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Challenges and Opportunities in Achieving a Digital Single European Market

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1 Mbit/s by 2010

- Current situation:
 - ADSL covers currently more than 96 % of households
 - Households up to 99 % are already now reached by ADSL or wireless connections
- By July 1st, 2010:
 - Every permanent residence must have a reasonably priced access to a fixed or wireless subscriber connection with an average downstream rate of at least 1 Mbit/s.
 - The rate of 1 Mbit/s has been defined as a **universal service** but no public funding will be used.
This will bring us to nearly 100 %
 - Reasonable price for everyone
 - The service provider may decide the technology it will use
 - One of the universal service operators has appealed to the Supreme Administrative Court

100 Mbit/s to everyone by 2015

- Plan of Action approved by the Finnish Government in December 2008:
"By the end of 2015 all permanent residences shall be within two kilometres reach of high-speed connection permitting at least 100 Mbps connections."
 - In built-up areas telecom operators will build high-speed connections on market terms. This will achieve a population coverage of around 95%.
 - Extending the coverage to 100% will require that partly subsidised high-speed connections will be built to around 130,000 households in rural areas.
- In subsidized rural areas' projects
 - Telecom operator pays at least one third
 - Public aid – two thirds – in rural areas will be provided by the state, municipalities and the EU.
 - State budget 66 million euros
 - EAFRD 25 million euros
 - Municipalities 41 million euros
 - Consumers will at their own expense acquire the subscriber connection up to the length of two kilometres