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# Providing Internet Access to Emerging Economies - The Business of Free Access

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  - Nextelco Foundation
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  - Collaborations
- "It's up to us to make the change"















# .... and the Internet

- Research and Education at Kjeller
- The building where the Internet (Arpanet) came to Europe in June 1973



1971 (at which point 23 hosts, at universities and government research centers, were connected to the ARPANET); 29 by August, 1972, and 40 by September, 1973.

At that point, two satellite links, across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans to Hawaii and Norway (NORSAR) had been added to the network. From Norway, a terrestrial circuit added an IMP in London to the growing network.

Source: Wikipedia

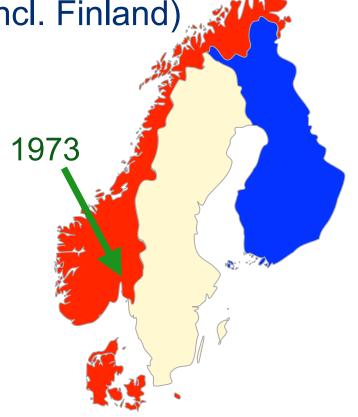


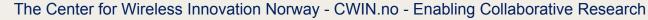
## Scandinavia and the Internet



The Internet - and Scandinavia (incl. Finland)

- historical
- today
- Internet impact for Scandinavia
  - digital divide
  - health, education
  - welfare



















### The Internet and Scandinavia



- The first connection of Arpanet outside of the USA (and Hawaii) was to Scandinavia (Kjeller, June 1973)
- List\_of\_Internet\_pioneers [Wikipedia]
  - Yngvar Lundh, Paal Spilling
- Application development
  - .php, OpenSource, Linux, Skype, Spotify
  - OperaSoftware, FAST Search
  - Nokia, Ericsson
  - Telenor, TeliaSonera
- Mobile Internet:
  - GSM
  - Service adaptation













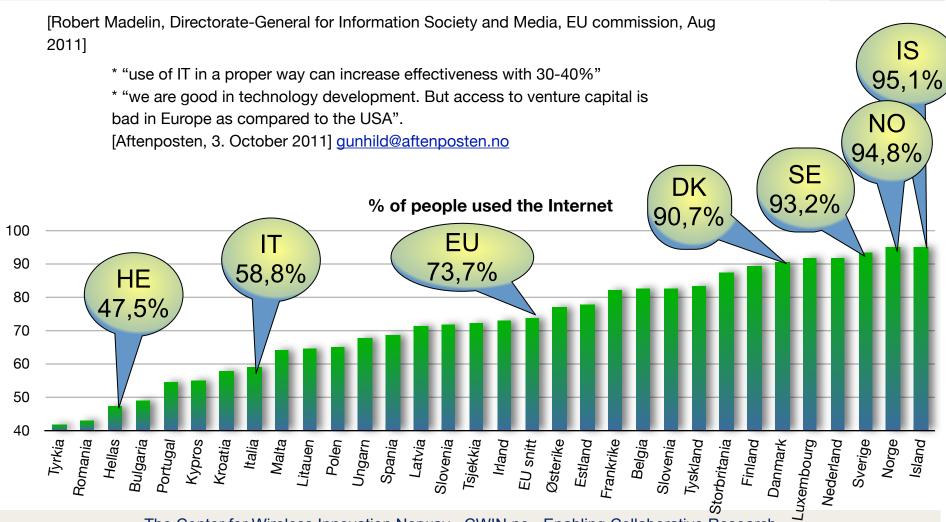






#### Internet creates welfare



















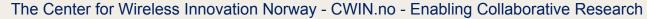
# Internet is a basic human right



- Is Internet access and online freedom of expression a basic human right?
- All people should be allowed to connect to and express themselves freely on the Internet.



 The United Nations' Human Rights Council unanimously backed that notion in a resolution on 5July2012. All 47 members of the Human Rights Council including China and Cuba signed the resolution.

















