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Principles for a balanced and competitive FTTH roll-out have been established

Following the public consultation on the optic fibre network terminal part roll out and sharing, ARCEP, the French electronic communication regulatory authority, disclosed the main points necessary to guarantee an extensive, open and competitive roll-out, in the consumers' best interests.

As regards the terminal part of the network (in buildings and individual homes), Free fully subscribes to the Authority's recommendations, in particular:

- 1°) the laying of additional fibres at the request of another operator and financed by the latter;
- 2°) the location of the shared access point on public land;
- 3°) the presence of a single operator for the building, providing all services from the shared access point to subscribers' plugs.

In compliance with these recommendations and consistent with the principles of the Law on modernising the economy, Free suggests that all operators come together and formalise an agreement to bring optic fibre to French households as quickly as possible.

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