



Press Release

Creating the market's most innovative FTTH network with the highest standards in sustainable development and energy efficiency

MasOrange and Vodafone Spain join forces to create Spain's most modern and sustainable fiber optic company (FibreCo) with over 12 million premises

- **Customers from both operators** will be able to use this FTTH (fibre-to-the-home) network.
- The newly created FibreCo will benefit from economies of scale and operational efficiencies, stimulating **investment and innovation** including **faster adoption of new technologies** (e.g. XGSPON) to provide best in class quality of service.
- **Vodafone Spain will be able to connect existing HFC users to FibreCo over time to benefit from having a single future-proof technology.**
- This represents a **step forward by MasOrange and Vodafone to ensure Spain has the most advanced telecommunications infrastructure in Europe.**
- **The transaction to create the FibreCo is expected to be completed by the end of the first half of 2025.**

2 January 2025.- MasOrange and Vodafone Spain have reached a **binding agreement to create the most modern, innovative and sustainable FibreCo in Spain.** This infrastructure will help to further develop **the country's connectivity and digitalization**, providing the operators with a leading FTTH network, enable operational efficiencies and create the base for continues network and service improvements.

MasOrange and Vodafone Spain will contribute **over 12 million premises** to the new joint fibre network company, **making it the largest FibreCo in Europe. The network will be dedicated exclusively to MasOrange and Vodafone.**

Under the agreement, each company will **maintain and operate the networks** they have respectively contributed to the FibreCo.

MasOrange will hold a **50% stake** in the FibreCo, **Vodafone** expected to hold **10% and a financial investor 40%.** **Proceeds to MasOrange** from the transaction will be fully utilized to **reduce debt** and proceeds to **Vodafone** can enable it to **reduce leverage and provide a return of capital to shareholders.**



The completion of the transaction is expected to take place by the end of the first half of 2025.

Considerable benefits for the Spanish market and a step forward in improving the telecommunications infrastructure in Spain

The fibre network is set to deliver substantial advantages for customers of both operators.

This new **FibreCo**, thanks to its increased scale, operational efficiencies and investment capacity, will facilitate rapid adoption of cutting-edge technologies by incorporating emerging improvements in the fibre market (e.g. **XGSPON**), while stimulating innovation to provide best in class service quality in Spain.

This initiative aligns with the **EU's digital agenda** reinforcing Spain's position in advanced telecommunications.

The most sustainable fibre network, respecting the environment and ESG criteria

The new FibreCo created by MasOrange and Vodafone will be a benchmark for sustainable development and respect for the environment, meeting the highest **ESG standards**. By utilizing energy-efficient FTTH technology, the network will contribute to significant energy savings.

The proposed transaction is **subject to regulatory approvals**.

About Vodafone Spain

Vodafone Spain provides telecommunications services to more than 13.5 million mobile customers, 2.8 million fixed broadband customers and 1.3 million television customers. It also connects more than 7 million devices with the Internet of Things.

Vodafone Spain has made an economic contribution of more than 50 billion in 24 years to connect people, companies and communities and create a better future through the use of technology in an inclusive and sustainable society. The operator uses 100% of electricity from renewable sources and is committed to reducing its environmental impact to achieve zero net emissions by 2030.

Vodafone Spain is a telecommunications company owned by Zegona Communications, a British listed company, and partner market of the Vodafone Group.

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About MASORANGE

MASORANGE is Spain's largest telecoms operators by number of customers, with over 38 million broadband and mobile lines. It also provides TV, insurance, energy, home security, consumer finance, health, cybersecurity, and cloud services to private and business customers.

MASORANGE has 9 main national brands (Orange, Yoigo, Jazztel, MASMOVIL, Simyo, Pepephone, Lebara, Lyca, and Llamaya) and five regional brands (Euskaltel, R, Telecable, Guuk, and Embou), through which it will meet all the needs of its customers in Spain.



The number of households reached by MASORANGE's fiber optics offering amounts to 30 million, while its 4G mobile network offers coverage to 99% of the Spanish population and its 5G technology offers coverage to over 86% and is available in more than 2,700 municipalities around Spain.

The Company seeks to be the operator with the market's most satisfied customers, consolidate its position as a driving force for talent, and lead the purpose economy in Spain, while respecting people and the planet. It is also working on making technology accessible for all (focusing particularly on "Empty Spain") and developing products and services to improve customer experience for all its customers.

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