



Very High Capacity and 5G Networks: From the EU Code to the EU Market

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The required investments to reach the targets of the DAE and the EGS amount to 384 bn€ until 2025.



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Further analysis of the required investment:

Geotype	% Invest.	% Pr*
Urban	20%	32%
Suburban	25%	36%
Semi-rural	30%	21%
Rural	21%	10%
Extreme- rural	4%	1%

*Pr = Premises

- 72% for wired connections (premises, excl. companies)
- 36% in cohesion regions

Five countries make up 71% of the total investment need.



Countries with largest investment need: France (24%), Italy (16%), Germany (14%), UK (11%), and Spain (7%).

Countries reached DAE in 2018: (8)

- Malta, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Latvia, Denmark, Portugal, Belgium and the Netherlands.



The investment gap for public funding to reach the targets of the DAE and the EGS is ca. 254 bn€.

Expected private investments relevant for the DAE and EGS targets until 2025 amount to ca. **130 bn€.**

- → Cover (only) 33% of total investment needs
- ightarrow Investment gap: ca. 254 bn ${
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Alternative scenarios:

1. Max:

- FTTC in extreme-rural + max 5G quality
- Investment need: +15% to 428 bn€
- Private investments: 39%
- Investment gap: 262 bn€
- 2. Min:

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- Wireless technologies in all 3 rural geotypes + only 1m socio-economic drivers/enterprises
- Investment need: -53% to 192 bn€
- Private investments: 68%
- Investment gap: 62 bn€



Selected EU regulation/policy for broadband





Very high capacity networks: what does it comprise?



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Regime	Assessment	Conclusion
State Aid	No NGA	White area
EECC	No VHC network	Designated area





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Regime	Assessment	Conclusion
State Aid	NGA & 2 operators	Black area
EECC	No VHC network	Designated area



Challenges for EECC





Conclusions

- Gigabits Society targets for VHC networks are far beyond what market forces can deliver
- Investment gap needs to be fulfilled with a substantial degree of public support
- State aid can be used to mobilise private investment
- State Aid Guidelines for broadband need revision for VHC networks
- High risk of failing to meet Gigabit Society goals

