

SABER project to publish guidelines for regions in April

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The EU-funded Satellite Broadband for European Regions (SABER) project announced that it would publish practical guidelines in April to help regional authorities specify, procure and fund satellite broadband solutions to help 10 million EU homes currently caught in the Digital Divide to access broadband services via satellite.

The announcement follows the SABER project's first best practice workshop in Cork on 19 February, which brought together representatives from 21 regional authorities across Europe, satellite experts and key influencers such as Philippe Lefebvre, of the European Commission DG CONNECT and Roya Ayazi, Secretary General of the Network of European Regions Using Space Technologies (NEREUS).

“Satellite broadband is a fast and cost effective solution available today to assist those digitally deprived communities and SABER's role is to help regional authorities to benefit from this solution and to provide advice on how to deploy it in the most effective way for their communities”, said Stefano Agnelli, Eutelsat's Director of European Institutional Affairs.