

# Broadband

The Broadband PCI aims to facilitate an efficient flow of private and public investments to stimulate the deployment of high-speed broadband networks through a set of innovative projects.

The implementation of the Broadband actions is articulated through two different financial instruments, i.e.:

- The CEF Equity Instrument, also known as the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund (CEBF), with a foreseen duration of 20 years (until June 2038);
- The CEF Debt Financial Instrument, with a duration linked to the completion of the project funded.

The investment in Broadband contributes to the improvement of the accessibility to EU-level financial instruments, to maximize the efficiency and impact of public funding. The European Commission supported the creation of the network of European Broadband Competence Offices (BCOs) to facilitate the absorption of EU funds on connectivity.

Consisting of 34 national BCO members (Ministries and/or NRAs) and 86 regional BCO members, the network operates since 2017 through a BCO Support Facility

The Support Facility helps the BCOs with networking activities, trainings and dissemination of information and best practices. In addition, it assists in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of broadband projects to ensure that all EU investments (RRF, ERDF, EAFRD, CEF, Financial Instruments) rapidly progress towards the EU gigabit 2025 and 2030 objectives.

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## Highlights



### Financial investment:

A total of **€117.5 million** has been **invested** in the creation of the Broadband financial instruments: **€100 million** through the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund (CEBF) and **€17.5 million** through the CEF Debt Financial Instrument.



### CEF Broadband Fund

By Q4 2022, **€44.3 million** of the **€100 million** from CEF Telecom to set up the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund were called by the Fund Manager who invested equity in 10 projects for a total cost of **€833 million**.



### CEF Telecom Debt Instrument

By Q4 2022, the full **€17.5 million** from CEF Telecom were used to guarantee an **€100 million** EIB loan financing one project for a total of **€241 million**.

## Indicators

All monitoring activities displayed on the dashboard present the state of play by Q4 2022. Both the CEBF and CEF debt instrument have a foreseen duration of approximately 20 years.

## Uptake

10

Broadband infrastructure projects funded by the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund

€ 251,000,000

Public and private investments raised by the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund

627,409

Households covered by broadband access of at least 30 megabits per second

## Financial Monitoring

€ 100,000,000

CEF Telecom budget committed through the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund

