



Virtual Institute for Fibre Optic Measurements (VIFOM) questionnaire

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Introduction

The project “Virtual Institute for Fibre Optic Measurements (VIFOM)” is supported by the Nordic Innovation Centre (NICE). The aim of the project is to form collaboration between the Nordic and Baltic countries within the field of fibre optics with particular emphasis on supporting the industries in the Nordic / Baltic countries with high competence in fibre optic measurements and testing as well as training and consultancy. Such services will in turn provide support for better fibre optic products to the international market.

The Nordic countries have had considerable success in starting small to medium size companies in the field of fibre optics. After the downturn in the industry some years ago, a slow recovery is now taking place. It is essential that this recovery is supported and maintained by underpinning good measurement practises so that the consumer can have confidence in the products.

With the view that the fibre optic measurement services required to fulfil the needs in the Nordic and Baltic region now and in the future will be too big a task and too expensive for a single Nordic / Baltic country to establish, this document seeks to explore the view of the Nordic / Baltic industry, academia and organisations on the usefulness of a VIFOM.

The institute will establish a close collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic industries, universities and other organisations, which are active in the fibre optics field.

The association with VIFOM can take different forms:

- 1) An organisation/institute/industry can be a member of VIFOM and offer its services through VIFOM.
- 2) An organisation/institute/industry can be a member of VIFOM and make use of the VIFOM services.
- 3) An organisation/institute/industry can be a customer. VIFOM will refer the customer to the relevant service provider.

We would appreciate receiving answers to the following questionnaire.

The questionnaire is for indication only and you are not making any commitments.

If you have any questions related to VIFOM please contact any of the persons listed on the previous page.

Although all activities of VIFOM have not yet been defined, a web page has been established. Information will be added to the web page as the project progresses and as the number of partners increase. Web address: www.vifom.org

Questionnaire

- 1) Details of your company, institute or organisation

Country	
Company / Organisation / Institute	
Address	
Contact Person	
Telephone	
e-mail	
URL	

2) Do you think your company / organisation / institute could benefit from an institute such as VIFOM?

Yes	
No	

If Yes, please describe below in which way you could benefit.

3) Do you think your company / organisation / institute would be interested in being a partner in the institute and provide services?

Yes	
No	

If Yes, please provide a description and / or a list of your current services.

4) Do you think your company / organisation / institute would be interested in making use of measurement and / or consultation services from VIFOM?

Yes	
No	

If Yes, please specify on the following pages your measurement and consultation needs, both short term (immediate and within one year) and long term

5) Would your company / organisation / institute be interested in participation in a workshop on fibre optic measurement and service needs? The workshop would also include discussions on the future of VIFOM. A workshop is being prepared and will take place in Borås, Sweden in the March 21-22 2006.

Yes	
No	

If Yes, please specify which other issues you would like to address at the workshop.

Detailed information about your activities on:

Optical Fibre Measurement Services

Optical Fibre Measurement Needs

Optical Fibre Consultation Services

Optical Fibre Consultation Needs

Other Comments