



## ***Home Gateway Initiative created to boost residential gateway development***

Bridging telcos and manufacturers for the benefit of customers

**Geneva, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005:** the Home Gateway Initiative (HGI) was launched today by a number of leading telecommunications companies: Belgacom, BT, Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom, KPN, Teliasonera, NTT, Telefonica, Telecom Italia.

The HGI will be an open forum where operators, content providers, service providers and manufacturers will discuss home gateway key specifications and standards.

The goal of the HGI is to improve the interoperability of gateways with connected home devices throughout the EU and the rest of the world, as well as reducing the costs of home gateways to customers. The initiative will drive the development of residential gateways supporting the delivery of services to the home and the market for home communications services will receive a major boost for the benefit of millions of broadband consumers.

The main tasks of the HGI are to establish technical and interoperability specifications and provide input to standardisation bodies.

The HGI will base its work on existing standards (ITU-T H 610, DSL Forum, UPnP, DLNA . . .) and identify the gaps in those standards that need to be filled.

In addition to the founding members of the Initiative, several telecommunications operators and manufacturers have expressed their interest in joining the alliance.

For more information, please visit the web site [www.homegatewayinitiative.org](http://www.homegatewayinitiative.org)