

## Broadband in EU countries

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



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This information includes financial instruments, major projects, as well as links to publications and contact information of responsible authorities and Broadband Competence Offices.

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In 2017, we published a study analysing the state of connectivity, targets and measures in each country as well as an EU-wide comparison, including trends and good practices in broadband development.

Check the summary results of the questionnaire on the National Broadband Plans and reaching the 2020 and 2025 broadband targets, that was sent by the COCOM (Communications Committee) to Member States end of 2019.

## Latest news

Calais: The Netherlands' first CEBF-funded broadband project

Calais is the first Dutch broadband project funded by the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund (CEBF). The province of Groningen approached CEBF when they recognised their need for additional funding as well as a more strategic partner to reach the most remote areas. The resulting partnership will bring NGA access to over 100,000 inhabitants, combining fibre with a fixed wireless network for the hardest-to-reach areas. In this video, Jan Peter de Groot, Rodin Group CEO, explains that the pandemic made it very clear that people in all areas need to be able to “connect with the whole world”.

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.

## Women farmers drive digital transformation in rural areas

With 30% of EU farms being managed by women, these farmers are key in driving the digital transformation of rural areas. As explained by Lotta Folkesson, an arable farmer in northern Sweden, high-speed connectivity is needed to allow the use of cutting edge technology in both agriculture and forestry, as well for everyday management. On top of this, it enables entrepreneurship and allows remote area inhabitants to connect with the wider community. "With good infrastructure, we will have a stronger farming community as well as better conditions to attract more people to rural areas".

## Rede Aberta: Spain's first CEBF-funded broadband project

Rede Aberta is the first Spanish broadband project to be funded by the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund (CEBF). To promote economic growth, stop depopulation and rejuvenate the population of rural Galicia, the open access network will bring 10 Gbps symmetrical fibre connectivity to 400,000 homes. In this video, Pere Antentas, Rede Aberta CEO, explains that the project will help the population take advantage of the area's "enormous growth potential" and natural resources. It "will allow the telecommunication networks and services to be at the same level as the ones in the big cities of Europe".

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Broadband Glossary

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

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.

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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