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The European Commission wants European citizens and businesses to have access to Internet of at 30 Mbps and that at least 50% of European households subscribe to Internet connections above 100 Mbps by 2020. In 2013 the Commission is rolling-out a 10 point broadband plan to achieve this, which will be built in the summer on by a full blueprint for a single market for ICT.

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In many cases, reaching these targets means rolling out new broadband infrastructure or upgrading existing connections. This is expensive, especially in rural areas. The Civil engineering costs for up to 80% of the cost of installing broadband networks and the Commission's draft Regulation could save between 40 and 60 billion euro or up to 30% of the total investment costs.

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