

All for Broadband – Broadband for all.

Session 1: Challenges of operators especially in rural and remote areas – how to reach everyone?.

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- Importance of ICT
- Different technologies to deliver broadband access
- Challenges of broadband roll-out in rural and remote areas
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Investments in modern fixed and mobile broadband networks drive overall GDP growth and employment.



Case study "Germany's broadband targets 2020"

- Study of the renowned Columbia Institute for Tele-Information (CITI) by Prof. Katz
- Underlying target 2020: FTTH to 50% of households (HH), VDSL to next 30% of HH & broadband services below 50Mbps to remaining HH
- Impact on German GDP 2015-20: Additional € 171 bn. of which 20% in network construction and 80% in other sectors
- Impact on employment: 968,000 new jobs of which 56% in network construction and 44% in other sectors

To leverage these potentials substantial investments into modern fixed and mobile broadband networks needed

BB access is possible via both mobile and fixed technologies. However fixed is the medium/long-term solution to achieve the 'Gigabit Society'.





Challenges to reach remote areas arise from significant higher rollout costs for both mobile and fixed.



- requiring larger cell radius for efficient coveragePropagation rate of the signal depends on the
 - frequency and determines the roll-out costs



Given certain conditions, mobile BB will help to cover white spots short term, while fixed BB can only be achieved medium/longterm.





Fast availability and deployment of the digital dividend is key for allowing short-term white spot coverage.



*among other, including as well UMTS/HSPA

Medium to long-term, coverage of remote areas with high-speed fixed infrastructure has to deal with several issues.



The Hungarian broadband market as a typical example for Central Eastern and Southern Europe shows several challenges in both fixed and mobile.





For Central Eastern and Southern Europe, several actions are necessary to allow broadband for all.

Spectrum Management	Utilization of free frequencies	 Assign unused frequencies to operators capable for a fast roll-out (e.g. Hungary 900 MHz and 2.6 GHz) Urge the freeing of the 'Digital Dividend' as it is considered best practice in many other countries
NGA Regulation	Leverage chances given in the 'NRF' and 'NGA recommendation'	 Define a regionalized approach to differentiate roll-out areas Apply a more symmetric regulatory approach Bring risk sharing to its full potential
Economic Framework	Ensure predictable economic conditions	Set long run investment friendly environmentApply different incentives
Market Stimulation	Boost economy by developing e-Society	 Develop and implement e-Government solutions Leverage eHealth, eLearnig, teleworking, etc.

