





# How OBOS OpenNet transformed the wifi experience for their customers, technicians, and support

## The Challenge

As broadband customers have gotten access to ever higher subscription speeds, consumer expectations for their internet connections have also increased. The wireless technology delivered by most internet service providers up until recently has however often failed to meet these expectations, and wifi has become a bottleneck for the at-home internet experience.

One of the ISPs feeling this crunch was Norwegian service provider OBOS OpenNet, who delivers fiber connections exclusively to Norwegian housing associations and condiminiums. They had a terrific broadband offering, but their customers were struggling to see that they got their money's worth when wifi couldn't keep up, was often unstable and / or failed to provide coverage throughout the home. Wifi made up a significant share of their customer support cases. So OBOS OpenNet knew they needed to do something, and went looking for a new wifi solution that would meet or exceed their criteria.

#### The Criteria

OBOS OpenNet knew they wanted to:

- Provide a faster and more stable wifi experience for their customers.
- Offer ease of installation for customers while also accommodating a large share of professional installations.
- Reduce strain on their customer support and technical teams.

Recent numbers suggest that about 100 000 Norwegians are "not digital", and an additional concern for OBOS OpenNet was making sure customers who did not have a technical skill set or interest would also be able to access and use their chosen solution.

### The Solution

In 2021, OBOS OpenNet became aware that eero for Service Providers was launching in the Nordics through distributor Eye Networks. This solution combines high-end, desirable consumer hardware with professional tools for the ISP. Testing the solution, OBOS OpenNet determined that this was the foundation they wanted for their wifi offering.

- Setup is guided and simple for the end user with a mobile app.
- The app also has special features for professional installations—the technician can set up the network first and then transfer it to the customer with the click of a button.
- All customer eero devices and apps are automatically associated with the ISP's dedicated eero Insight backend for support and administration purposes.
- If a customer needs assistance with wifi from family members, they can be added as additional administrators through the app.

OBOS OpenNet launched their new wifi service in spring 2022 and quickly started seeing results.

#### The Results

OBOS OpenNet reports that:

- Installations are smoother and faster than ever.
   The "Transfer Network" field technician / eero
   Insight feature has been a massive time saver as many wifi networks can be set up quickly and transferred to customer when available, instead of having to wait for or locate the right person on site for each network.
- Wifi complaints have decreased dramatically and now make up a much smaller portion of customer interactions—see next page!
- Service agents using eero Insight are raving about the efficiency and convenience in assisting customers.







# Before eero

## With eero



I'm paying for 1 Gig, but a speed test shows only 600 Mbps



The coverage is bad, and I am standing in front of the router



The speed is bad in the bathroom



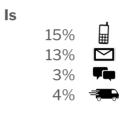
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eero has cracked the code on how to deliver an advanced mesh solution to customers who do not want to learn networks in order to have working wifi at home.



With eero, both customer and service provider save money in the form of greatly reduced support enquiries. With the interface of eero, the customer supervisor can see the problem without the customer having to try to explain what is happening. **This is the future.** 

OBOS eero solution reviewed by Sume Consulting









OBOS OpenNet builds fiber networks for housing cooperatives and condominiums (MDUs), and allows residents to choose from a range of TV and Internet providers, independently from their neighbors. OBOS OpenNet started building fiber networks in 2010, and has been a part of the OBOS group since 2018. All new OBOS homes are now supplied with fiber from OBOS OpenNet, and more and more other housing cooperatives and condominiums are choosing the same solution.

The first mesh home wifi system, <u>eero</u> blankets any home in reliable and secure wifi. Available through both retailers and internet service providers, eero is simple to set up, even easier to manage, and improves over time with regular, automatic software updates. eero is an Amazon company.

Eye Networks was founded in 2005 as a telecom systems integrator and reseller on a quest for the perfect at-home internet experience. The company offers services, hardware solutions, and domain expertise to Norwegian and Nordic broadband service providers with a focus on wifi and analytics. In 2021 we became the Nordic distributor for eero for Service Providers.