

The Euskaltel Group expands its fibre network coverage nationwide

The Euskaltel Group reaches an agreement with Orange to provide fibre services to at least 1.8 million additional households

- The Euskaltel Group has signed an agreement with Orange to access the future deployment of Orange's fibre via bitstream.
- The Euskaltel Group will be able to access at least 1.8 million of the 3 million households in which Orange will deploy fibre in Spain in the future.
- Orange undertakes to complete this deployment before the end of 2023.
- This agreement is in addition to the fibre and mobile agreements already signed by the Euskaltel Group and Orange.

Bilbao, 7 July 2020. The Euskaltel Group has signed an agreement with Orange to access through bitstream at least 1.8 million of the 3 million households included in Orange's additional fibre deployment plans over the coming years. These deployments will be completed before the end of 2023.

This arrangement is a new step forward in the agreements signed with Orange announced on 13 December 2019, when the company reported that it had renewed and improved its wholesale agreements with the company, both for fixed and mobile networks, improving the terms and extending the length of previous agreements.

By doing this, the Euskaltel Group expands its national fibre coverage using the Orange network.

On 22 April 2020, in its quarterly results, the Euskaltel Group reported that it already covered 13.5 million households nationwide, using its own network and by accessing third-party networks (including Orange). This enables the Group to meet its objective of providing coverage to 18 million homes by the end of the second quarter of 2020.

National network coverage is a key asset in the Euskaltel Group's expansion plans at national level, as announced at the 2020-2025 Business Plan presentation on 10 March 2020. On 20 May 2020, the Group announced the launch of its new brand, Virgin telco, through which it will undertake this new national expansion.

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