

## **Free Wi-Fi Internet in Bern during Euro08**

### **Extended coverage of Free Internet in Bern.**

**Bern:** Due to the great takeup of the **BernHotSpot** project (free Wi-Fi Internet in Bern) «**espace.ch**», the website of the **Espace Media Group**, in cooperation with **TheNet-Internet Services AG (TheNet)** and **Energy Water Berne (ewb)** have extended Bern HotSpot's free Internet coverage. Additionally, it will be free to surf during the Euro08 football championships in the whole Wi-Fi network of TheNet in Bern.

Whoever is travelling around Bern can, as of now, login and surf for free at further locations in the Wi-Fi network (SSID: wlan@thenet). In addition to the existing locations (Bern main station, Bärenplatz, Waisenhausplatz parts of the Länggasse) free Internet, provided by Bern HotSpot, is available new at the following locations:

- Bubenberplatz
- Helvetiaplatz
- Parts of Wylerring
- Parts of the Kirchenfeld Quartier
- Münstergasse
- Parts of Sandrainstrasse

During the Euro08 free Wi-Fi Internet will be enabled on the whole Wi-Fi network of TheNet in Bern (SSID: wlan@thenet). During this time, in large parts of Bern it will be possible to surf the Internet for free. With this step, Bern HotSpot presents itself as an ideal communication platform for residents, tourists and football fans alike.

With the free Internet, provided by the Bern HotSpot, the three partners ewb, espace.ch and TheNet play their part in increasing the attractiveness of the capital city of Switzerland - city, business, research, residents and tourists benefit.

Other partners, who wish to help to extend the coverage of Bern HotSpot and thus to make the free Internet service available to larger parts of the community, are always welcome.

The Bern HotSpot coverage map during Euro 2008 is: [http://wlan.thenet.ch/?q=de/bern\\_map](http://wlan.thenet.ch/?q=de/bern_map). The map is currently in beta version. The map's coverage will be enhanced in the near future.

About us:

TheNet is an Internet provider pioneer and offers for more than 15 years Internet access and customized Internet solutions. TheNet is the first, and largest, provider of municipal Wi-Fi networks in Switzerland.

Espace Media Group is the publisher of Bern's largest, and Switzerland's fourth largest, newspaper «Berner Zeitung» amongst other media properties.

Energie Wasser Bern (ewb) is Bern's utility company providing water, electricity, gas and telecommunications (city wide fibre-optic links) services.

Bern HotSpot: Based on the existing, since 2002 in service Wi-Fi network of TheNet in Bern, and in cooperation with Energy Water Berne (ewb) and espace.ch, Bern HotSpot is, since November 2007, offering free Wi-Fi Internet in parts of the city of Bern.

[www.espace.ch/Internet](http://www.espace.ch/Internet)

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