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5. The EU Delegation informed that the project of construction of a an **optical fibre submarine cable linking Brazil to Europe** via Portugal has had a decisive development with the entry into force of the contract between ELLALINK (the consortium that will be exploring the cable) and ASN (Alcatel Submarine Networks – the construction entity). This fundamental infrastructure is expected to start operating by 2020 and with its capacity of nearly 50 TBPS (terabits per second) it will provide an enormous boost to data traffic between EU and South America. The EU is contributing to this endeavour with 25 million EUR. This amount represents capacity that will be reserved for use by research entities and universities in Europe with GEANT and South America with RED CLARA and especially in Brazil with RNP for research and educational activities using electronic communications.

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