

Please find below Open Fiber answers to the questionnaire.

QUESTION 1

The table below contains all the criteria that the different Member States with broadband universal service obligation in force took into account when they defined it. Please rate them (1-5) in terms of their importance to define the adequate broadband internet access service, and explain the rationale behind it. When rating, please take into account the following graduation:

- 1: Not relevant at all
- 2: Less important
- 3: Important
- 4: High importance
- 5: Indispensable.

Evaluation criteria	Rating 1: Not relevant at all 2: Less important 3: Important 4: High importance 5: Indispensable.	Rationale
Where the data rate in question is used at national level by: i) at least 50% of all households; and ii) at least 80% of all households with a broadband connection.		
Expected availability of broadband without public intervention		
Geographic survey		
Market distortion		
Estimation of the potential demand for a broadband USO		
Comparison with other EU countries		
Benefits of public intervention and effects on competition		
Timeframe to make available broadband under USO		
Social and economic disadvantages incurred by those without access to a broadband connection, including disabled end-use		
Estimation of the costs of intervention through USO versus other approaches		

Where the data rate in question is used [...]	3	According to the Digital Agenda the definition of USO must be in line with the development of the coverage of UBB services in each Country.
Expected availability of b...	4	If geographical survey shows the availability of UBB connectivity, it seems reasonable that each operators that offer connectivity in that area could be in charge to offer also broadband USO, irrespective that the area has been covered by public funds or not.
Geographic survey	5	It is essential to identify area where operator already offer UBB connectivity.
Market distortion	3	If all operators offering UBB connectivity and all operators offering UBB services (retail) are in charge at different level

		(connectivity or retail services) and compete to offer such USO services, the market distortion would be automatically reduced.
Estimation of the potential demand	3	The possibility to estimate the potential demand and consequently the potential cost for the community of such demand helps to plan resources and tools for the management <i>ex ante</i> of such demand
Comparison with other EU countries	3	Best practice may help the proper harmonization
Benefits of public intervention...	4	Once a light touch regulation is set and a competition among operator is guarantee to provide USO, the public intervention could be limited only to grant access to extreme minority (i.e. social problem)
Timeframe to make available	2	Implementing of USO is driven by digital agenda planned of each MS
Social and economic disadvantage	5	USO is essential for such kind of communities
Estimation of the costs of intervention		

Question 2

None

Question 3

Open Fiber believes that the minimum bandwidth requirement could be 10-20 mbps in download and 1-2 upload. This value should not be fixed for all the period but could be change accordingly with the development of connectivity in each MS.