# Reality



Today, the Internet isn't accessible for two thirds of the world. Imagine a world where it connects us all. [Source: Internet.org]



- Limited Internet access (in the World)
  - Network missing
  - Too expensive
  - Revenue driven















# Internet.org

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- Driven by the global industry
- Targeting
  - Affordability
  - Efficiency
  - Business Models

No one should have to choose between access to the Internet and food or medicine.

#### **ERICSSON**

Ericsson is a world-leading provider of communications technology and services.

#### MEDIATEK

Media Tek Inc. is a leading fabless semiconductor company for wireless communications and digital multimedia solutions.

#### OPERA software

Opera products enable more than 350 million Internet consumers to discover and connect with the content and services that matter most to them.

#### SAMSUNG

Samsung is a global leader in technology, opening new possibilities for people everywhere through relentless innovation and discovery.

#### facebook

Facebook's mission is to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected.

#### NOKIA

Nokia is a global leader in mobile communications whose products have become an integral part of the lives of people around the world.

#### ONALCOWW.

Qualcomm is a world leader in 3G, 4G and next-generation wireless technologies.



# Imagine a world ...



"Envision the world where everyone can open his browser and get free access to Internet"

- access to
  - Wikipedia, Facebook, Google, News
  - for free
  - from a phone, a tablet
  - through the browser















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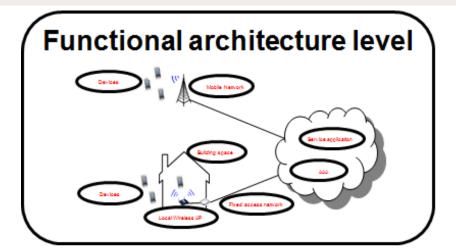


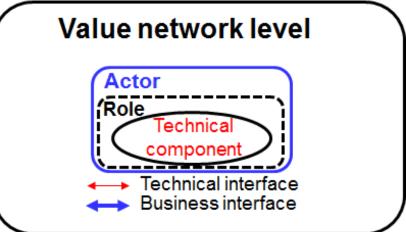


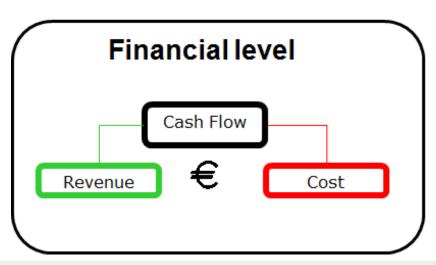
# Aspects of business models

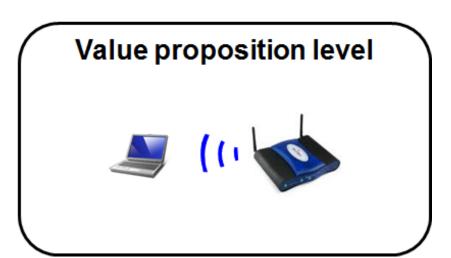
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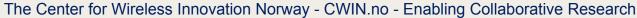


























# Business requisites

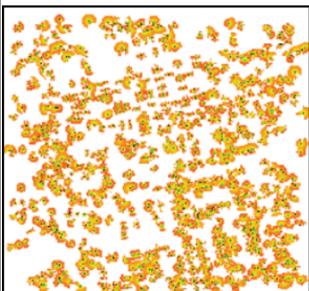


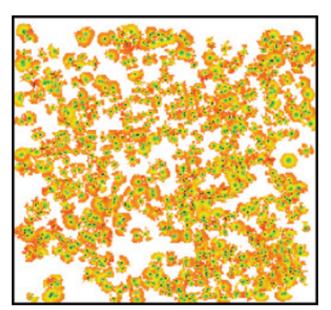
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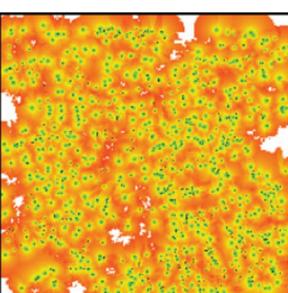
5 GHz

2.4 GHz

470 - 698 MHz (TV white spaces)







