



Wind and FASTWEB sign a network sharing agreement

Roma, Milan, 7th August 2009 -- Wind and FASTWEB have signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding network sharing in Italy. In particular, the agreement concerns local loop unbundled (LLU) exchanges and fiber-optic infrastructure. The aim of the agreement is to rationalize network costs following recent decisions on unbundling fees.

In fact, as a result of the increase in unbundling fees applied by Telecom Italia, the alternative fixed-line operators are having difficulty in undertaking further investment in areas not directly covered by their networks, a situation that is harmful to the development of competition in the fixed-line market. With this agreement, the two companies will make joint requests to Telecom Italia for the opening of access to unbundling.

In addition, the agreement comprises the mutual transfer of rights of use of civil infrastructure, dark fiber and other forms of transport capacity, for example base transceiver stations (BTS).

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