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## **Broadband and VSAT**

## SABER Satellite broadband project launched in Europe

Europe recently initiated the biennial Satellite Broadband for European Regions (SABER) project with the goal of bringing satellite broadband coverage to the estimated ten million European households that up to now, do not have access to it. Presently, 95% of families already have a connection.

The project, which is coordinated by CSI Piedmont, includes 26 partner companies. Among these companies are Astrium, Eutelsat Communications, SES Broadband Services and 21 regional bodies, plus public and private ICT companies across thirteen nations.

As part of the ICT Policy Support Program, the SABER project has 510,000 euros from the European Union. The <u>satellite broadband</u> project has a goal of delivering local, regional and national authorities with guidelines for using satellite technologies and to connect areas not covered, thus accomplishing the goals set out in the European Digital Agenda, Europe 2020.