IEEE 802.11a/n

IEEE 802.11b/g/n

IEEE 802.11af















# Questioning traditional business assumptions



- Mobile Operators
  - start from city centre
  - revenue driven
  - Quality of service
  - voice & data

- "User-owned the network"
  - User runs access
  - Demand driven
  - Start from rural areas
  - web information only
  - user driven
  - someone to run backbone and distribution
  - (use mobile backbone)















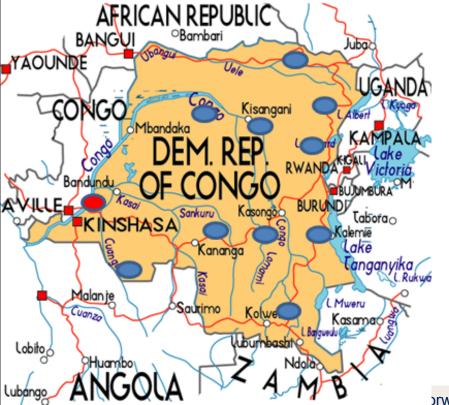
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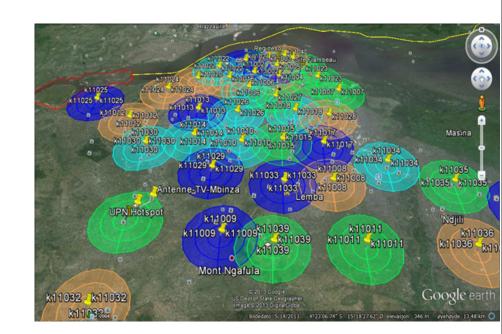
# **Emerging Economies**

- Remote sites with 500.000 inhabitants
- Revenue target: 4 €/month/user



- City coverage Kinshasa
- mixed: fixed, mobile, hot-spot concept



















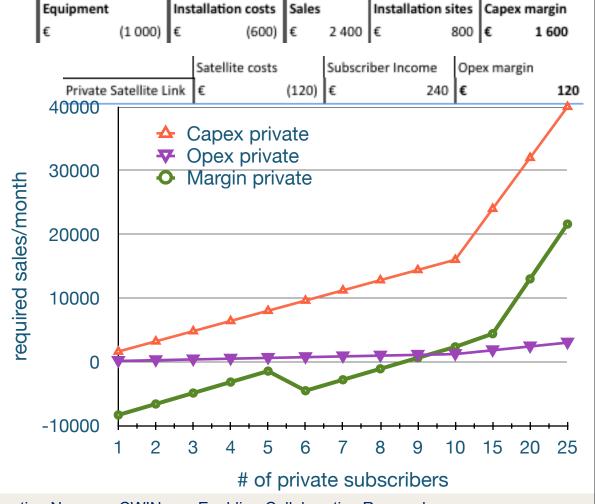


# Business model Private (satellite) Internet



Private Satellite Link

- Difficult revenue model for private satellite based Internet
- break-even with 9 installations/month
- cost of 240 Euro/ months only viable for institutions & business









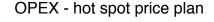








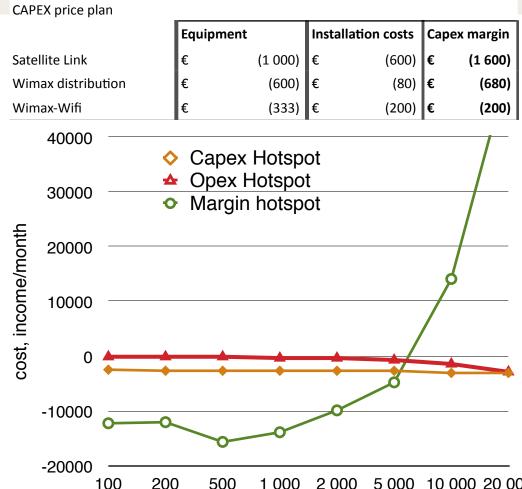
# Business model: Hot-spot in cities



,	Satellite costs	
Satellite Link	€	(120)
Wimax Hotspot	€	(40)
Wimax-WLAN hotspo	€	(27)

