

**Question for written answer E-003372/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Broadband strategy

The significance of broadband development and its importance for a network-based knowledge society is recognised in the 'Europe 2020' strategy.

In this respect, basic broadband is currently available to all Europeans, but progress still needs to be made on reaching the goals for coverage and take-up of fast and ultra-fast broadband. However, there are still sizeable differences in the availability of broadband in the different Member States and in different regions, particularly in remote or rural areas, where population density is low.

1. Has the Commission taken this into consideration in its plans for digitising European industry and in the development of the Digital Single Market?
2. What action is the Commission taking to encourage market players to invest in broadband infrastructure?