

# THE EUROPEAN BROADBAND PORTAL

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- ❖ The project acts in direct support for the third pillar of the i2010 initiative: fighting the digital divide in under-served areas and less developed regions of the EU by *“... making ICT products and services more accessible, including in regions lagging behind, is an economic, social, ethical and political imperative which will reinforce social, economic and territorial cohesion.”*



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- Contribute to the opening and the transparency of the broadband market by acting as a virtual meeting point between ICT suppliers and public authorities.



## Aims

- stimulate the exchange of best practices and the sharing of experiences
- facilitate demand aggregation and joint procurement
- act as a central information platform, publishing calls for tender and other notices
- become in this way a virtual meeting point between suppliers and local governments.
- permit sparsely populated areas to coordinate their demands for broadband, establishing a critical mass for technological solutions, such as satellite, that provide large coverage.



## Stakeholders

... a platform enabling interested stakeholders to develop as a virtual community of interest, especially those concerned with:

- overcoming the digital divide, especially in rural and sparsely-populated territories;
- tackling depopulation of rural areas;
- delocalisation of business and facilitating reorientation of economic activities;
- improving territorial cohesion and, in particular, spatial balance between urban and rural areas;
- exploitation of ICTs to bring about more sustainable development solutions;
- ensuring that public interventions and investments respect competition policy and do not breach state aid rules.



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## CONFERENCE



**EC Event - European Regions for Better ICT Connections**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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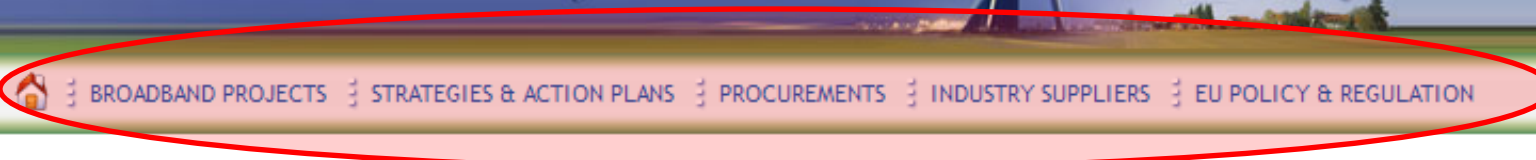
## TOP DOWNLOADS

**1. Register**

- DTI 2007\_Public broadband schemes a best practice guide
- BSG\_Value of next generation broadband\_06\_2008

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- 5 points Project Astra schlägt Bundesregierung Breitband-Versorgung über



2. Choose among 5 sections to benchmark your best practice or to find key documentation

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## WELCOME TO THE DATABASE OF PROJECTS!

Project descriptions, project related documents, contact information and many more details can be found here. Users are kindly invited to upload their own projects and thus, share their experiences.

You want to **search for a specific project**? Just scroll down - there you will find a search template.

## LATEST PROJECTS UPLOADED

- 22/01/2009 - by Peter Culbert  
**Remote Broadband Service in Northern Ireland**
- 24/01/2009 - by Piotr Kaczor  
**Malopolska Broadband Network**
- 18/12/2008 - by Elsa Pilone  
**Regions for Better Broadband Connection**
- 18/11/2008 - by Michael Eaton  
**Public Sector Broadband Aggregation**
- 12/01/2009 - by Peter Culbert  
**Northern Ireland Broadband Fund - Successful**

## FIND A PROJECT

Keyword

Member state

Upload new project

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## MY PROJECTS

## TOP RANKED PROJECTS

- Portal users' evaluation
- 5 points Next Generation Network Broadband Access in Northern Ireland
  - 4 points Connecting citizens in rural areas to the information society, through collaboration with the villages.
  - 4 points Broadband Heerlen/Parkstad

3. Once you are signed up, you can upload your project / strategy / document

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### Isidoor Broadband Heerlen/Parkstad

<http://www.isidoor.net>

The project aims at wider availability of broadband in Heerlen and the region of South-Limburg. Additionally, an internet exchange was created to make a wide arrange of services available. The municipality is also involved by broadband projects for business parks and elementary schools. All big business parks and half the schools have broadband (minimal 100mbits/s). Crossborder-connections are being developed. At the moment we are working on wireless broadband pilot (wifi) for the city center and a crossmedia-platform in which convergence is adding value to the public space. We also study the possibilities of FtTH.

Uploaded by [erisa staff](#)  
Last updated 14/07/2008



#### Basic data

**Lead organization name**  
Gemeente Heerlen

**Lead organization (type)**  
Public Authority

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#### Relevant features

**Strategic planning** ★★★★★

**Project Management** ★★★★★

**Technology** ★★★★★

**Procurement & Financial Engineering** ★★★★★

**Wider impact on socio-economic development** ★★★★★

- Basic Information
- Region information
- Finance information
- Technology information
- About the project
- Links for this project
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4. Your project uploaded is summarised and accessible for everyone

#### Portal users' evaluation

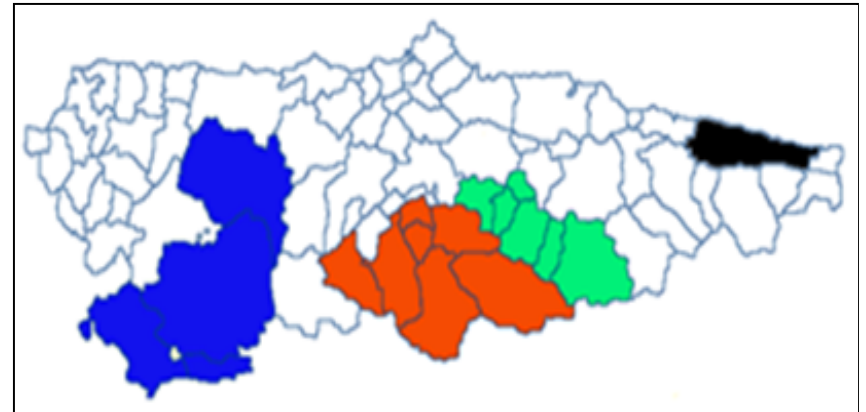
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## Key Project

### FFTH Network in Asturias (Spain)

- 1st FFTH network in Spain
- Highest speeds available for all villages and rural areas
- Sustainable business model



## Key Project

### The Village Power Model (Sweden)

- Fast broadband for rural communities
- High usability
- Inclusive partnership
- Long-term sustainability



## **Hot off the press!**

### **“To Do” Check- list**

- **Draws upon recognised Best Practice-including**
  - **Mapping and Coordination**
  - **Developing the Business Case**
    - **Finding the Funding**
      - **State Aid etc**
- **Inputs from partner organisations including B3Regions**



## How can you contribute to the European Broadband Portal?

- Upload your **Broadband Project!**
- Contribute to the **EBP-Newsletter!**
- Share your opinion in the **Discussion Groups!**
- Upload relevant documents i.e. to the **Competence Centre!**
- etc.



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