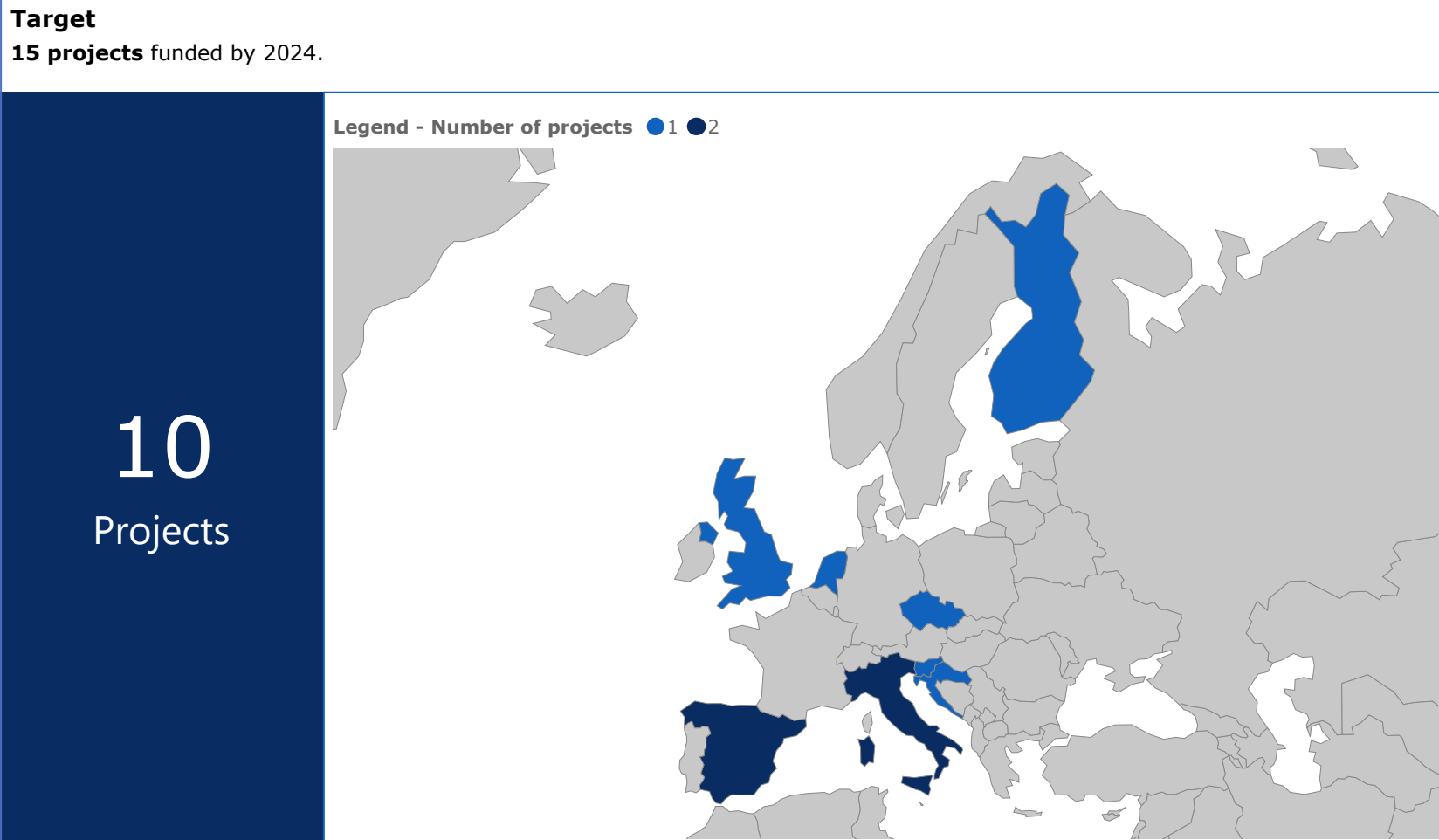
€ 17,499,729

CEF Telecom budget committed through the CEF Debt Financial Instrument

# Indicators

## Broadband > Uptake > Deployment of infrastructure projects

This indicator measures the number of **broadband infrastructure projects funded by the CEF Telecom programme**. The baseline for this number is the first data collection in 2019 (3 projects).

