

**Question for written answer E-014290/2013
to the Commission**
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Subject: Broadband for all

On 17 October 2013 the Commission announced that 100 % of the EU had broadband coverage, thanks to the ability of satellite broadband to reach remote areas. Now that this has been achieved, some are concerned that there will be less focus on continuing to develop other methods of supplying broadband (fixed or mobile) and more time and resources will be dedicated to other areas of the Digital Agenda. This is worrying because satellite broadband can in some cases be subject to higher installation fees and other costs when compared to other types of broadband such as fixed line or mobile broadband.

1. What is the Commission doing to continue to develop and improve fixed and mobile broadband?
2. Has there been a cost assessment of the ability of EU citizens to access satellite broadband? If so, is satellite broadband affordable for all EU citizens?