



## Thousands of homes set for fibre connectivity in the Czech Republic

**Kranj, Prague, Vienna / 10 December 2024 – More than 100,000 households in the Czech Republic are set to benefit from faster and more reliable fibre connectivity thanks to a multi-million EUR partnership.**

Wholesale Czech operator [CETIN](#) has partnered with [Kontron Transportation](#) and will deliver broadband routers and modems from [Slovenia's Kontron](#), a Kontron Group company and sister company of Kontron Transportation. Slovenia's Kontron has designed and manufactured the Optical Network Terminals (ONTs) and broadband access products that will be rolled out to the region over the next three years.

"This partnership marks a significant milestone in CETIN's mission to deliver cutting-edge telecommunications solutions across the Czech Republic," CETIN Chairman of the Board of Directors Juraj Šedivý said. "Leveraging Kontron's innovative technology will help us speed up the modernisation of our network, ensuring that Czech households and businesses experience the highest levels of speed, reliability, and performance."

The agreement between CETIN and Kontron Transportation was signed at Kontron Transportation's premises in Prague.

"I am very happy to sign this contract between us and CETIN, which provides us with a good opportunity to extend our existing activities and grow our presence in the telecommunications sector," member of management Kontron Transportation s.r.o. Ing. Karel Feix said. "It is important for us to have such a prestigious customer as CETIN, which is the provider of the largest telecommunication network in Czechia."

Residents will be able to enjoy a great user experience and access data rates of up to 10 Gbps leveraging XGS-PON technology.

"We are very proud to have made a breakthrough in the European Union markets – now also in the Czech Republic, following the projects in Austria, Spain and Germany last year,"

Slovenia's Kontron Executive Director Business Unit Broadband Svjetlana Kalaba stressed. "I am confident that our XGS-PON Customer-Premises Equipment (CPE) and its advanced management with integrated speed test will easily and seamlessly be integrated into CETIN's XGS-PON network.

"We trust that it will be key to providing CETIN's customers with ultra-fast, reliable Internet access and a first-class user experience in hundreds of thousands of homes and offices across the Czech Republic," concluded Kalaba. "With nearly five million properties across the Czech Republic, households now have the opportunity to enjoy faster, ubiquitous connectivity."

#### **About CETIN a.s.**

CETIN owns, operates and modernises the largest electronic communications network covering 99.6% of Czech population. We provide infrastructure services for fixed and mobile networks, data services for corporate networks and data centre rentals, and provide international voice services for both domestic and foreign providers. We are an independent wholesale player with no ties to any particular provider, our philosophy is the principle of open network access on fair terms for all operators.

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#### **About Kontron, d. o. o.**

Slovenia's Kontron, d. o. o. is the leading European provider of customised and sustainable fibre-access solutions. Known as Iskratel until 2023, the member of Kontron Group develops and manufactures high-quality OLTs and CPE in its own innovation and production centres, including at its headquarters in Slovenia, and supports customers in more than fifty countries worldwide. Dedicated to driving sustainable progress of society and improving the quality of people's lives, Slovenia's Kontron delivers solutions that continuously reduce operators' environmental impact and energy consumption.

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#### **About Kontron Transportation**

Kontron Transportation is a global leading supplier of end-to-end communication solutions for mission-critical networks. The core customer segment is railways throughout Europe and beyond. The focus is on systems that produce, transport, and process voice, data, and video information reliably, securely, efficiently, and sustainably. This includes GSM-Railways, FRMCS (future railway mobile communication system), MCx (mission-critical over public networks) with IWF (interworking functions), enhanced radio solutions and radio access networks, transmission networks, private cloud platforms and cybersecurity concepts round off the portfolio. This portfolio also offers selected communication products to utilities and enterprises. In addition, specific mobility products such as validators and fare collection systems are provided to public transport operators. As a driving force in the definition and specification of FRMCS standards, Kontron Transportation is significantly involved in standardization working groups and European research projects such as Morane 2.

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