

# ENRD - AIS 2017

## Workshop: Strategies and approaches for improving connectivity

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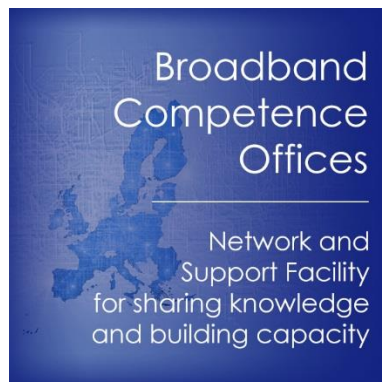
# The BCO Network and the Support Facility

**Commissioner's initiative, linked to ESI Funds**

**Euro 2.5 bn to Euro 6 bn**

**BCO: single point of contacts in countries & regions**

**To overcome bottlenecks**



How to set up a  
**Broadband  
Competence  
Office**

# Hurdles to Broadband deployment

76% of Europeans have NGA access, but only 40% in rural areas

## Hurdles:

- Technical
- Finance
- Legal



→ Community driven networks are one possible answer



# Community led networks

- Complement existing aid schemes
- Bottom-up, user driven initiatives
- Market demand aggregation vs user owned
- How can such initiatives be supported? Promoted?



# Case studies from the ground

1. ASNET – Jes JESSEN, Denmark
2. B4RN Rural Broadband Project (VIDEO) – UK
3. Molenwaard Civil Society Broadband – Marieke KOK, The Netherlands



# Group Discussion

Choose the Group you want to join:

Practical Challenges and  
Needs to Support  
Connectivity in Rural Areas

How could various Policies  
(incl. RDPs) better Support  
Connectivity in Rural Areas

# DO NOT FORGET

1. Sign on the attendance list – Verify your participation
2. Share with us any successful initiatives and projects you may be aware of
3. Take 2 minutes to fill in the feedback form – Your opinion is important



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