

PROJECT IDEA FORM

Next Call
for proposals
**INTERREG
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Partners located in the following countries have yet confirmed their interest in the project in progress.

Niverlan, Nièvre County Council (Fr)
E-Bourgogne, Burgundy Region (Fr)
Regione Piemonte (It)

Junta de Extremadura (Es)
Donegal County Council (Ie)
Kent County Council (UK)
Herefordshire Council (UK)

Kainuu Region (Fi)
Azores Region (Po)
Vysocina Region (Cz)
Mehedinti County Council (Ro)
Centru Region (Ro)

Eris@: European Regional
Information Society Association (Be)

The 1st meeting of the partnership
took place last november.

A 2nd meeting will be organized
mid January in Brussels to jointly
agree on a first stock of good practices
and to work out the project
content based on the first
draft.



“High Speed Broadband access in rural areas”

Gaps in Broadband
coverage between
rural and urban
areas in Europe,
are widespread.

As regards to the quality of
the service, rural areas
suffer from lower down-
load rates, fewer inter-
net operators and lack
of choice of competi-
tive platforms.

To reinforce and sup-
port the quality of life
and the economic po-
tential within rural
areas it is time that the
public authorities prepare
the next stage, the devel-
opment of very high-
speed connections.

Therefore, the interreg project
“*High Speed Broadband ac-
cess in rural areas*” will pro-
vide to Member States and
Regions a critical analysis to
better understand how to apply
relevant economic and techni-
cal process for the deployment
of internet Networks within
rural areas in order to attain
best value/lowest cost.

✓ POTENTIAL ACTIONS

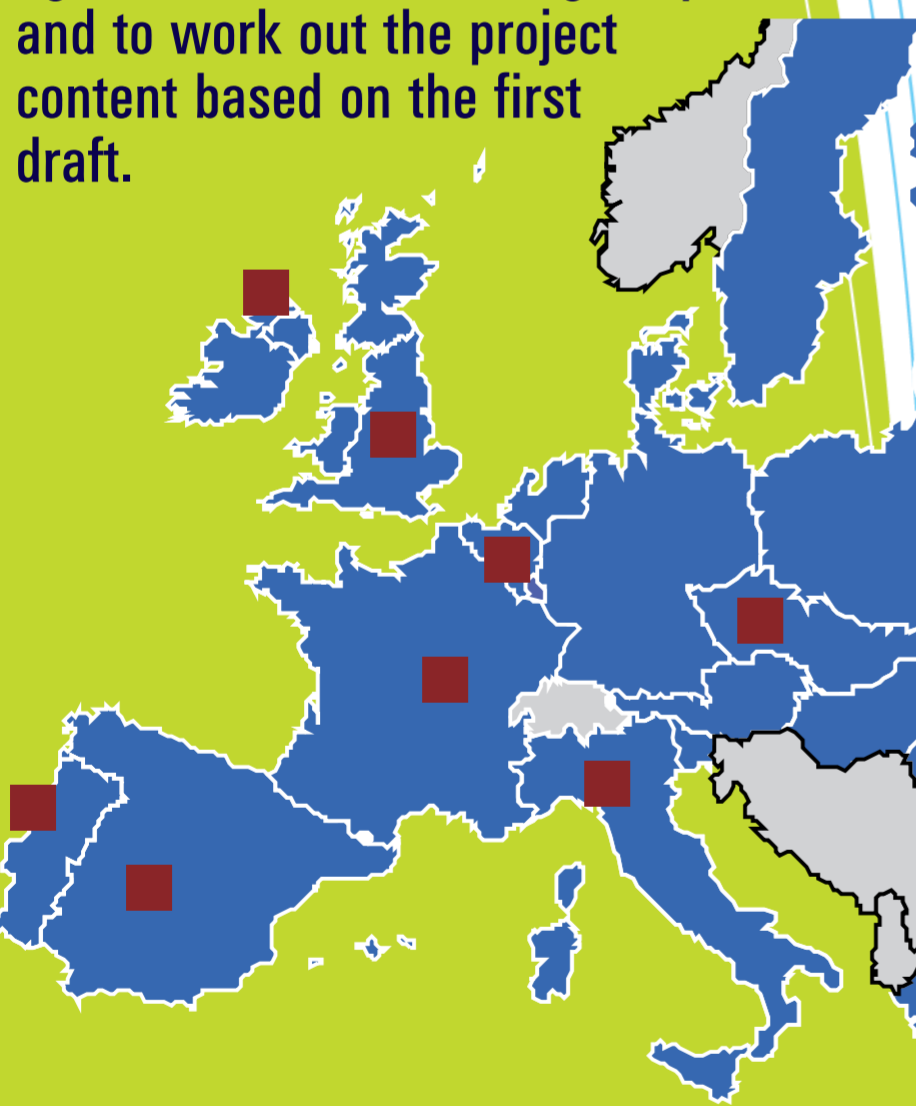
- Definition of a territory-specific scheme for the establishment of High-Speed Broadband connection.
- Cooperation scheme between civil engineering bodies charged with laying cables, pipes, etc (to ensure best cost efficiency for the installation of cables).
- Application of Broadband and High Speed Broadband technology in order to ensure coverage of uncovered zones (separation from the local network, VDSL, WiMax).
- Definition of economic models to calculate the return on investment for high speed broadband projects.
- Establishment of commercial offers combining both ICT infrastructure and services and offers that could aggregate the needs of many users.
- Establishment of observatories of internet use on a territory-wide scale.
- Project management of private-public partnerships and access to public and private funding solutions.

✓ SUPPORTING STRUCTURE

Niverlan is in charge of the high speed broadband of the Nièvre County (Burgundy, France).

Examples of best practice applied :

- Installation of fibre optic cable within rural areas via electricity poles.
- Establishment of the first WiMAX network in France, by number of relay points as well as by surface area covered.



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