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Less digging = more broadband. What does this mean for ...

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.

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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