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TITLE: **Broadband Infrastructure and Services Mapping in South Eastern Europe**

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Europe Regional Initiative: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- EUR1: Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management**
- EUR2: A citizen-centric approach to building services for national administrations
- EUR3: Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development
- EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies
- EUR5: ICT-centric innovation ecosystems

Year(s) of implementation: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- 2019
- 2020**
- 2021**

Background [max 300 words]

The Broadband Foundation has been established in early 2007. We have created the Hungarian Broadband Search Engine (HBSE) that was selected as one of the key Broadband Projects in EU for 2007 during the Bridging the Broadband Gap Conference. BBF has been working for the Government in developing the nationwide “white spot broadband map” between 2008 and 2010. The National Communications Authority used our software and database for official purposes between 2007 and 2010. BBF has actively participated in the development of the EU wide broadband speed measurement methodology in 2010. We have been operating the official internet speed measurement software and hardware for the National Media and Communications Authority of Hungary since 2012.





Proposal [max 400 words]

The importance of creating and operating proper broadband mapping tools has never been so important in Europe than before the introduction of new technologies, like 5G and also before the finalization of the forthcoming multi-annual financial framework for the European Commission.

Lack of structured data, unified regulation and sustainable mapping models urge us to act and support initiatives for creating and/or further development of interactive mapping tools for the Western Balkans region.

In this context the Broadband Foundation joined the forces with the ITU Office for Europe in order to provide technical assistance in field of mapping systems.

Recently launched project on *Supporting Investment Opportunity Mapping Systems in Broadband Infrastructure for South Eastern Europe* will serve as a platform for all stakeholders that are active in this field and willing to contribute to the technical assistance, transfer of know-how, promotion of good practices and elaboration of guidelines on mapping systems that might be used by the international community.

