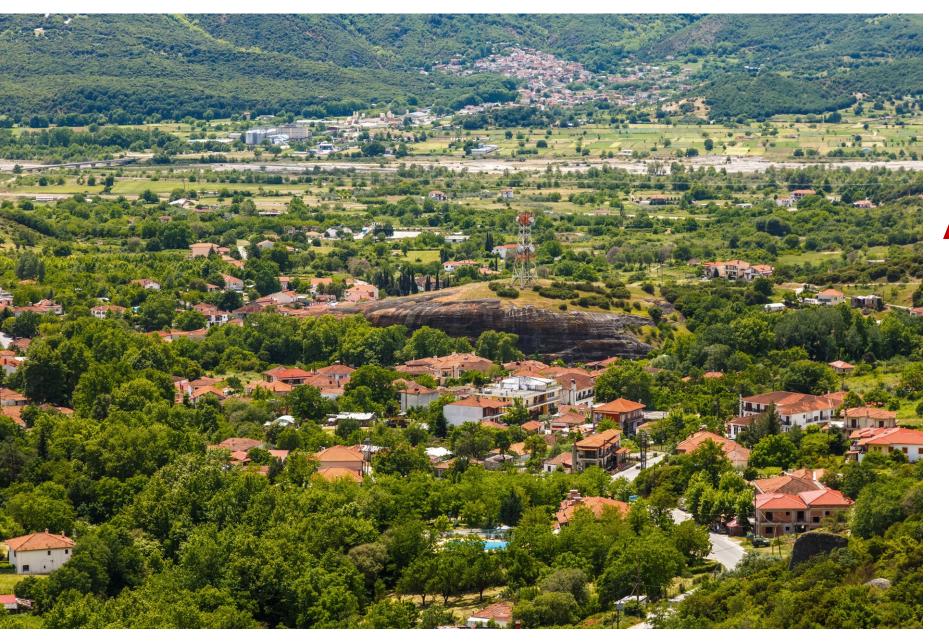


Cost-efficient Access Networks for Gigabit service to everyone

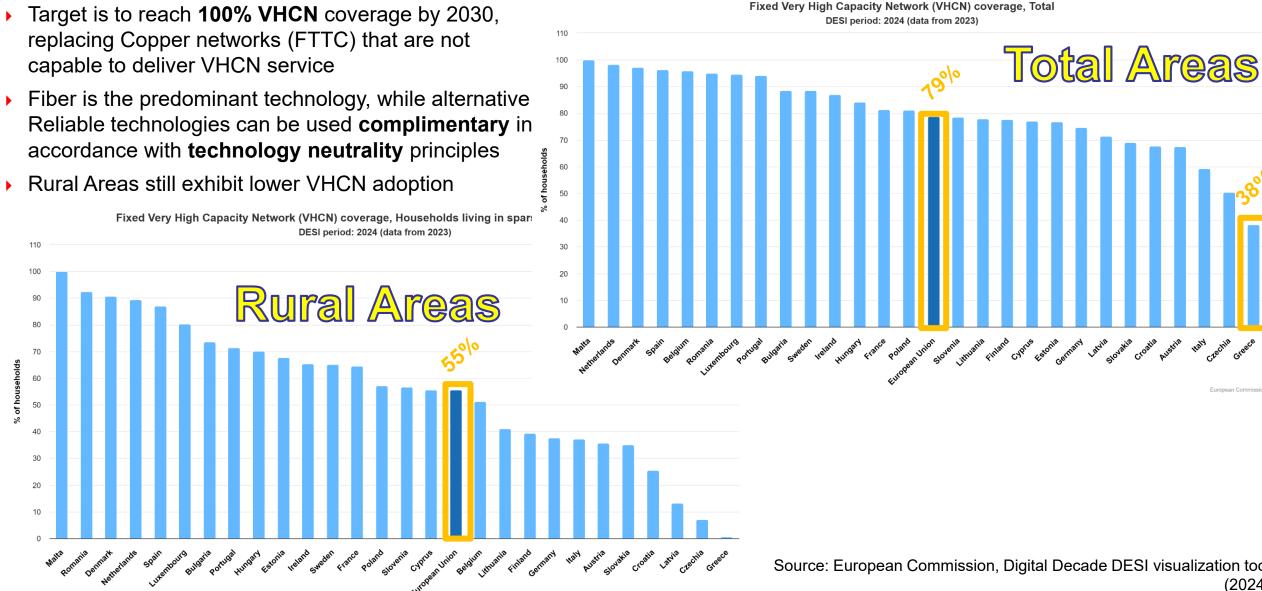
Charalampos Papanastasiou

Head of Access Radio Solutions Wireless Network Systems November 12, 2024



Fixed VHCN coverage in EU - Current situation

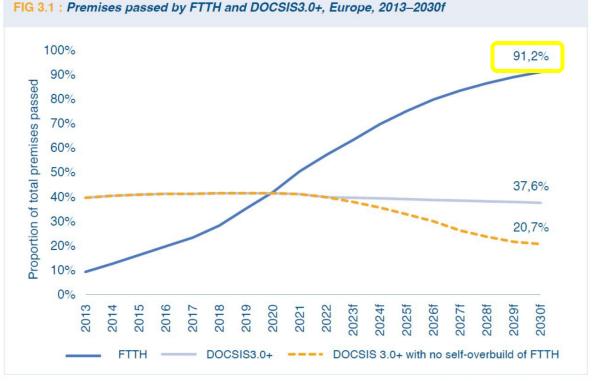




Source: European Commission, Digital Decade DESI visualization tool (2024)

Europe's FTTH projections vs. Cost





Source: Analysys Mason, 2023



250 45.3 billion to increase FTTH coverage from 8,3 200 91% to 99% for whole 12,7Europe Spend (EUR billion) 150 77.7 100 14,1 104.1 50 37.9 0 Private Public To 2023 (already spent) To 2030 Additional to 96% Additional to 99%

Source: Analysys Mason, 2023

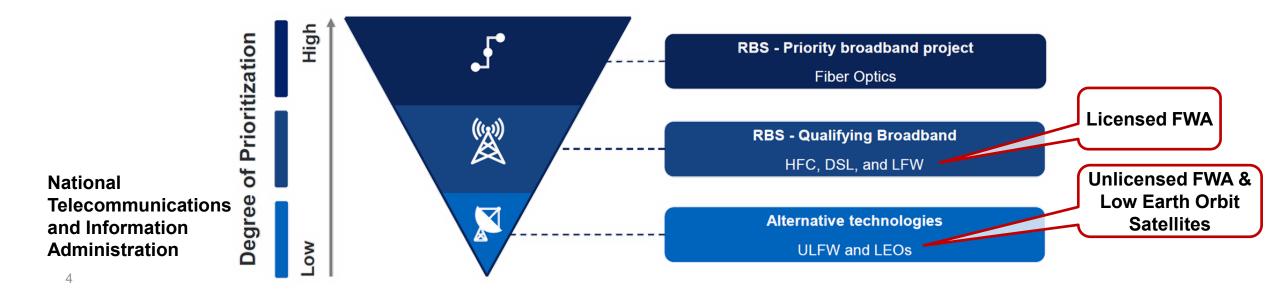
For the EU27 alone, the additional cost for coverage projection (91%) by 2030 amounts to €97 billion and the additional cost to reach 99% is €37 billion

It is becoming evident that alternative **Reliable** technologies are required complementary to FTTH, in order to serve 100% of the population with Very High-Capacity Services, in a cost-efficient manner while meeting the strict timeline.

FIG 3.3 : Cost of deploying future FTTH networks by coverage bands, Europe



- \$42.5bn boost for broadband connectivity.
- "biggest investment ever" in high-speed internet, with the goal of connecting all Americans by 2030.
- Funds allocated to 50 states to roll out broadband to unserved and underserved regions for at least 100 Mbps DL and 20 Mbps UL.
- Reliable broadband service (RBS) technologies
 - Fiber-optic
 - Terrestrial fixed wireless utilizing entirely licensed spectrum or other wireline technologies (HFC, DSL)



