



BROADBAND COMPETENCE OFFICES THE NETWORK AND SUPPORT FACILITY

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THE CONNECTIVITY OBJECTIVES

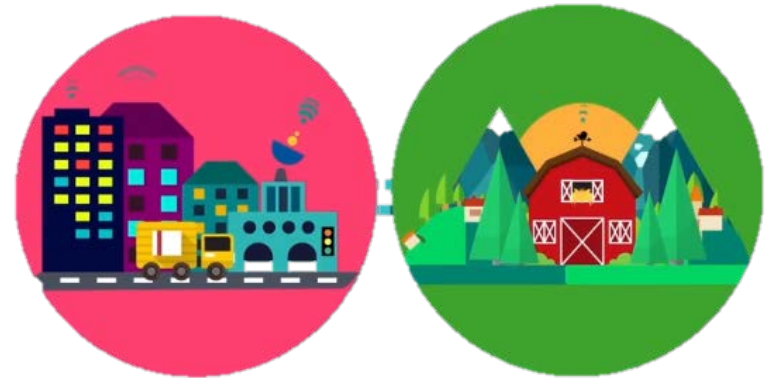
DSM targets for 2020:

- 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

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



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



WHY BCOs?

- To act as single contact point at national or regional level to stakeholders delivering broadband, notably in conjunction with the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF).
- To provide technical and legal support on ways to invest effectively in broadband.



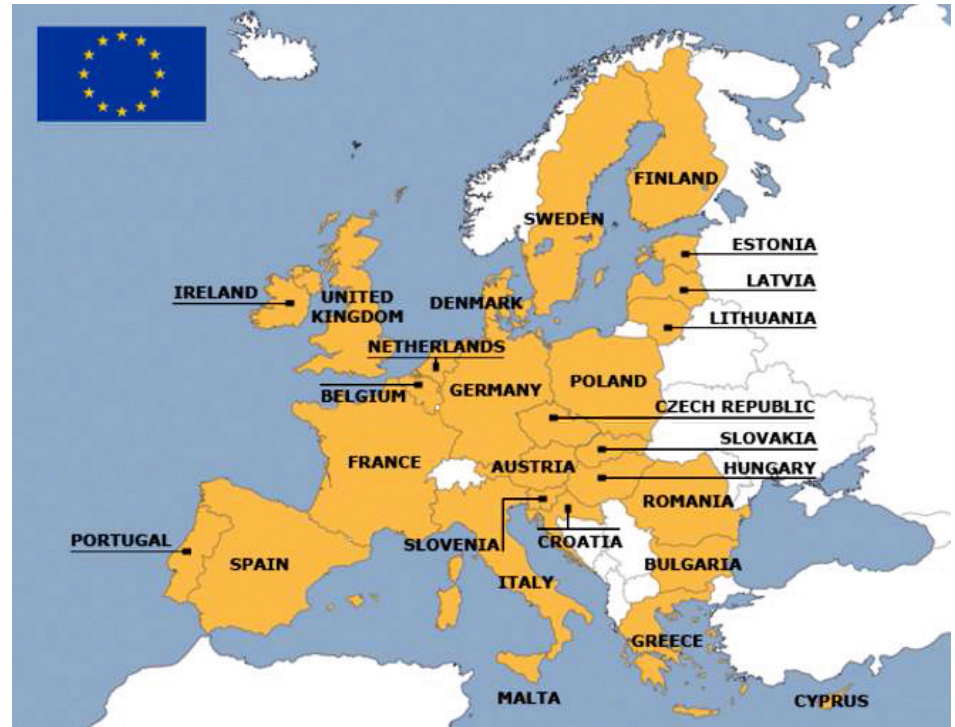


BCO NETWORK

A 27 EU Member States
Network to:

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

At national and possibly
regional level



BCO SUPPORT FACILITY

A team to animate the Network of BCOs to:

- support and strengthen the existing BCOs
- promote the creation of new BCOs, possibly at regional level
- create and disseminate knowledge, including the exchange of good practices
- reach the growing eco-system of stakeholders involved in broadband deployment



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017

- Training and capacity building on state aid, finance and technology, mapping and Cost Reduction Directive.
- Creation of Thematic Groups around key challenges
- Over 80% satisfaction of Network
- Promotion of WIFI4EU initiative





None of this would have been possible without the great contributions from the Network and the commitment of the Commission services.

