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# The Implementation of the revised European regulatory framework

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# The 2009 Reform package

- Better Regulation Directive
  - to improve the regulatory environment (including spectrum), in particular by ensuring greater consistency of regulatory measures
- Citizens' Rights Directive
  - to improve consumer protection and user rights (updated for the Internet age)
- Regulation on BEREC
  - to combine expertise of national regulatory authorities (NRAs) and improve coordination mechanisms



# Better Regulation Directive

- Enhanced independence of the NRA
- New Article 7/7a mechanism
- Spectrum Policy / spectrum management
- Functional separation
- Symmetric regulation



# Citizens' Right Directive

- Contracts and transparency
- Switching / Number portability
- Net neutrality
- Personal data breach notification
- Malware, spyware, "cookies"



# Digital Agenda for Europe

- First 'flagship initiative' of Commission's 2020 Strategy
- Purpose: to help deliver smart, sustainable and inclusive growth for Europe
- 'The overall aim is to deliver sustainable economic and social benefits from a digital single market based on fast and ultra fast Internet and interoperable applications'

(Communication from the Commission, 19 May 2010)



# Digital Agenda for Europe

- Creating a Digital Single Market one of the 7 key pillars of the Digital Agenda
- Swift and coherent implementation of the Telecoms Reform Package by the Member States is one of the priority actions



# Digital agenda scoreboard (DAS)

- The Digital Agenda (DAE) scoreboard, published on 31 May 2011:
  - reports on the progress towards the key performance targets of the DAE
  - [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/digital-agenda/scoreboard/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/scoreboard/index_en.htm)
- Incorporates data and analysis previously found in the Commission's annual Progress Report on the Single European Electronic Communications



# Some DAS findings

- Market development:
  - The electronic communications sector performed slightly better in 2010 than the year before.
  - Overall revenue growth was still negative (-0.7%)
- Broadband development
  - Fixed broadband penetration 95%, but growth is slowing down
  - 40% of households still have no broadband connection
  - Mobile broadband is getting more and more popular



# Some DAS findings

- Regulatory challenges:
  - NRA independence/resources
  - Regulatory inconsistency (in particular treatment of fibre)
  - Allocation of digital dividend
  - Lengthy procedures for rights of ways



# State of implementation

- Deadline for transposition: 25 May 2011
- Only 5 MS have notified full transposition!
- The Commission is closely following the transposition process and is determined to use its powers to ensure full implementation

