

## 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.

### Summary of broadband development in Romania

The National Strategy for Romanian Digital Agenda 2020 represents Romania's broadband strategy. The authorities intend to update the plan to reflect the Gigabit Society targets. Broadband and digital services infrastructure is one of the four action fields defined in the strategy. The Romanian Strategy aims at achieving coverage of 100% of households with fixed broadband by 2020, 80% of households with access to over 30 Mbps broadband and 45% of households with subscriptions over 100 Mbps. The National Plan for Next Generation Network infrastructure development states the same and opts for prioritising the development of fibre networks as close to the end user as possible. The National Strategy for the Implementation of 5G has been adopted in 2019.

### National broadband plan and policy

#### Responsible authorities

- Romania's broadband plan is implemented by the Ministry of Communication and Information Society (Ministerul Comunicațiilor și Societății Informaționale).
- The role of the Authority for the Digitization of Romania (Autoritatea pentru Digitalizarea României) is to achieve and coordinate the implementation of public strategies and policies in the field of digital transformation and the information society.
- The National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (Autoritatea Națională pentru Administrare și Reglementare în Comunicații, ANCOM) is responsible for regulatory measures.

#### Main aims and measures for broadband development

Special regard is given to rural and disadvantaged areas, to the stimulation of competition and to the promotion of the development of mobile broadband as the proper solution for Romania, considering the intense progress of mobile telephony market. The broadband plan has a number of specific objectives such as:

- connecting public institutions (public demand aggregation),
- increased use in public,

- supporting SMEs in training, configuring and implementing infrastructure projects and services,
- increasing accessibility of services, content and applications development,
- consumer education, and
- inclusion of disadvantaged groups of users.

The long term NGA aims are 100% coverage with 30 Mbps, 80% coverage with more than 30 Mbps and 45% households' penetration with 100 Mbps by 2020.

## **National and regional broadband financial instruments**

- State Aid (General Activities): Romania has launched the Ro-NET project, which uses structural funds (approximately EUR 69 million) to build up broadband infrastructure in areas still uncovered (middle mile funding). The direct beneficiary and recipient of the all grants of state aid is the Ministry of Communication and Information Society through a project implementation unit, which will remain the owner of the newly created backhaul infrastructure. By the end of September 2019, works were completed in 606 localities, while an additional 82 localities are in an advanced stage of completion.

## **Data on broadband development and technologies in Romania**

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**

- National Strategy on the Digital Agenda for Romania 2020
- Study on National Broadband Plans in the EU-28
- Guide to High-Speed Broadband Investment
- Mobile and fixed broadband prices in Europe at the end of 2019
- Study on broadband coverage in Europe 2019
- Romania - country reports on performances in digitisation: connectivity, digital skills, digital public services and more

### **Romanian**

- Strategia Națională privind Agenda Digitală pentru România 2020
- Planul Național de Dezvoltare a Infrastructurii NGN 2015
- Strategia 5G pentru România

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

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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...

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#### Broadband in Malta

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

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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### 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...

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### Broadband in Ireland

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

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### Broadband in Hungary

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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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## 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.

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