



SKYLOGIC ITALIA AND COLT TELECOM BRING BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY TO COMMUNITIES IN PIEDMONT, ITALY

Piedmont selects satellite broadband for communities in rural and mountainous regions

Skylogic Italia, Eutelsat's satellite broadband subsidiary, in partnership with Colt Telecom have been selected to fulfil the satellite requirements of a far-reaching regional programme, called RUPAR2, whose objective is to deliver broadband to public administrations and companies throughout the Piedmont region by 2008.

Skylogic Italia and Colt Telecom were selected following an international tender by the region of Piedmont, which was conducted by the public ICT consortium CSI-Piemonte. With 52 member organisations, CSI-Piemonte is one of Italy's largest ICT entity in the public sector. Its mission is to ensure that public administrations, irrespective of size or geographic location, can benefit from ICT technology in order to stimulate social and business development.

Skylogic Italia will deploy D-STAR broadband service in 120 sites in remote and mountainous areas mainly in the North-West of Italy. The satellite system consists of a sub-one metre antenna connected to a 2-way D-STAR terminal which is the size of a standard VCR. Each site (schools, municipalities, medical surgeries ...) will have broadband access including to the CSI's central administration applications through Eutelsat's EUROIRD™ 3 satellite via Skylogic Italia's hub in Turin and Colt Telecom's fibre network. The terminals may also connect with Wi-Fi hotspots and other wired and wireless local area networks. Deployment of the first terminals will begin in October.

"Since 2003 Skylogic Italia has delivered broadband to 50 sites in Turin and the Aosta region", said Arduino Patacchini, Chairman of Skylogic and Eutelsat's Multimedia Director. "We are delighted that in partnership with Colt Telecom we are contributing to the RUPAR2 regional broadband programme and that our D-STAR service will be able to play its role in ensuring that no community is excluded from the benefits of broadband connectivity".

About Skylogic Italia

Based in Turin, north-west Italy, Skylogic Italia operates one of the world's leading satellite broadband IP platforms. Opened in 2002, Skylogic Italia's operational centre is equipped to

offer a complete range of broadband services including content distribution, IP videostreaming, business TV, maritime applications, teleconferencing, remote control of installations, telemedicine, e-learning and Voice over IP. The teleport is connected by fibre to the Internet exchange point in Turin and uses capacity on satellites in Eutelsat's fleet in order to serve users in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa. Skylogic Italia's customers include small and medium-sized businesses, multinationals, government agencies and aid organisations.

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