

## Guifi.net: Catalanian citizens' broadband initiative reaches 100,000 rural inhabitants

As part of the Catalanian citizens' initiative, Guifi.net, volunteers have helped install over 40,000 nodes, connecting 100,000 rural inhabitants. In this video, Ramon Roca, Guifi.net founder, explains how, since its foundation, the project has driven demand as well as rural development, becoming both a "local ecosystem" and a business model, and growing increasingly affordable as it expands. Driven by volunteers, Guifi.net focuses on building the infrastructure and cooperation between public administrations, local entrepreneurs and ISPs, among others.



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"Living in a rural area, you need internet for education, healthcare and work [...] but there was no interest from private companies so it made sense for us to do something to make it happen."

"Right now, with the coronavirus crisis, it is even more evident that it is not the same to be well connected in a rural area as in a crowded city. That's why it is so urgent right now to connect everyone in the territory wherever they are, and for them to enjoy the same connectivity."

Ramon Roca, Guifi.net Founder

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