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Workshop: Strategies and approaches for improving connectivity

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The BCO Network and the Support Facility

Commissioner's initiative, linked to ESI Funds

Euro 2.5 bn to Euro 6 bn

BCO: single point of contacts in countries & regions

To overcome bottlenecks



How to set up a
Broadband
Competence
Office

Hurdles to Broadband deployment

76% of Europeans have NGA access, but only 40% in rural areas

Hurdles:

- Technical
- Finance
- Legal



→ Community driven networks are one possible answer



Community led networks

- Complement existing aid schemes
- Bottom-up, user driven initiatives
- Market demand aggregation vs user owned
- How can such initiatives be supported? Promoted?



Case studies from the ground

1. ASNET – Jes JESSEN, Denmark
2. B4RN Rural Broadband Project (VIDEO) – UK
3. Molenwaard Civil Society Broadband – Marieke KOK, The Netherlands



Group Discussion

Choose the Group you want to join:

Practical Challenges and
Needs to Support
Connectivity in Rural Areas

How could various Policies
(incl. RDPs) better Support
Connectivity in Rural Areas

DO NOT FORGET

1. Sign on the attendance list – Verify your participation
2. Share with us any successful initiatives and projects you may be aware of
3. Take 2 minutes to fill in the feedback form – Your opinion is important



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