# Broadband in Greece

The Greek Digital Transformation Bible 2020-2025 highlights connectivity as one of the five strategic axes and acknowledges the Gigabit Society 2025 targets.

## Summary of broadband development in Greece

The Digital Transformation Bible 2020-2025 was introduced by the Greek Ministry of Digital Governance. It outlines the strategy, the objectives, the strategic axes as well as actions that will lead the digital transformation in Greece. The connectivity axis acknowledges the Gigabit Society targets and lists the planned measures and actions.

## National broadband strategy and policy

### Responsible authorities

- The Ministry of Digital Governance (Υπουργείο Ψηφιακής Διακυβέρνησης) is responsible for the planning and implementation of national broadband policy. The Ministry is also responsible for the provision of electronic services to citizens and the wider digital transformation of the country.
- The NRA Hellenic Telecommunications and Posts Commission (HTPC, Ελληνική Επιτροπή Τηλεπικοινωνιών και Ταχυδρομείων) is responsible for the regulation and supervision of telecommunications and postal services. It provides an interactive map showing broadband availability and infrastructure.

### Main aims for broadband development

The Digital Transformation Bible 2020-2025, introduced by the Greek Ministry of Digital Governance in 2020, outlines the strategy, guiding principles, the strategic axes, the horizontal and vertical interventions that will lead to the digital transformation of the Greek society and economy. Through collaborations with stakeholders from the public and private sector as well as with the research & academic community and the civil society, the strategy describes the objectives but also the implementation measures of the digital transformation strategy. The interventions and the actions of the strategy are an open and dynamic, and will continue to be co-formed and updated annually in cooperation with the competent bodies of public administration.

The strategy sets seven objectives:

1. Safe, fast, and reliable access to the Internet for all
2. A digital state offering better digital services to the citizens for all life events
3. Development of digital skills for all citizens
4. Facilitate the transformation to digital enterprise
5. Support and strengthening of digital innovation

6. Making productive use of public administration data
7. Incorporating digital technologies to all economic sectors

The key interventions of Digital Transformation incorporate a series of actions and projects organised in six strategic axes: Connectivity, Digital Skills, Digital State, Digital Business, Digital Innovation, Integration of Technology in every sector of the economy.

The Connectivity axis acknowledges the Gigabit Society objectives:

- Ensure Gigabit connectivity for all socio-economic drivers, such as educational institutions and government agencies,
- Provide uninterrupted 5G coverage in all urban areas and all major land transport routes,
- Provide internet access for all households with a minimum speed of 100 Mbps, with the ability to upgrade to 1 Gbps.

The enhancement of mobile and fixed broadband and the achievement of ultra-high speed internet access are expected to lead to further development of the Greek digital economy. Fibre optic and 5G networks are the main challenges of the next decade. For this reason, the primary goal of the national broadband strategy is to encourage investment in next generation networks.

# National and regional broadband financial instruments

So far 16 measures and actions are planned under Connectivity axis of the Digital Transformation Bible 2020-2025. Five actions are already being implemented:

- Broadband Voucher (Superfast Broadband - SFBB)
- Development of Ultra-Fast Broadband Infrastructure (Ultra-Fast Broadband - UFBB)
- Development of broadband networks in "white" rural areas - Rural Broadband
- WiFi4GR - Development of public wireless broadband internet access points
- Granting of Radio Spectrum Use Rights in the 700 MHz, 2 GHz, 3400-3800 MHz and 26 GHz radio frequency bands

A preparation of the Action Plan for the development of fifth generation (5G) networks is scheduled.

# Data on broadband development and technologies in Greece

For the latest data on broadband coverage, subscriptions and penetrations, coverage of different broadband technologies and costs check the scoreboard reports and the country reports of the Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI).

# Spectrum assignments for wireless broadband

For details on harmonised spectrum assignments consult the European 5G Observatory.

# National publications and press documents

### English

- Study on National Broadband Plans in the EU-28
- Guide to High-Speed Broadband Investment
- Broadband Connectivity Reports and Analyses

- Mobile and fixed broadband prices in Europe at the end of 2019
- Study on broadband coverage in Europe 2019

## Greek

- Βίβλος Ψηφιακού Μετασχηματισμού 2020-2025

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Broadband in EU countries

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## See Also

Broadband in Sweden

Sweden's national broadband plan, adopted in 2016, has the vision of an entirely connected Sweden and has goals for both mobile coverage and for high-speed broadband connections for households and businesses. By 2020, 95% of all households and companies should have access to...

