



Ministry of Infrastructure

Roadmap on the implementation of the Connectivity Toolbox

General remarks

Sweden has an advanced broadband infrastructure – ranking second place in the DESI 2020 report. Apart from a large budget for broadband subsidies there are also, since several years back, broadband coordinators and a Broadband Forum in place to facilitate coordination between relevant actors for broadband roll out.

The Ministry of Infrastructure has been in touch with the NRA (Post and Telecom Authority), Broadband Forum, the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, and Lantmäteriet (the Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority) to hear their views on the Toolbox. To a large extent, the absolute majority of best practices are already in place or planning to be in place. This roadmap will therefore focus on best practices not in place.

Any potential implementation of best practices that are not fully in place would depend on national circumstances such as budgetary possibilities and the willingness and possibility for authorities to implement the practice. This is especially true for local authorities and regions in SE which have a significant level of autonomy in relation to the state. Dialog with relevant actors will continue during 2021.

Permit granting procedures

- Permit exemptions and tacit approval – these are not in place and they don't fit in the national context. The Association of Local Authorities and Regions has been clear about the fact that it is important for municipalities to know and approve of rolling out of infrastructures.

Fast track procedures are already in place in the Swedish legislation to meet the 4-month deadline.

- Use of electronic means for permit applications – this is a good best practice. Work is ongoing in SE: Lantmäteriet as well as local authorities are working to digitalise the permit granting procedures.
- Digital administrative portal coordination – this is a good best practice too. To interconnect existing portals is a good idea, but will be extremely difficult and expensive to implement in SE. Each authority at local and national level has its own IT-system; making these interconnected would demand extensive resources in time and money.

SIP

The practices are already in place. It is important however to point out that relevant entities are not obliged to provide information via the SIP – and the information provided are done so on a voluntary basis.

Right of access to existing physical infrastructure

Already in place.

Dispute resolution mechanism

Optional prior/parallel conciliation mechanism – this is a good best practice, but not in place in SE. It exists within the Electronic Communications Code, but not in the BCRD.

Reducing environmental footprints & Environmental impact assessment

Environmental issues are being discussed at BEREC and RSPG. The NRA participates actively in the discussions within these groups.

Following the prevailing view among Member States the conditions for the application of these Directives do not seem to be fulfilled.

Incentives for investment

- Payment of award fees in instalments – this is not suitable in the SE context. A well-functioning financial market has fulfilled the needs and has

provided financial solutions that has obviated the need for having an instalment scheme for award fees.

- Use financial aid as a complement – this is a good best practice and will be considered if/when applicable.

Coordination at union level on spectrum assignment

These are already in place to a large extent. A coherent practice for granting rights of use for radio spectrum is being used. This would also apply for possible future cross-border industrial uses. The European Electronic Communications Code is to be transposed into national law. The NRA takes an active role in the work to develop harmonised technical conditions by CEPT/ECC.

Electromagnetic fields and public safety

Planned to be implemented. The NRA takes an active role in the ongoing joint work within RSPG and BEREC on issues related to EMF.