

**Question for written answer E-009994/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Internet connections in EU Member States

Nowadays, fast broadband Internet access is essential for economic success. The availability of such access is therefore a major factor in where both businesses and individuals choose to locate to and is hence of major importance for Europe too. There are considerable differences, in particular between urban and rural areas, in broadband availability, however.

1. To how many households in EU Member States, broken down by Member State, is Internet access available with downstream speeds of at least 1, 2, 6, 16, 30 and 50 Mbit/s?
2. What percentage of the area of EU Member States, broken down by Member State, has wireless Internet coverage based on the Long-Term Evolution standard?
3. How much EU funding has been provided for expanding broadband Internet, broken down by Member State, over the last 20 years?