Managed home gateways in No. America and W.Europe will rise from 16.2 million in 2007 to an estimated 34 million in 2009, says the Home Gateway Initiative (HGI).

“The home gateway is not simply a router, but a service enabler,” explains Milan Erbes, ambassador for the HGI and Business Development and Standardization Manager for DS2. “The HGI focuses on the home gateway itself, but encompasses also the Home Network Infrastructure Devices as well, providing guidelines on remote access, parental control in the home, performance metrics, quality of service (QoS) and security.”

Kurt Scherf, VP at Parks Associates, adds: “The deployment of home gateways is accelerating hand-in-hand with the rollout of triple play services.”

HGI intends to address support for the SOHO environment, energy saving, extended QoS, diagnostics, Home Network Infrastructure Devices support, the Home Gateway and Network Termination two-boxes approach for Next-Gen Networks, Home Gateway resilience, IPv6 and the evolution of support to IPTV and IMS.

The HGI was founded and launched by nine telecom operators (Belgacom, BT, Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom, KPN, TeliaSonera, NTT, Telefonica and Telecom Italia) in 2004, and now has members from five continents.

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