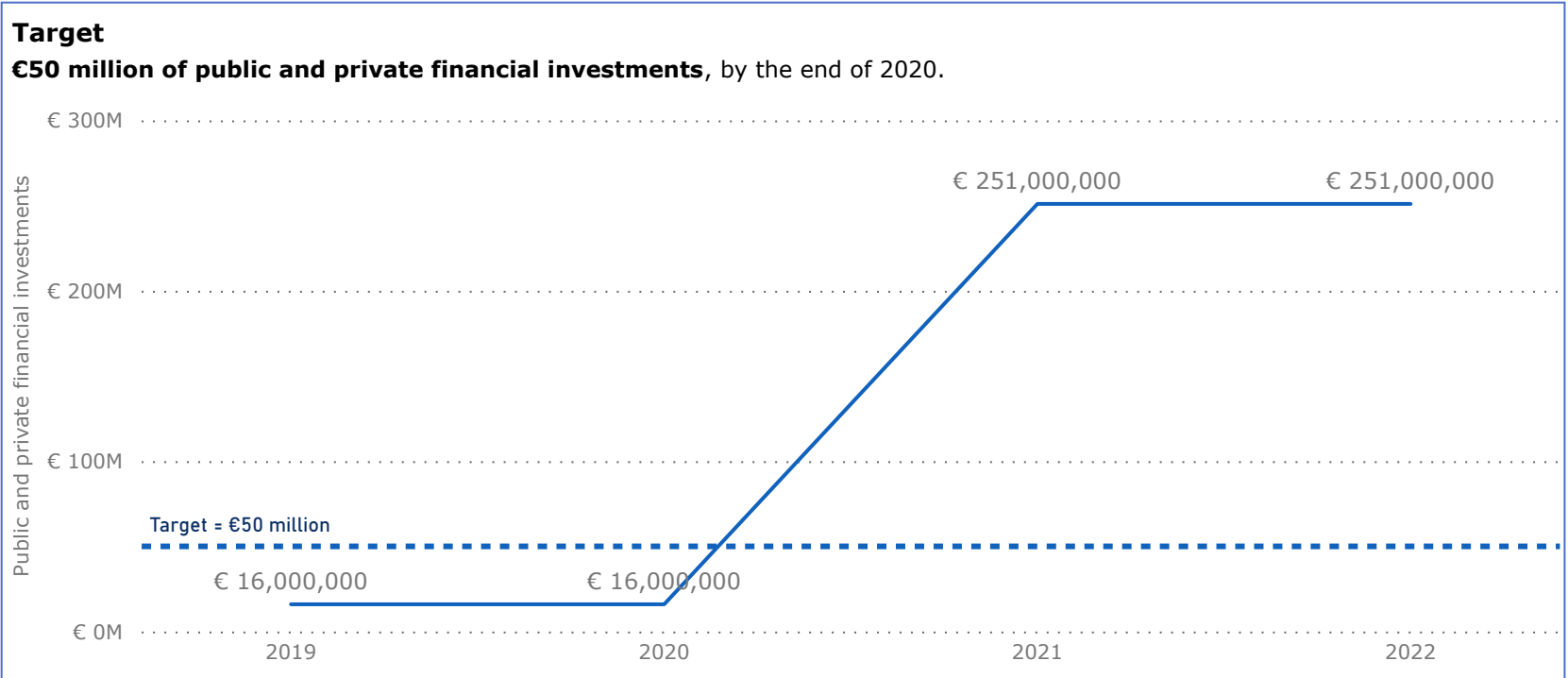


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## Broadband > Uptake > Investment effort

This indicator measures the amount of **public and private financial investments** leveraged at the level of the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund. The baseline for this amount is the first data collection in 2019 (€16,000,000).



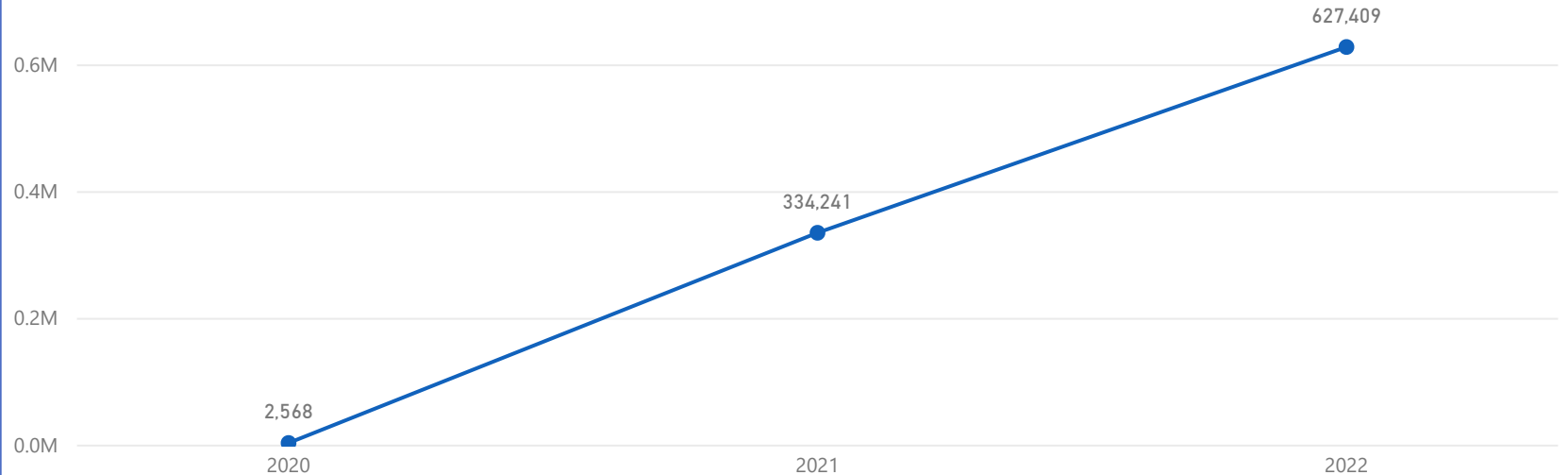


## Broadband > Uptake > Household coverage

This indicator measures **number of households covered by broadband access of at least 30 megabits per second (Mbps)**, in projects financed by the CEF equity instrument (Connecting Europe Broadband fund), at the time of yearly data collection.

### Target

**Broadband access for all EU households served by CEBF funded projects at speeds of at least 30 megabits per second (Mbps)**



# Broadband Milestones

All the **Broadband** milestones defined within the CEF Monitoring framework were successfully achieved. A detailed overview of the milestones can be found in the table below.

Milestone title	Start date	End date	% complete	Status
Legal basis for the CEF Debt Instrument: Delegation Agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) dated 22 July 2015.	01 January 2015	31 July 2015	100	Completed
Launch of the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund on 27 June 2018.	01 January 2016	30 June 2018	100	Completed
Legal basis for the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund: The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, was further complemented for the CEBF, by a series of Commission Decisions, starting with C(2016) 1950 of 4 July 2016 for the Work Programme detailing its envisaged implementation.	01 January 2016	31 July 2016	100	Completed