

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.

Summary of broadband development in Slovak Republic

National policy for electronic communications by 2020, Slovakia's National Broadband Strategy and Strategic document for Digital Growth and Next Generation Access Infrastructure 2014-2020 aim at 100% coverage of 30 Mbps high-speed internet and the preparation for meeting the target on subscriptions of above 100 Mbps.

National broadband strategy and policy

Responsible authorities

- The Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization (Ministerstvo investícií, regionálneho rozvoja a informatizácie) is responsible for the coordination of activities arising from the Digital Agenda of Europe as a central government body.
- The Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic (Ministerstvo dopravy a výstavby Slovenskej republiky), bears the primary responsibility for the national broadband strategy and the policies. It also acts as Managing Authority for the Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure 2014-2020.
- The regulatory tasks are performed by the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (Úrad pre reguláciu elektronických komunikácií a poštových služieb).
- The National Agency for Network and Electronic Services (Národná agentúra pre sieťové a elektronické služby, NASES) builds regional broadband networks in areas unattractive for commercial operators.
- Research Institute of Posts and Telecommunications (Výskumný ústav spojov, VUS), is a non-profit R&D centre for electronic communications and postal services in Slovakia. VUS performs project-based activities in selected areas of electronic communications and postal services.

Main aims for broadband development

The basic framework to be considered in the deployment and use of broadband is to meet a target of 100% coverage of 30 Mbps high-speed internet and the preparation for meeting the target concerning subscriptions of high-speed internet above 100 Mbps. The long-term target of ensuring take-up of 50% with speed above 100 Mbps by 2020 was not incorporated, largely on grounds that its accomplishment cannot be guaranteed.

The strategic document Support for the development of 5G networks in Slovakia for the years 2020-2025 sets a vision and goals for the 5G rollout.

Main measures for broadband development

- Regulation measures:
The measures for effective investments in supporting fixed and mobile broadband defined in the strategic document for the Digital Growth and Next Generation Access Infrastructure (2014-2020) prepared by the Ministry of Finance, can be broken down to four areas:
 - legislative amendments to simplify the building of networks,
 - coordinated construction of the networks in order to mitigate risks and reduce costs,
 - regulation of prices and access to completed networks to increase competition in the market and optimise the profitability of realised investment and
 - auctions to facilitate innovation in mobile broadband access.
- A Memorandum of Cooperation, stating that by the end of 2020 all municipalities in Slovakia should be covered by high-speed internet, was signed by the telecom operators Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatization of the Slovak Republic.
- State aid measures:
A national broadband project to be implemented by the National Agency for Networking and Electronic Services (NASES) is to contribute with EUR 89.25 million ERDF (OP Integrated Infrastructure, priority axis 7) and EUR 27 million EAFRD (National Rural Development Programme). ERDF funds are planned to support a backhaul and last mile in white areas (municipalities), while EAFRD funds are planned to support community-led local development projects giving more capillarity especially in the rural areas to the backhaul.

Data on broadband development and technologies in the Slovakia

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 and EU publications and press documents

English

- Strategic document for Digital Growth and Next Generation Access Infrastructure 2014-2020
- 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
- Slovakia - country reports on performances in digitisation: connectivity, digital skills, digital public services and more

Slovak

- Národná politika pre elektronické komunikácie do roku 2020

- Strategický dokument pre oblasť rastu digitálnych služieb a oblasť infraštruktúry prístupovej siete novej generácie 2014–2020
- Národná stratégia pre širokopásmový prístup v SR
- Podpora rozvoja sietí 5G na Slovensku na roky 2020-2025

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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 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 Greece

The Greek Digital Transformation Bible 2020-2025 highlights connectivity as one of the five strategic

axes and acknowledges the Gigabit Society 2025 targets.

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.

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