covered by the FTTH networks and interested in Fiber are eligible for the **Free Pro** offer.

Free's partnership with the Val d'Oise Fibre 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**¹ (subject to the subscriber having a compatible plan and Freebox).

As from today, people living in the Val d'Oise *département* can check their eligibility and subscribe for Free Fiber at **www.free.fr**, or on **1033** (a freephone number – France only – dedicated to Free Fiber), or in the **Free store in Cergy**.

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FREE: FASTEST FIBER
IN H1 2021*



OVER 22 MILLION
CONNECTIBLE SOCKETS



3.3 MILLION
FIBER SUBSCRIBERS

*According to the nPerf 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 (534.82 Mbps) and for upload (356.09 Mbps). Survey based on 1,160,653 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 nperf.com for the full survey and the methodology used.
Number of connectible sockets and number of Fiber subscribers as at 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).

¹ 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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About Val d'Oise Fibre

Val d'Oise Fibre is the new fiber infrastructure operator that is contributing to the digital development of the Val d'Oise *département*. In February 2017, Val d'Oise Fibre was awarded a public service contract by the Val d'Oise Numérique association of local authorities to design, deploy and operate its fiber optic Public Initiative Network.

This new network – called Vortex – is designed both for homes (FTTH) and businesses (FTTE/ FTTO) and covers 87,000 fiber sockets in 115 municipalities of the Val d'Oise *département*. Val d'Oise Fibre is a subsidiary of TDF and the Banque des Territoires and can draw on the long experience of the TDF group as a neutral, open infrastructure operator that is helping telecom and media operators connect up French regions and populations more widely and more rapidly.

www.valdoisefibre.fr

About the Val d'Oise Numérique association of local authorities

The Val d'Oise Numérique association of local authorities was created in 2015 and groups together the Val d'Oise regional authorities as well as all of the inter-municipality associations in the *département* that form part of the drive by the public authorities to roll out fiber to the 123 municipalities “forgotten” by the private operators. It manages the two public service contracts for providing ultra high-speed broadband to the rural and suburban municipalities of the Val d'Oise. In 2017, Val d'Oise Numérique awarded to TDF the public service contract for providing fiber connections to 84,000 homes, 1,000 businesses and 300 public sites in 115 municipalities (in the Vexin français, Haut Val d'Oise and Vallée de l'Oise areas) and for operating the network. In addition, as one of the players helping France's regions with their digital transformation, Val d'Oise Numérique is also very involved in developing digital usages and encouraging their widespread take-up, as well as training unemployed people in the digital professions of today and the future.

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.

Private zone: very densely populated areas and AMII areas (medium-populated areas in which fiber networks are rolled out using private funds, following calls for expressions of investment intentions – “appels à manifestation d'intentions d'investissement”).

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 in their home. The fiber installation is provided at no cost to the subscriber.