BEAD economics - \$42bn funding

Technology mix is necessary to achieve the goals with the available funds

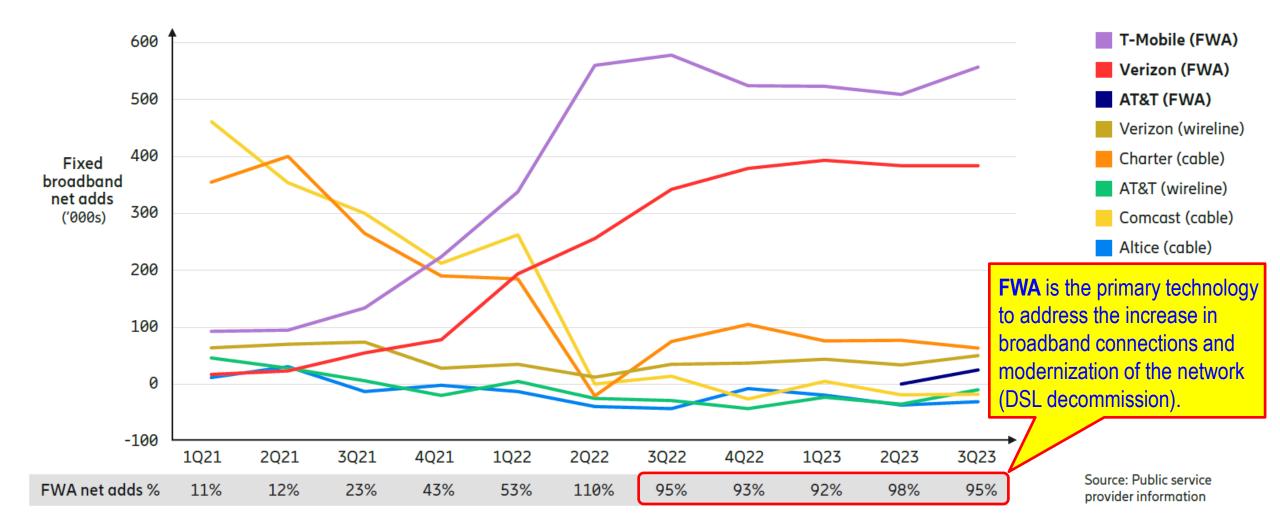




Source: Vernonburg Group - https://www.vernonburggroup.com/broadband-funding-optimization-tool

FWA market dynamics FWA is capturing more than 90 percent of fixed net adds in the US





High-band spectrum for Reliable Broadband Service



- Bands of licensed frequencies are the foundation for Reliable Broadband Service
 - Predictable performance
 - Free from interference
- High bands have an abundance of spectrum
 - Channel sizes wider than 100MHz for FWA
- High bands fit for ultra broadband up to 1 Gbps service
 - 26.5 27.5 GHz (high 26 GHz) available
 - 24.25 26.5 GHz (low 26GHz) to become available
 - 27.5 29.5 GHz, utilized on co-primary basis with Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)



Technology advances in mmWave bandsboosting the performance of FWA networks



- MIMO techniques to optimize spectrum utilization
 - Use the same channel 4 or more times on sector
 - Use the same channel 2 or more times on terminal
- Multi carrier to utilize all available resources
 - Use more than 1 carrier per sector
- Multi-User (MU) to densify networks
 - Serve more than one end user concurrently
- Active Antennas to optimize transmission
 - Beamforming and steerability function



- Capacity per sector 5.6Gbps, per cell 22.4Gbps
 - Occupied bandwidth 400 up to 800MHz
- QoS- enabled services with committed CIR service and high PIR service
- 2 Gigabit/s speed of subscriber connection
- Extended range for Gbps service provisioning up to 8Km

mmWave FWA is a future-proof solution addressing long-term connectivity needs

Open fiber use case of FWA deployed complementarily to FTTH

Ultra Broadband Strategy UFBB for all the population

Piano "Italia a 1 Giga"

White areas: Rural & Semi-Rural (Clusters C & D)

- UFBB to more than 13,8m users in 9,3m homes
- 100 Mbps service
- FTTH: 62% FWA: 38%

Grey areas: sub-urban & Semi-Rural areas

- "Italia a 1 Giga", with FWA & FTTH in 8 regions
- Funded by National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR)
- 8 regions across the country
- 3,881 municipalities
- 3.3mil households
- Rural & Semi-Rural areas
- 1000Mbps / 200Mbps (DL/UL)



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WiBAS[™] purpose-built FWA, delivering UFBB up to 1Gbps





THE LARGEST MMWAVE FWA NETWORK WORLDWIDE

WiBAS65

- Ultra Fast broadband, fibre-like services ,with QoS, at 26/28GHz
 Extended Coverage, addressing rural, semi-rural & sub-urban
 Dense network of several 100s of terminals per Base Station
 2K Terminals installed per week
 - Massive nationwide network rollout

WiBASGS Reliable solution proven worldwide

more than 50 networks worldwide

Base Station Hubs more than 20,000

FWA Terminals more than 500,000

Accumulated expertise & know how for 20 years



Thank you

•We are in the network infrastructures business for more than 40 years

- •We control 100% of
 - product development supply logistics product manufacturing Product support
- •We continuously invest in technology innovation and product evolution
- •We have been developing FWA products since late 90's
- •We develop wireless transport technology for more than 20 years