

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FIGARO consortium members join forces to strengthen Europe's position in Future Internet technologies and services**

*Enhancing the home gateway to make compelling services available on all relevant devices in the home*

Paris (France), 14 January 2011 - The European FP7 project FIGARO - Future Internet Gateway-based Architecture of Residential Networks - held its kick-off meeting in Paris at the end of 2010. FIGARO is a strong and committed industry-driven consortium of leading European device manufacturers, operators, universities, research institutes and software companies. It focuses on investigating and demonstrating how the home gateway<sup>1</sup> can strengthen the Future Internet, by enabling high quality multimedia experience as well as critical applications - such as remote care and energy management - which will provide considerable advantages both to industry and end-users.

FIGARO aims to design a network and service architecture making very distinctive services available on all relevant devices in the home. Efficiency and sustainability are ensured by allowing service providers from different sectors to collaborate using the same networks and service platforms. More specifically, this project is based on federation and interoperability: how to create value from having devices, networks and also the home gateways themselves cooperate in a seamless way. Moreover, FIGARO investigates possible roles for gateways in cloud computing, content management, intelligent home network monitoring, and the integration of home automation technology in broadband architectures.

The FIGARO consortium includes the following partners: Technicolor (France), Martel GmbH (Switzerland), Université Pierre et Marie Curie (France), Politecnico di Torino (Italy), Telefonica I+D (Spain), Eurecom (France), Philips Consumer Lifestyle (The Netherlands), TNO (The Netherlands), Guavus Network Systems (India), Home Automation Europe (The Netherlands) and University of Waterloo (Canada). Led by Technicolor, this project will run from October 2010 until October 2013 and is supported by the European Commission with 5 Million Euros (ICT Grant No. 258 378).

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<sup>1</sup> Also referred to as residential gateway, home router or broadband modem