

## European Broadband Awards: broadband deployment projects

The European Broadband Awards is an event that recognises outstanding broadband deployment projects in Europe and highlights successful infrastructures.



### European Broadband Awards 2021

Europe's digital transformation by 2030 relies on providing citizens with access to a gigabit connectivity and 5G services. Europe digital decade begins with the relaunch of European Broadband Awards for 2021. All projects advanced in implementation, big or small, rural or urban, private or public, local, regional, national or cross-border, and covering all technologies are welcome to apply for the 2021 awards.

**The application deadline is 17 September 2021.** The winners will receive an EU Broadband Award in the Autumn and will be showcased by the European Commission in the media, EU websites, newsletters and in the broadband good practices database.

#### How and when to apply?

Download the application form (.pdf) and the guide for applicants (.pdf). Carefully read the guide and explanations in the application form. Fill in the application (xlsx file) and submit via e-mail. The deadline for submitting the applications is **17 September 2021, 16:00 CET.**

The winners will be announced and awarded at the ceremony and invited to present their project at the Broadband Day in Autumn 2021. The winners will also be featured on the Broadband Europe pages, newsletters and the good practice database of Broadband Europe.

## **Award categories**

The projects will apply and will be awarded in one of the five categories:

1. Innovative models of financing, business and investment. The projects that applied effective and innovative financing, business or investment models will choose this category.
2. Cost reduction measures and co-investment. The category is addressed to projects that applied measures exploiting the synergies between different infrastructures and strived for cooperation among relevant stakeholders in building and investing in infrastructure, including cross-border/multi country projects.
3. Socio-economic impact in rural and remote areas. The category is for projects that have direct and indirect socio-economic impacts and substantially improved connections to and in the remote and rural areas
4. Demand generation and take-up of connectivity. The projects that implemented measures stimulating the demand side and increasing the take-up of a wide range of fixed and/or wireless/mobile, including 5G, services and applications will apply in this category.
5. Quality and affordability of services. The category is addressed to projects focusing on providing high quality and affordable services for end-users.

## **Previous editions of the awards**

You will find more information about previous editions of the awards, the finalists and the winners in the European Broadband Awards archive.

## **Further information & support**

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## Latest

Commission launches public consultation to gather views on improving fast broadband network rollout

Earlier this week, the Commission opened a public consultation, as part of the review of the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive, to collect views, until 2 March 2021, on incentivising the rollout of fast broadband networks, including fibre and 5G. The Directive, introduced in 2014, aims to

enable fast electronic communications networks for people across the EU by reducing the related costs.

Mobile broadband prices went down in Europe in 2018

The results of the new study show that the mobile broadband prices were going down in 2018 in the EU countries.

European Commission joins forces to help bringing more broadband in rural areas

The European Commission together with the Member States have set up Broadband Competence Offices to advise local and regional authorities on ways to develop broadband, and help citizens and businesses get better internet. At the same time the Commission presented a 5 point toolkit on how to bring better broadband in rural areas of the EU.

Winners of the European Broadband Awards 2017

European Broadband Awards 2017 winners were announced at the Award Ceremony on 20 November. The European Commissioner for Regional Policy Corina Crețu and Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development, Phil Hogan awarded the five winners in Brussels. The five projects were selected in five categories focusing on innovative models of financing, cost reduction, territorial cohesion, socio-economic impact and competition. These projects are exemplary projects for the other regions and organisations planning broadband rollout.

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### **See Also**

Broadband in EU countries

Find current information on broadband development in each country, as well as national strategies and policies for developing broadband.

## Broadband Glossary

This a non-exhaustive list of relevant terms relevant to broadband.

### EU rules to reduce cost of high-speed broadband deployment

To make high-speed broadband quickly available, the EU established a set of harmonised measures to lower the cost of rolling out broadband, through the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive.

### Broadband project planning

The Broadband planning section, along with the Broadband investment guide aids municipalities and other entities in their planning of successful broadband development projects.

### Broadband Competence Offices (BCOs) Network

The European Broadband Competence Offices Network supports EU countries in reaching the Gigabit society objectives and rolling out broadband.

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