

PRESS RELEASE



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First dig in Abstatt

The NGE Group accelerates its international expansion and wins its first contract in Germany to connect rural areas with high-speed internet.

NGE, top 4 French player in the construction industry, confirms its ambitious international business plans with its first contract in Germany. Awarded by Deutsche GigaNetz, a German internet and network operator in Hamburg, the contract aims to design and build fibre-optic networks in rural areas of Germany to connect private, commercial and carrier customers. Another success for the company, after the signature of a major fibre-optic contract in the United-Kingdom in 2020 to deliver 212km of ultrafast broadband to the Liverpool City Region.

The first step of this project, part of the framework contract, is to connect the city of Abstatt to high-speed internet connection. It includes the design and construction (civil engineering and fiber laying) of 25km of Fiber Optic Backbone Network (FOBN). NGE will also oversee connecting the different buildings and households to the line. Work will begin next March in the city of Abstatt, and at least two other cities are expected to be attributed in Q1/2022. This project is an active contribution to Germany's objective to connect more than 26 million homes to fibre by 2026.

A strategic location to benefit from the Group expertise

It's no coincidence NGE chose to open their new office in Ettlingen last September. The town is about an hour from the French *Grand-Est* region, where the specialist optical fibre network teams of NGE Infranet are about to go live on a major project to bring ultrafast broadband to 4,300 communities in rural areas, having installed no fewer than 1.4 million connections. The expertise of these teams is a major asset in NGE's expansion beyond the borders of its home market; a fact amply demonstrated by their success in Liverpool, where NGE will deploy a high-speed full fibre network aimed to connect 1.6 million people.



"Benefiting from our experience and expertise in France and the United-Kingdom, with more than 2 million households connected, we are confident that our teams will deliver their first project in Germany with the highest standards of quality."

Volker Braun, NGE Country Director in Germany.



"With this new operating location in Germany, the Group is now in the proud position of having an operating presence in 17 countries worldwide. This success is also one perfectly aligned with our business plan to double our revenue from international markets (outside of France)."

Orso Vesperini, NGE Chief Operating Officer International & Major projects.

French presence:

- **+ than 2 million of connections to install**
- **3 public-initiative networks named : *Rosace – Losange – Hérault Numérique***
- **+ than 500,000 connections installed in 2021**

International presence:

- **A presence in 4 countries to install high-speed internet: France – Morocco – United-Kingdom – Germany**
- **A joint venture in Liverpool named LCR Connect**

About NGE [New Generations of Entrepreneurs]

Around the world, NGE teams design, build and renew infrastructure and buildings to the benefit of the regions. Thanks to their expertise and ability to work together, the Group's 15,000 employees are addressing and anticipating changes in their businesses with confidence by being close to their clients. With a turnover of €2.5 billion, NGE is an independent French company, which develops its activities in the construction industry and is involved in the construction of major infrastructure, and urban or local projects, in 17 countries worldwide.

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