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 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