Broadband Competence Offices Support Facility

Who we are
What we do
What is the Broadband Competence Offices Support Facility?

- The European Commission offers a support facility (BCO-SF), a dedicated office for support and facilitation between all the BCOs through regular workshops and constant networking.

Objectives

- To support and strengthen the existing BCOs and promote the creation of new BCOs.
- To create and disseminate knowledge, including the exchange of best practices.
- To identify potential multipliers, involved in the implementation of broadband plans in Europe.
What is a BCO?

• Broadband Competence Offices (BCOs) provide technical support to representatives of local and regional authorities on ways to invest effectively in broadband – and whenever possible in combination with financial instruments.

• Set up at the national or regional level, BCOs operate as single contact points to stakeholders delivering broadband, notably in conjunction with the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF).
BCO-SF services’ overview

– Network animation
– Training
– Best practice sharing
– Funding guidance
– Regulatory issues
EU Broadband funding (ERDF & EAFRD)

2014-2020 OVERALL EU BUDGETS FOR BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT (MEUR)

- Austria: 26.45
- Bulgaria: 25.50
- Cyprus: 19.31
- Croatia: 203.50
- Czech Republic: 521.38
- Estonia: 43.08
- Finland: 12.60
- France: 371.64
- Germany: 670.08
- Greece: 319.27
- Hungary: 399.91
- Ireland: 75.00
- Italy: 1,161.12
- Latvia: 43.97
- Lithuania: 46.81
- Poland: 1,020.22
- Romania: 100.00
- Slovakia: 117.91
- Slovenia: 57.51
- Spain: 463.56
- Sweden: 234.96
- UK: 212.84
Other broadband funds

Debt based instruments

– Connected Europe Broadband Fund
– Strategic Investment Fund EFSI
Challenge of mountain regions

- Technology
- Access / geography
- Population density
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