



# BCO Network

This summary provides an overview of the objectives and planned activities of the **European Broadband Competence Offices Network Support Facility** for 2022-23.

The BCO-SF's goals are to:

- consolidate and animate a robust network of national and regional BCOs in EU Member States, the Western Balkans and Norway
- empower them to best serve their stakeholders
- help achieve the EU connectivity targets, with special attention to areas lagging behind

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## European Broadband Competence Offices Network Support Facility *2022-23 Work Plan Summary*

### Objectives

The BCO Network Support Facility will:

- reinforce the BCO Network members' engagement and identity
- support BCOs in planning and programming EU funds
- strengthen the involvement and engagement of regional BCOs (depending on Member States' institutional context)
- disseminate expert knowledge, including the exchange of current good practices
- identify potential multipliers involved in the planning of policy and funding instruments with an impact on the implementation of broadband plans in Europe

### Activities

The 2022-23 activities of the Support Facility will include, among others:

- animation of online discussions between BCOs, experts and European Commission representatives
- organisation of online capacity-building and knowledge exchange sessions addressing the needs of the BCOs
- involvement of the BCOs in the preparation and running of activities
- interaction with stakeholders playing a relevant role for broadband deployment in the EU, Norway and the Western Balkans
- creation and dissemination of publications and videos to promote awareness of good practices, as well as EU policy initiatives, funding and support for broadband

### Capacity-building and knowledge exchange

The programme for 2022-23 will principally focus on the following key topics:

#### Policy and regulatory

Cybersecurity and data protection  
Green procurement  
JRC Broadband coverage analysis  
Broadband Cost Reduction Directive  
Cost Reduction Directive  
Toolbox  
Smart Communities  
DESI indicators  
Broadband Guidelines

#### Funding and projects

Broadband planning  
RRF milestones  
Sub-marine cables  
Outermost Regions  
Mountain regions  
Vouchers and demand-side stimulation  
5G wholesale access models  
Coordination of funds  
CEF Digital calls  
EIB Technical Assistance  
Smart Villages  
Last mile in rural areas  
IPCEI outcome – OpenRAN / Cloud and edge computing

#### Technology

5G for Connected Automated Mobility and other use cases  
Services for rural users  
European low-orbit satellite initiative  
Artificial Intelligence in broadband infrastructure and society

#### Outreach

Western Balkans Digital Summit  
European Mountain Convention on Smart Mountains