Broadband in Spain

Digital connectivity and 5G rollout are among the ten strategic priorities of the Spain Digital 2025 Agenda.

Broadband in Slovenia

Slovenia's broadband aims are in line with the gigabit society targets.

Broadband in Slovakia

Slovakia has set the long-term objective of achieving access to high-speed internet connection with at least 30 Mbps for all households by the end of 2020.

Broadband in Romania

Romania's broadband plan focuses on building up a national broadband network as a first step towards achieving the targets set by the Digital Agenda for Europe.

Broadband in Portugal

Portugal's NGA coverage is slightly below EU average. The Agenda Portugal Digital aims at development of a digital infrastructure that allows citizens to take advantage of the new opportunities offered by technologies.

Broadband in Poland

Poland's national broadband plan foresees that 100% of households should have access to internet connectivity of at least 30 Mbps by 2020. 50% of households should have internet connectivity of 100 Mbps by 2020.

Broadband in the Netherlands

The Dutch government supports the Gigabit Society targets. All households should have the opportunity to access broadband networks of at least 100 Mbps and a vast majority should be taking advantage of 1 Gbps by 2023. Mobile networks must also be able to access basic services at...

Broadband in Malta

Malta's broadband policy is technology neutral and favours a competitive market environment.

Broadband in Luxembourg

The development of a communication infrastructure with a target of gigabit broadband access throughout the country is one of the priorities in the governmental programme of Luxembourg.

Broadband in Lithuania

Lithuania's Next Generation Internet Access Development Plan focuses on direct state contribution to long-term infrastructure development, supports measures promoting private sector investments and seeks to foster an increase in demand for fast broadband access.

Broadband in Latvia

Broadband facilitates the development of e-services for government, schools, commerce, health and business besides providing high-speed internet to residents, businesses and public administrations in Latvia.

Broadband in Italy

The Italian strategy for next generation access network aims at developing a high-speed access network to maximise the take-up of an infrastructure able to guarantee services of 100 Mbps for at least 85% of households by 2020. Italy adopted a national state aid scheme to support...

Broadband in Ireland

The national broadband plan for Ireland foresees that by 2026 all premises in Ireland will have access to high-speed broadband.

Broadband in Hungary

Hungary's National Digitization Strategy 2021-2030 aims at 95% of households covered by gigabit networks by 2030.

Broadband in Germany

The 2018 coalition agreement of the German Federal Government identifies the priority goal of a nationwide expansion of gigabit networks by 2025. The federal government has also developed a 5G Strategy for Germany.

Broadband in France

The national broadband programme France Très Haut Débit sets out the targets of fast broadband access for all households by 2022 and fibre for all by 2025.

Broadband in Finland

The Finnish authorities go for a competition-driven, fibre-based network roll-out assisted by public funds for underserved areas and advice for local municipalities on how to deploy broadband networks.

Broadband in Estonia

Estonia has established basic broadband coverage throughout the country, and has brought its broadband targets for 2020 in line with those of the Digital Agenda for Europe.

Broadband in Denmark

A number of political initiatives aiming at nation-wide fixed and mobile broadband coverage support Danish broadband goals. The Government works towards making Denmark a digital frontrunner by creating a foundation for Danish businesses to exploit digital technologies.

Broadband in the Czech Republic

The National Plan for the Development of Very High Capacity Networks, approved in March 2021, defines the strategic approach of the Czech Republic to the construction of VHCN.

Broadband in Cyprus

Cyprus' broadband plan sets strategic objectives for 2016-2020 and is aligned with the Gigabit Society objectives and the 5G Action Plan. It aims at Internet coverage with at least 30 Mbps for all households and businesses by 2020. In order to achieve the 2020 take-up target of…

Broadband in Croatia

Croatia's strategy contains basic principles such as service and technological neutrality, net neutrality and inclusion of broadband internet access among universal services.

Broadband in Bulgaria

The National Broadband Infrastructure Plan for Next Generation Access "Connected Bulgaria" and the Policy in the field of electronic communications have been updated and adopted in August 2020.

Broadband in Belgium

Belgium's broadband strategy is incorporated into a broader policy strategy "Digital Belgium 2015-2020". The aim is to provide speeds of up to 1 Gbps to half of the country by 2020 and to facilitate a proactive 5G roll-out. By lowering costs and reducing administrative burdens…

Broadband in Austria

Austria's broadband strategy focuses on the nationwide supply of Gigabit connections by 2030. By the end of 2025, almost nationwide availability of 5G should have been realised.