

Strategic Planning and Policies for Wireless Innovation in Europe



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Evolution of Satellite Operators • Innovation Across the Value Chain

From Intergovernmental Organisations	To listed companies with diverse (incl. terrestrial) investors	satellite capabilities
From wholesale providers of bandwidth	To value-added partners	 Increased Payload Flexibility using open 'all IP' Architecture GROUND SEGMENT
From a proprietary, non-interoperable technology	To working on standards for integration with terrestrial networks	 Smaller, lighter, DIY antennae - no moving parts, flat panels, etc. Electronic steering: 'Broadband Comms on Move' (portable/ vehicular/aero/maritime)





Responding to a Growing Demand for Data

Network Services



Government Services

Services



Distribution

Contribution links

Recovery

Special Events





Mobile Video

Space Network Situational Awareness



Strategic Planning for Europe/CIS needs to be realistic

Basic Connectivity Challenges

- > 6 million EU households unconnected (3%)
- CIS countries present an even greater challenge
- EU rural speed target: 30 mbps
- For some countries e.g. UK a decent connection: 10 mbps
- FTTP cost is prohibitive e.g. Germany
 €2,700 per HH
- > This problem persists with FWA
- > There will never be a one-size-fits-all solution





5G Amplifies the Challenges

5G Realities in Europe / CIS

- > 4G coverage remains incomplete across region
- > 5G requires even greater investment & the business case remains unclear
- > 5G deployment starting in densely populated areas
- Key verticals depend on uninterrupted coverage
- E.g. Via Baltica (highway across Latvia/Lithuania/Estonia) only possible with public support
- > A multi-technology approach is required





- More Internet usage is likely to be remote (businesses / education / domestic / social)
- Covid shone a spotlight on the need to ensure complete coverage:
 - ⇒ For resilience & continuity of normal life in case of such emergencies in the future
 - \Rightarrow To enable the flow of vital information to people no matter where they are
 - \Rightarrow To ensure continuity of education
 - ⇒ To enable essential services to reach those who even before the Pandemic may have been beyond the reach of connectivity

An Inclusive Approach is more important than ever

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Examples of Satellite Use during Covid-19 - Education

TV Broadcasting used for remote learning E.g. Turkey, Saudi Arabia



Examples of Satellite Use during Covid-19 - Transport of Essential Goods



Maritime Connectivity up as crew stay on-board & use connectivity E.g. Ensuring crew welfare, streaming video, calls and other apps



Maintaining Safety/Essential Services during Covid-19





RBS and NatWest now has 19 mobile banking vans on the road at any one time

Command vehicles / first responders using more connected vehicles even in fibred areas e.g. NHS Nightingale Hospital, London UK: Royal Bank of Scotland has at least 19 mobile banking vehicles serving 357 communities & covering 7,000 miles each week around the UK



Rural Connectivity Essential during Covid-19



⇒ 70% increase in traffic over satellite broadband connections & more new subscriptions across Western & Central Europe (e.g. Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Spain, UK)

⇒ MNOs requesting more satellite capacity to support 24/7 connectivity, not just at peak times



Changing Usage Patterns

- > Covid-19 has driven a potentially long-lasting change in behaviour
- > Urgency to push forward with multiple solutions to ensure equal access opportunities for all



Satellite broadband solutions enabling up to 50 mbps in Europe



Satellite enabling community WiFi



Satellite backhauling mobile stations in rural areas

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SATELLITE TOTAL TRAFFIC SHARE **TOP 10**



Satellite: Total Application Traffic Share



The Global Internet Phenomena Report May 2020

⇒ Dispels many myths about satellite technology!

⇒ Enabling same experience/use as any other BB technology





- \Rightarrow Digital Strategy & Planning post-Covid has to change
- \Rightarrow Satellite Systems are even more important going forward
- ⇒ Resilience must be built into planning in view of increased vulnerabilities:
 - Climate change: e.g. flooding, extreme weather
 - Political unrest & riots
 - Future Pandemic-type situations
- \Rightarrow Cross-sector collaboration is key to address all challenges

Innovation must extend beyond technology into policymaking as well



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