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SABER prepares satellite broadband guideliness for EU regional authorities

This April, the SABER satellite broadband project will be publishing practical guidelines regarding the specification, procurement, and funding **satellite broadband** solutions. The guidelines will be distributed to regional authorities in the European Union.

SABER had already held its first best practice workshop on February 19, 2013. Satellite experts, key influencers, and representatives from 21 regional authorities had attended the workshop.

The SABER project has assembled 26 partners plus 21 regional authorities and ICT public and private organizations from 13 countries under the leadership of CSI Piemonte. The [satellite broadband](#) project is scheduled to run over the course of two years.

Business, education, and social interaction in Europe consider access to high speed broadband to be a critical part of their infrastructures. However, an estimated 10 million households throughout the European Union remained hobbled by limited or zero access to broadband services of any kind, with the households in the rural areas suffering the most.

These digitally-deprived remote communities are expected to benefit the most from satellite broadband solutions. SABER will assist regional authorities in the most effective way to deploy and deliver the benefits of such solutions to their communities.