

## Bavaria's State aid scheme brings gigabit connectivity to socio-economic drivers in grey areas

Bavaria's State aid scheme is bringing gigabit-capable infrastructure to businesses, households, hospitals, educational and public institutions, in more than 420 rural municipalities. The scheme aims to bring Bavaria's overall high-speed broadband coverage to 99%, with gigabit access throughout Bavaria by 2025. For rural areas, State funding has improved coverage (of at least 30 Mbps) from 27% to over 92% in the last seven years, notes Bavarian State Minister for Finance and Regional Identity, Albert Füracker, in this video interview.



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Approved by the European Commission, this State aid scheme is an extension of an earlier pilot scheme, approved in 2018. While the pilot brought gigabit capable infrastructure to six municipalities in grey areas, this current scheme targets grey areas across the entire Bavaria territory.

A grey area is where only one NGA network is currently in place or is being deployed in the coming three years, and where there are no plans by any operator to deploy a further NGA network in that period.

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- Project website: Fast internet in Bavaria
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