



JASPERS Networking Platform DG REGIO-JASPERS CBA Forum meeting on the Broadband sector

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2016 EC Communication "**Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit Society**"

EU broadband strategic objectives for 2025:

1. **Gigabit connectivity** for all main **socio-economic drivers** such as **schools, transport hubs** and main providers of **public services** as well as **digitally intensive enterprises**.
2. All urban areas and all **major terrestrial transport paths** to have uninterrupted **5G coverage**.
3. All European **households, rural or urban**, will have access to Internet connectivity offering a downlink of at **least 100 Mbps, upgradable to Gigabit speed**.



ESIF 2021-2027 Policy objectives

11 objectives simplified and consolidated to 5:

1. A smarter Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation)
2. A greener, low-carbon Europe (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)
3. **A more connected Europe (mobility and ICT connectivity)**
4. A more social Europe (the European Pillar of Social Rights)
5. A Europe closer to citizens (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives)

2 horizontal objectives:

- Administrative capacity building
- Co-operation between regions and across borders (embeds co-operation in mainstream)



EU Agriculture & Rural Development policy post- 2020



- **Access to broadband is a pre-condition for a modern CAP** and investments into the **uptake of new technologies** are at the core of the new legislative proposal.
- Because of the lower density of population, many rural areas in the EU suffer from **underinvestment in connectivity**, to the detriment of the socio-economic fabric in these areas.
- To address this challenge, Member States will be able to use a number of interventions: **Smart Villages, Leader and local investments** may be **used and combined** to support in particular the actual connectivity of rural households and businesses to high-speed internet, and offer them modern **e-services**.

ESIF 2021-2027: Enabling Conditions

A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity

A **national or regional broadband plan** is in place which includes:

1. An assessment of the **investment gap** that needs to be addressed to reach the EU Gigabit connectivity objectives , based on:
 - a recent **mapping (1) of existing private and public infrastructure** and quality of service using standard broadband mapping indicators
 - a **consultation on planned investments**
2. The justification of planned public intervention^[1] on the basis of **sustainable investment models** that:
 - enhance, affordability and access to open, quality and future-proof infrastructure and services
 - adjust the forms of financial assistance to the market failures identified
 - allow for a complementary use of different forms of financing from EU, national or regional sources
3. **Measures to support demand and use of Very High Capacity (VHC) networks**, including actions to **facilitate their roll-out**, in particular through the effective implementation of the **EU Broadband Cost-Reduction Directive (2)**
4. **Technical assistance mechanisms, including Broadband Competence Offices** to reinforce the capacity of local stakeholders and advise project promoters
5. **A monitoring mechanism based on standard broadband mapping indicators**

^[1] In line with article 22 of the [Proposal for a] Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Code].

^[2] Directive 2014/61/EU

EC activities to assist the next MFF Broadband funding

Current on-going actions

The Action Plan for Rural Broadband:

- **Action 1:** setting up the [Broadband Competence Offices](#) (BCO Network).
- **Action 2:** deployment of "broadband missions" to unlock the administrative and financial bottlenecks to broadband roll-out.
- **Action 3:** design a "common methodology" for planning, reporting and monitoring of broadband investments.
- **Action 4:** introduction of a "rural proof test" to avoid to further increase the digital gap between rural and remote areas and other areas.
- **Action 5:** update the Commission's guide to high-speed broadband investment to help local communities launch successful projects.
- **Action 6:** design a "rural broadband framework" to help implement broadband investment in rural areas.

Guidelines on geographical surveys (mapping BB: article 22 of the new Code) including a specific methodology for mapping broadband coverage EU level tasks, eg:

- Development of EU broadband/DSM policy;
 - Assist implementation and monitoring of DSM (DESI)
 - State aid notification
 - ESIF/EAFRD programming, implementation and monitoring
- Other policy and regulatory at MS level

Additional forthcoming actions:

- Development of specific communities/networks



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Questions?

More Information

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