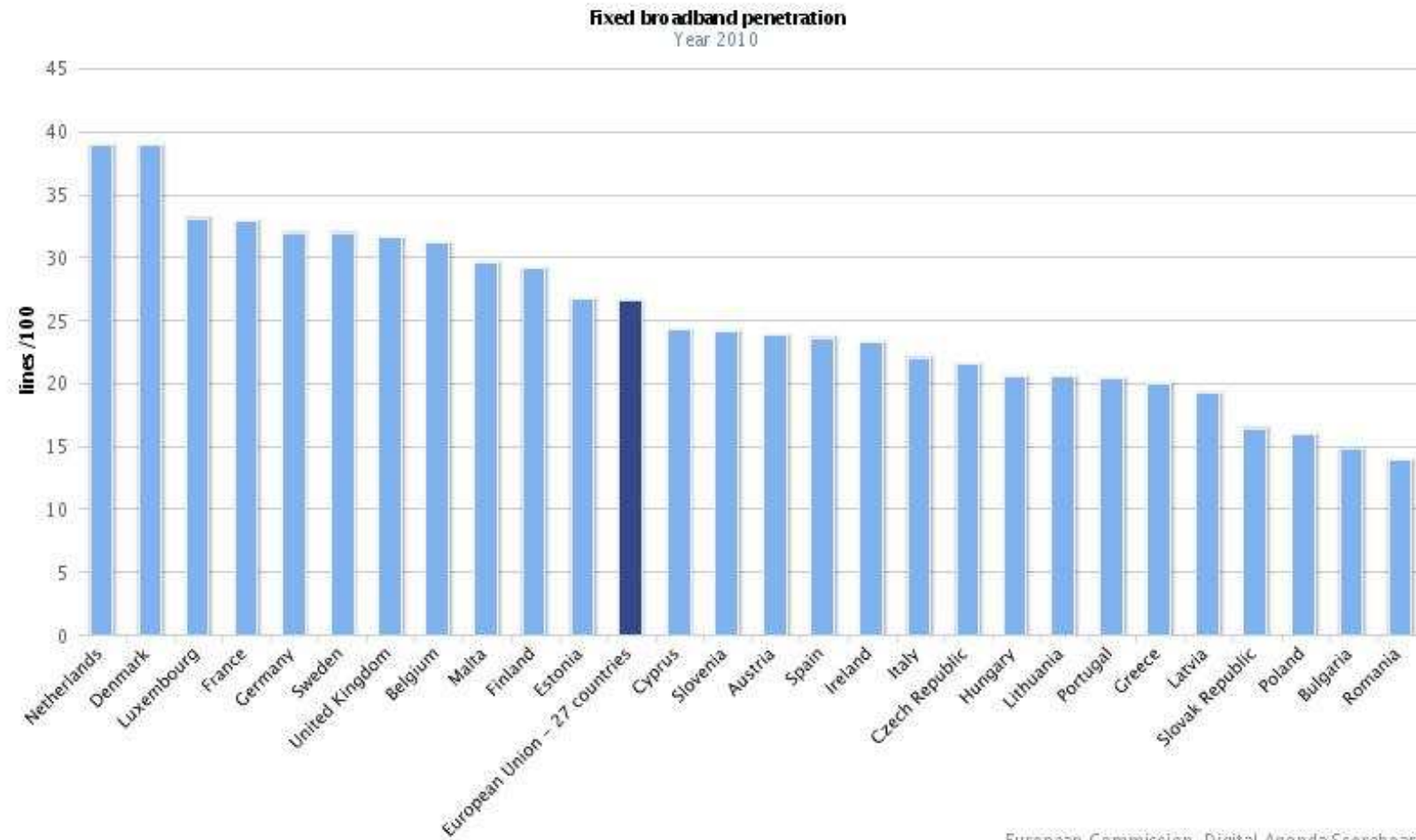




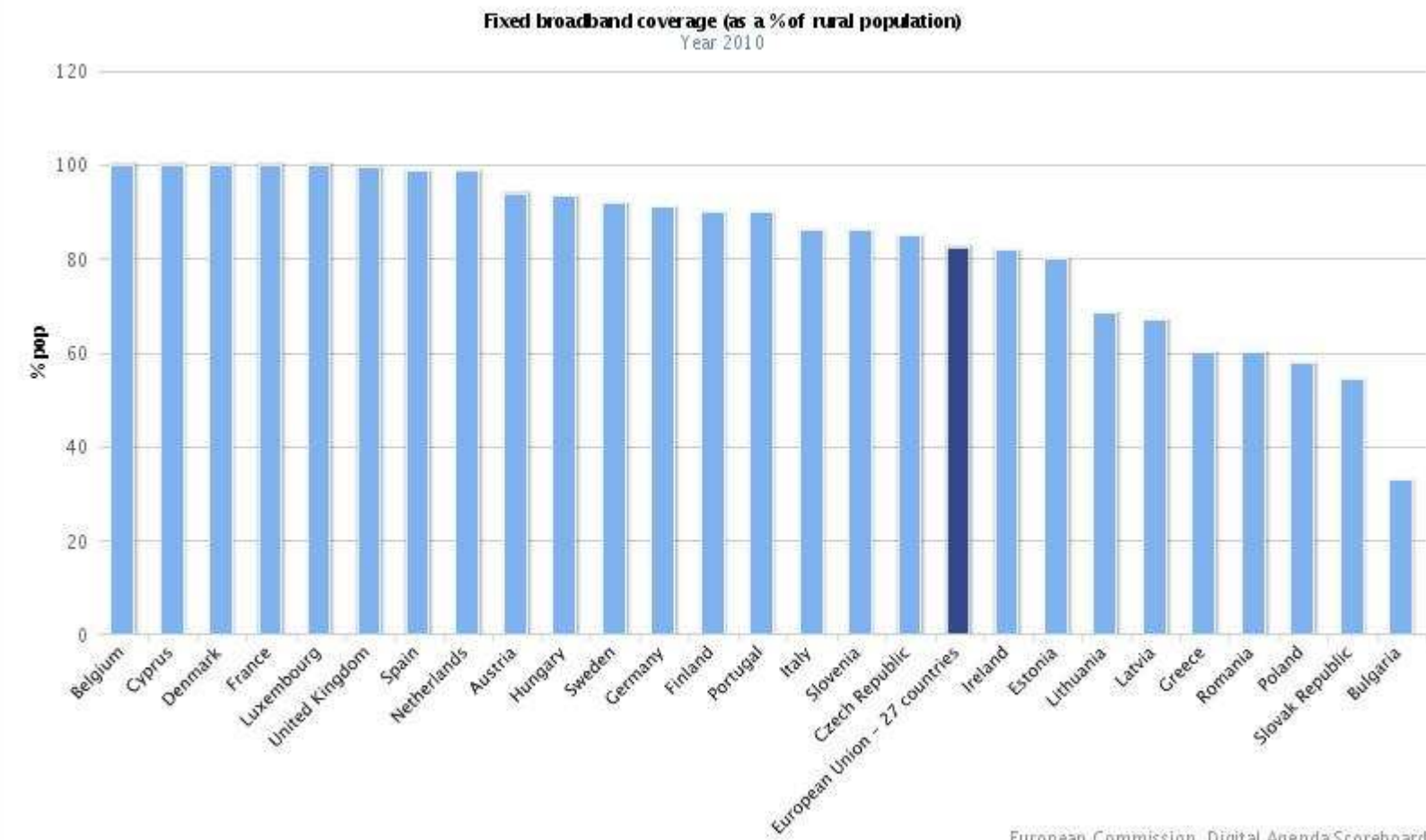
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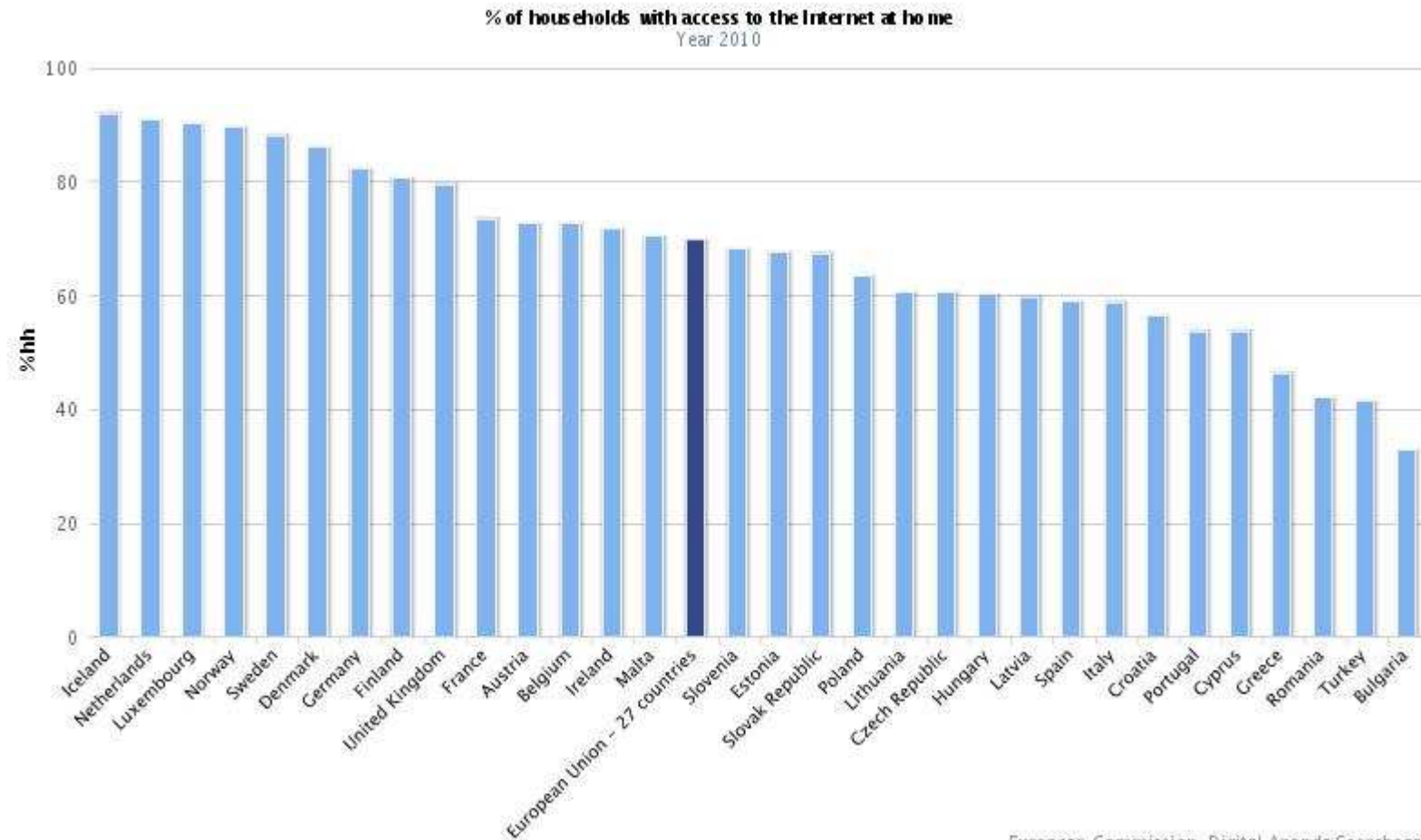
# Fixed broadband penetration



# Rural broadband penetration



# Households with access to internet



# Mobile broadband penetration

Mobile broadband penetration - dedicated data service cards /modems /keys only  
Year 2010

