

Broadband Thru Satellite

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SABER Project to publish guidelines for local authorities to procure satellite broadband solutions

The SABER project in Europe made a recent announcement that it will publish a set of practical guidelines next month to help regional authorities specify, procure and fund [satellite broadband](#) solutions that will aid ten million EU homes caught in the digital divide to access broadband services through satellite. The recent development came after SABER's first best practice workshop in Cork on February 19, which gathered key influencers, representatives and satellite experts from 21 regional authorities across Europe.

The project was specifically created to assist approximately ten million households across Europe with limited or no access to broadband services. Managed by CSI Piemonte, SABER is expected to last for a period of two years, involving 26 partners which include Eutelsat, SES Broadband Services, Astrium, 21 other regional authorities and ICT public and private organizations representing 13 countries.

In a company statement, Eutelsat's Director of European Institutional Affairs Stefano Agnelli said: "Access to high speed broadband is a critical infrastructure requirement for European business growth, education and social interaction and yet 10 million EU homes are today still without access, with those in rural areas particularly suffering. 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."

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