Public Policies for UFB: Benchmarking 7 Countries in Relation to the Digital Agenda for Europe

Description: This report explores ultra-fast broadband rollouts carried out as part of national government-backed plans, by taking a detailed look at the situation today in seven countries: France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

The report consists of two parts: Monographs of each country, which include a description of the current situation (demographics, technologies used), background on national programmes, details on the current programme (targets, regulatory measures, funding), the technologies being deployed, network governance and monitoring tools.

A synthesis that delivers:
- an analysis of the current status of national programmes in relation to the objectives set out in the Digital Agenda for Europe;
- an analysis of the progress being made in coverage rates;
- a description of the different monitoring and supervisory mechanisms in place for each national programme

Objectives in sync with the Digital Agenda for Europe
- Objectives in sync with the Digital Agenda for Europe, but with additional targets

Currently disparate national coverage levels
- Portugal and Sweden amongst countries with highest coverage levels
- National programme's start date has little impact on results
- More or less beneficial demographics
- FTTH: strong commitments
- Private sector investments very influential on outcome

National plans: the same basic measures but different outcomes
- Regulation: the foundation of national plans
- Direct aid to operators to accelerate rollouts
- Financial support: a combination of federal funding and other forms of subsidy

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