

BCO Network

BCO Cyprus

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**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 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



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

The BCO Network

A 28 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 uptake
of public funds for broadband



Objectives:

- Reinforcing the BCO Network's membership and identity; increasing BCOs' ownership of the Network
- Identifying potential measures to enhance BCOs' technical and coordination capacity
- Promoting the creations of BCOs at regional level
- Disseminating knowledge, including the exchange of good practices
- Identification of potential multipliers involved in the implementation of broadband plans in Europe

Thematic priorities for 2020:

- Mapping
- 5G
- Investment models in rural areas, building up on the actions implemented under the “Rural Broadband Action Plan”
- EU financing for broadband in the future MFF

Good practices

Check-out:

- the [database](#) of good practices in broadband projects
- the [European Broadband Awards archive](#)
- the [BCO Network video interview series](#) on good practices in broadband projects
- the Broadband Europe [portal](#) and [newsletter](#)

Good practices in your country?

Want to propose a project to be included as a **good practice** in the database?

→ Contact us by email on info@broadbandeurope.eu to propose a project to be included in the database of good practices in broadband projects.

Upcoming events in 2019:

- **BCO Network Annual Conference** on 26 September in Brussels
- **Ensuring Future Dynamic Rural Areas** during the European Week of Regions and Cities on 8 October in Brussels
- **Mapping and Investment Models for Rural Areas** on 22-23 October in Brussels

Ensuring Future Dynamic Rural Areas

8 October 2019, Brussels

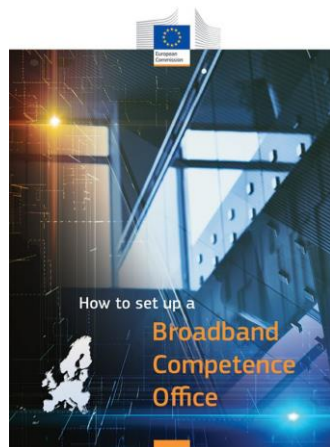
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