

Slovenia: Broadband markets

Slovenia has a very low availability of standard fixed broadband, while the take-up of fixed broadband is slightly lower than average. In mobile broadband, take-up is lower than average too. Slovenia should foster further the investment in infrastructure in order to increase the availability of fixed broadband.

In 2012, standard fixed broadband covered 73.6% of homes in Slovenia (95.5% in the EU). At the same time, Next Generation Access capable of providing at least 30 Mbps download was available to 65.1% of homes (53.8% in the EU).

In January 2013, the incumbent operator had a market share below the European average (38.8% compared to 42.3% in the EU). DSL was the most common technology to provide broadband access, even though cable broadband connections accounted for a significant part of the market (49.1%, as opposed to 26.2% in the EU).

The take-up (subscriptions as a percentage of population) of fixed broadband was 25.8% in January 2013, below the European average of 28.8%, but 1.3 p.p. higher than in 2012. The share of high speed connections (at least 30 Mbps) was significantly lower than average (3.9% compared to 14.8% in the EU) and ultra-fast connections (at least 100 Mbps) accounted for 3.2% of all subscriptions (3.4% in the EU).

On the mobile side, third generation mobile broadband (HSPA) was available to 96.2% of population in 2012 (96.3% in the EU). Meanwhile, 4th generation (LTE) availability stood at 12.8% of population (26.2% in the EU). The take-up rate (subscriptions as a percentage of population) of mobile broadband was 36.9% in January 2013, below the average of 54.5% in the EU.