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### PROJECT

The Loire department in south-eastern France has been fully connected since the summer! All postcodes in the THD42 network can now access full fibre and benefit from providers' services – a major event in a rural region (excludes areas covered by the St-Etienne Métropole intermunicipal structure and Roannais Agglomération urban area authority).

**10,500**

KM OF FIBRE ROLLED OUT

**274**

MUNICIPALITIES WITH ACCESS

**185,000**


HOMES COVERED

### The challenge:

Rolled out over 5 years, the THD42 network built by SIEL-Territoire d'énergies (SIEL-TE), the energy authority for the Loire department, includes more than 10,500km of fibre.

Over 274 municipalities and 185,000 homes or business premises now have access to full fibre and can benefit from the range of packages offered by partner providers. A pre-connection scheme may be taken up free of charge until 2025. Under the scheme, all homeowners and businesses in these municipalities can be connected for free and enjoy superfast broadband services, which are often lacking in rural areas.


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Fibre broadband now provides me unfailing responsiveness and competitiveness. Without access to Ultra-High-Speed Internet, I would never have been able to live in the countryside and enjoy this standard of living!

**Matthieu PARDON**  
Founder of Douzaleur and 3fois4 at Ecofay-l'Olme




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Now, with the company benefitting from dedicated fibre, uploads are much smoother. These working conditions are much more comfortable and cause us much less stress!

**Maud BRUNEL-FONTAINE**  
CEO of BRUNEL SYNERGIE in Savigneux



*"This roll-out project is original in that the public initiative network offers all homes and businesses the opportunity to connect free of charge. It's a major advantage that allows the region to boost its attractiveness and provide businesses with added-value services."*

**David Daroussin, director of LOTIM Télécom and THD42 Exploitation public service concessions**

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### Axione's added value

- Combines the expertise of its business lines with a public initiative
- Helps local authorities to develop future-proof infrastructure that supports tomorrow's practices in the region

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region

- The network provides everyone living in rural areas with access to the same superfast broadband services as those available in cities.
- The project enhances the region's attractiveness and supports all business profiles.
- Promotes new digital practices across the region.

#### User benefits

- Improves people's quality of life by breaking down the digital divide and providing access to new services.



### KEY INFORMATION

Contracting authority: **SIEL-Territoire d'énergies (SIEL-TE)** / Operation and maintenance: **THD42 Exploitation**  
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