# *Malta: Broadband markets*

***Malta has a relatively low share of high speed and ultra-fast connections, but has one of the highest availability of Next Generation Access. In mobile broadband, use on computers and on smartphones remains close to the average.***

In 2012, standard fixed broadband covered more than 99.95% of homes in Malta (95.5% in the EU). At the same time, Next Generation Access capable of providing at least 30 Mbps download was available to 99.9% of homes, as opposed to 53.8% in the EU.

In January 2013, the incumbent operator had a market share above the European average (49.7% compared to 42.3% in the EU). 49.9% of all subscriptions were DSL connections (73.8% in the EU), while cable broadband connections accounted for 47% of the market (17.4% in the EU).

The take-up (subscriptions as a percentage of population) of fixed broadband was 32.6% in January 2013, 3.8 p.p. above the European average of 28.8% and 1.7 p.p. higher than in 2012. Meanwhile, the share of high speed connections (at least 30 Mbps) was significantly lower than average (1.7% compared to 14.8% in the EU) and ultra-fast connections (at least 100 Mbps) accounted for less than 1% of all subscriptions (3.4% in the EU).

On the mobile side, third generation mobile broadband (HSPA) was available to 99% of population in 2012 (96.3% in the EU) and there was no 4th generation (LTE) availability. The take-up rate (subscriptions as a percentage of population) of mobile broadband was 35.2% in January 2013, below the average of 54.5% in the EU.