- assumed average income of 4 €/user
- requires 5000 users/month





The Center for Wireless Innovation Norway - CWIN.no - Enabling Collaborative Research















# hot-spot users/month

#### Novel concept:

### Free Information Access

19ELIZOS

- Affordability
  - Free information:Web, Facebook, News
  - -no subscriptions
  - -no hassle with username/ password





- -Video, TV, Music, Download
- –"I pay for what I need":
  - 1 hour, 1 week
  - 20 MB, 100 MB

















#### Free Information access:

# Removing the digital divide

LOEIZIA OS

- Societal aspects
  - –everyone has access to information
  - -on all WLAN (&mobile) networks



- Technical requirements
  - –browser with just text & picture
  - -compressed content to be transmitted over radio
  - –proxy-based splitting of information

- Example: Opera Mini
- –encrypted request from Opera Mini browser
- Opera access Web page, removes animations, and compresses the page
- Compressed page is sent to device
- -typical 80% reduction
- Usage results
  - –4 MByte average user
  - -20 MByte max user/month















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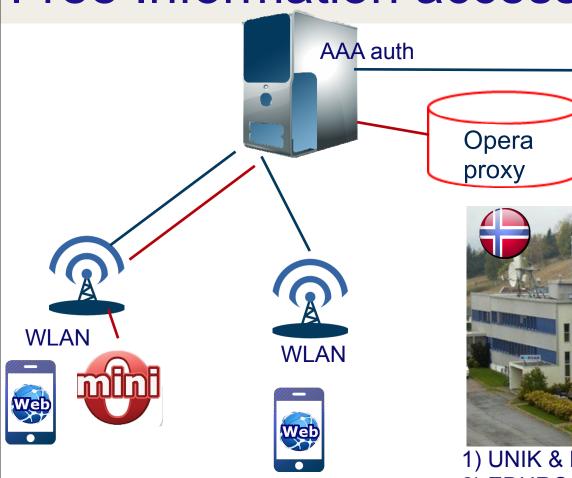




#### Pilot:

### Free Information access









- 1) UNIK & Kjeller Innovation & Opera Software
- 2) EDUROAM Research networks
- 3) .....









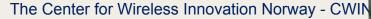






# Pilot: Implementation in DRC (Congo)

- 3 products
  - Satellite link
  - public Wifi access point
  - Sat.-based public Wifi access point
- Success technology usage
  - University of Lisala
  - Deployment at 4 other universities in Kinshasa (DRC)
  - 10 additional implementations









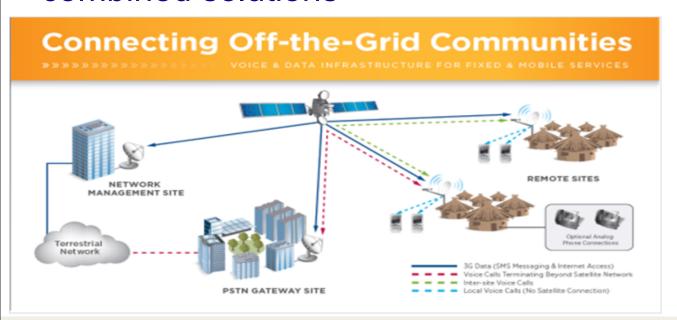




# Technology and Business Developments

CONNECT

- Extended partnership with IPXextenso++
- Integration with Mobile Operator business
- Solar-cell powered equipment
- combined solutions























### The goal:

# **Business Ecosystem**





Healthy lives. Measurable results.







Everyone A Changemaker™























#### Conclusions:

## Free access to Information



for a world: "Where everyone can open his browser and get free access to Internet"

















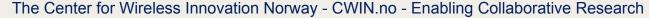




## Conclusions



- Scandinavia has a long tradition for Internet-based developments
- Bringing Internet to the developing world
  - will foster education, health and innovation
  - will the basis for development and welfare
- Proven technical solution
  - access points to the two thirds who don't have Internet
- Free Information access
  - no real network load (4...20 MByte/user/month)
  - pilot together with Opera Software & Kjeller Innovation

















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