



Arcep confirms that Orange offers the best 3G/3G+ mobile coverage in metropolitan France

- Over 87% of the population covered by 3G/3G+ at the end of 2009;
- Orange also confirms its commitment of 98% of the population covered by 3G/3G+ by the end of 2011.

Orange, the leading 3G/3G+ mobile network

The Arcep report confirms that, with its 3G/3G+ mobile broadband network, Orange offers the best coverage in metropolitan France with more than 87% of the population covered at the end of 2009, which is 6 to 7 percentage points better than the other operators.

The measurements that Arcep carried out at 10 medium-sized urban centres confirm the reliability of Orange's 3G/3G+ coverage claims.

3G/3G+ Coverage	Orange	SFR	Bouygues Telecom
Population	87%	81%	80%
Territory	47%	33%	40%

These results justify the investment Orange has put into deploying its 3G/3G+ coverage, to allow an additional 8 million people in 2009 to enjoy the ease of use and services provided by mobile broadband.

Orange accelerates the deployment of the 3G/3G+ mobile coverage

Already the leader in 2G coverage with 99.6% of the population covered in metropolitan France and 96% of the territory (Arcep report, August 2009), Orange intends to extend its 3G/3G+ coverage to virtually the entire population of metropolitan France by 2013:

- 91% of the population covered by the end of 2010
- 98% of the population covered by the end of 2011
- 3G/3G+ coverage equivalent to 2G coverage by the end of 2013

Orange is thus responding to the request and expectations of the public authorities and elected representatives that operators offer 3G/3G+ coverage to 98% of the population by the end of 2011.

Orange, the only operator to have rolled out EDGE technology broadly over its entire GSM coverage, intends to rely partly on UMTS 900 technology to deploy its 3G/3G+ network in the 900 MHz band. This will allow 3G/3G+ to be extended more quickly into less urban areas and allow Orange customers to benefit from the services offered on mobiles and 3G+ sticks: mobile internet, HD quality mobile TV, VoD, email, MMS, etc.

About Orange

Orange is the key brand of France Telecom, one of the world's leading telecommunications operators. With 126 million customers, the Orange brand now covers Internet, television and mobile services in the majority of countries where the Group operates. At the end of 2008, France Telecom had consolidated sales of 53.5 billion euros (38.1 billion euros for the first nine months of 2009) and at 30 September 2009, the Group had a customer base of almost 190 million customers in 32 countries. These include 128.8 million mobile customers and 13.4 million broadband Internet (ADSL) customers worldwide. Orange is the number three mobile operator and the number two provider of broadband Internet services in Europe and, under the brand Orange Business Services, is one of the world leaders in providing telecommunication services to multinational companies.

The Group's strategy, which is characterized by a strong focus on innovation, convergence and effective cost management, aims to establish Orange as an integrated operator and benchmark for new telecommunications services in Europe. Today the Group remains focused on its core activities as a network operator, while working to develop its position in new growth activities. To meet customer expectations, the Group strives to provide products and services that are simple and user-friendly, while maintaining a sustainable and responsible business model that can be adapted to the requirements of a fast-paced and changing eco-system. France Telecom (NYSE:FTE) is listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A) and on the New York Stock Exchange.

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