

## **QUESTIONS TO GUIDE THE DISCUSSION**

### **Roundtable on Investment in High-Speed Broadband**

**Brussels, 12 January 2015, 10:00 – 13:00**

- Are the EU broadband objectives by 2020 sufficiently clear and ambitious?
- What are the main obstacles to achieving them?
- Do you think the EU instruments (CEF, H2020, ESIF, State aid guidelines and case by case decisions, and the European Fund for Strategic Investment) sufficient?
- What are your suggestions to improve the European policy on broadband?
- Can public authorities play a more active role in facilitating the network development in your country/region (beyond planned measures to reduce costs of deployment<sup>1</sup>) ?
- Are the national or regional broadband funds sufficient to ensure the co-financing for the high-speed broadband projects in your country/region?
- Are you aware and do you find useful the current Commission assistance and guidance to local authorities: Connected Communities Initiative, Broadband Investment Guide, the Broadband State Aid Guide and other resources available on the "Broadband Europe" website ?



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<sup>1</sup> Directive 2014/61/EU on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks, 15 May 2014.