



eu funding

rural development

BROADBAND COMPETENCE

digital single market

internet

OFFICES

bco

europa
commission

connectivity

remote areas

NETWORK

new generation access

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Commission

THE CONNECTIVITY OBJECTIVES

DSM targets for 2020:


- 30 Mbps or more for all citizens
- 100 Mbps or more by 50% of households

Gigabit Society targets for 2025:

- 1 Gbps for all schools, transport hubs and main providers of public services and digitally intensive enterprises
- 100 Mbps to be upgraded to 1 Gbps for all European households
- 5G wireless broadband coverage

A photograph of a rural landscape with a blue sky and green fields.

76% EU citizens
NGA connected
BUT only 40% in rural areas

A photograph of a city skyline at night with lights reflecting on water.

Market failure
due to lack of business case
in some areas . Intervention
needed on selective basis

THE BCO INITIATIVE

The **European Commission** called on Member States **to create a network of Broadband Competence Offices** to address these issues.

Indeed some of the hurdles seem recurrent:

- Regulatory
- Technical
- Finance



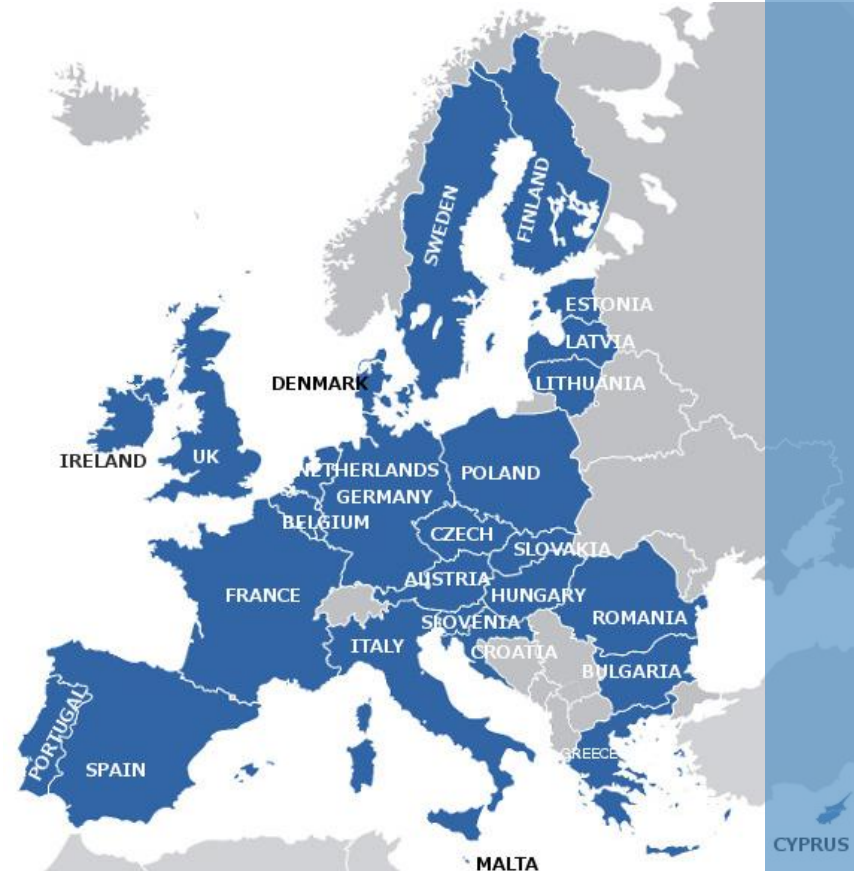
BCO NETWORK

A 27 EU Member States Network to:

- Share good practices
- Learn from each other
- Develop common tools and resources
- Build competence

At **national** and **regional** level

Accelerate up-take of
public funds for BB



COMMISSION ACTION PLAN FOR RURAL BROADBAND

6 Actions announced by Commission at BCO launch event in November 2017:

- Strengthen the BCO Network
- Broadband country missions
- Common methodology for planning, mapping and monitoring broadband investments
- Rural proof tests
- Broadband investment and state aid guidelines up-date
- Rural Broadband Project Framework



ACTIVITIES 2018

Workshops on :

- ICT services for rural and remote areas
- BCO service offering
- State aid training
- Demand side measures
- Last mile connection
- Technology choice

Continued work with the ENRD.



Thank you

