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## ULTRA-FAST FIBER, AGREEMENT BETWEEN OPEN FIBER AND UNIFIBER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 1 GIGA ITALY PLAN IN LAZIO

**The partnership will allow Open Fiber to reuse the existing infrastructure owned by UNIFIBER, with the aim of strengthening the FTTH network in the Region to reduce the digital divide and to guarantee to citizens the access to fundamental services**

**Roma, 13 November 2024 – Open Fiber** - leading FTTH fibre optic network operator in Italy and among the first in Europe - and **UNIFIBER** - joint venture established by Unidata S.p.A. and CEBF - announce that they have established a collaboration agreement that will allow Open Fiber to reuse the infrastructure network owned by UNIFIBER that already exists in Lazio to extend the **FTTH** network (Fiber To The Home, the fiber that reaches inside homes) as part of the **1 Giga Italy Plan**, a public intervention plan of the Italian Ultra-Broadband Strategy financed by NRRP funds.

The partnership is aimed at accelerating the arrival of the ultra-fast network in the territories of the Region, encouraging timely interventions to reduce the digital divide and improve access to increasingly essential services guaranteed by the connection, in line with the European objectives of the Gigabit society and the Digital Compass.

The infrastructure crosses the municipalities of Bracciano, Colleferro, Albano, Monterotondo, Vetralla, Palombara Sabina, Marcellina, Moricone, Ladispoli, Cisterna di Latina, Formello, Anguillara, Valmontone, Monterosi and Mentana.

*"The main objective of Open Fiber is to create a network infrastructure capable of providing ultra-fast connectivity to all citizens, and agreements like this are fundamental to accelerate the development of the Region thanks to our FTTH network" - commented Nicola Grassi, Chief Technology Officer of Open Fiber. "Our infrastructure, in fact, is capable of reaching up to 10 Gigabits per second with maximum performance on all devices. In this way citizens, businesses and public administrations will be able to access remote work, online teaching, public services, telemedicine, home automation and entertainment without interruptions".*

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*"Unifiber was born with the intention of speeding up the provision of the best Internet access technology in areas that would otherwise have remained excluded and relegated to the state of digital divide - declares **Marcello Vispi, CEO of Unifiber** - over the course of these years we have taken important initiatives, which gave greater impetus to Unifiber and increased its scope of action. But this initiative announced today is particularly relevant to accelerate this virtuous process, with all the resulting benefits for the companies and citizens welcomed and included in our great project. The partnership with an authoritative reality like Open Fiber places us, with our pride, among the protagonists of what is not only an industrial initiative, but also an action of collective benefit, strategic for the country system".*

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**Information on Open Fiber S.p.A.**

*Open Fiber was created with the aim of guaranteeing coverage of the main Italian cities and the connection of rural areas and industrial areas through an ultra-broadband fiber network. With over 13.5 million FTTH real estate units on the market, Open Fiber is the main Italian fiber optic operator and among the leaders in Europe.*

**Information on Unifiber S.p.A.**

*Unifiber is a company owned by the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund and Unidata S.p.A. and which aims to create fiber optic networks in the Lazio region, and has been active as a TLC operator registered with the ROC since 2021.*

**Information on CEBF S.p.A.**

*The Connecting Europe Broadband Fund (CEBF), managed by Cube Infrastructure Managers, is a € 555 million fund established to advance the objectives of the European Commission's Gigabit Society. CEBF focuses on investments in early-stage open-access rural fiber optic networks, with the aim of improving connectivity, expanding digital services and supporting the development of vibrant communities. So far, CEBF has invested in 10 projects in 8 countries and has the largest rural open-access network in Europe.*

*The fund is supported by a consortium of major European institutional investors, both public and private, including the European Commission, the European Investment Bank, the Caisse des Dépôts, the Cassa Depositi e Prestiti and KfW.*

**Information on Unidata S.p.A.**

*Unidata S.p.A., a Telecommunications, Cloud and IoT Operator, was founded in 1985 by three partners still in the Company. With a fiber optic network of about 7,400 km in continuous expansion, a wireless network and a proprietary data center, the Unidata Group supplies over 26,400 business, wholesale and residential customers with ultra-broadband connectivity services with FTTH (Fiber to the Home) network architectures, wireless connectivity, VoIP services, Cloud services and other dedicated solutions, with a high level of reliability and security. The company is also active in the Internet of Things (IoT), with the development and supply of solutions for the home automation and Smart City market.*

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