DNA Europe: Digital Networks Alliance for Europe

Mission Statement

Delivering ultra-fast, competitive connectivity for Europe's future prosperity

Who we are

We are industry organisations representing fibre and broadband network operators, alternative telecoms providers and other stakeholders across the European Union. We have come together with a simple yet fundamental purpose: to advocate for a Digital Networks Act – the law that will set the regulatory framework for Europe's connectivity infrastructure in a decade to come – that truly contributes to Europe's competitiveness in the digital economy, through effective competition and an ambitious transition from copper to fibre.

Our vision

Ensuring ultra-fast, resilient connectivity will be an essential precondition for European competitiveness in the age of AI and ubiquitous digitalisation: it will underpin industrial AI, cutting-edge R&D, resilient infrastructure and connected communities. To make that future a reality, Europe must shift from copper to fibre, as every year legacy copper stays in service is a year Europe spends maintaining its past instead of building its future. This requires an ambitious roadmap for the transition from copper to fibre, including a clear, transparent and predictable approach to phasing out copper networks and the introduction of a rule-based transition mechanism, and a reliable regulatory framework that protects and promotes effective competition in the connectivity sector – an essential prerequisite to incentivise investment, innovation and collective resilience, and to defend the interests of European end-users. According to the Commission's DNA impact assessment, the economic gain from both elements would reach €327 billion in additional European GDP.

On these two points, the Digital Networks Act proposed by the European Commission is a step in the right direction, with a clear starting point for the transition from copper to fibre and the preservation of the EU's proven ex ante regime for the regulation of significant market power. This starting point must now be built on.

What we call for

An ambitious and predictable transition to fibre and an effective competition framework are an essential foundation of Europe's long-term prosperity in an increasingly competitive global economy. As they review the DNA proposal, it is crucial that the European Parliament and Member States maintain and reinforce these two objectives instead of watering them down. This is why we urge the co-legislators to secure:

1. **A clear and mandatory pathway out of copper**, underpinned by a transparent, predictable and rule-based transition mechanism that guarantees non-discriminatory migration to fibre and ensures effective access conditions for other providers.
2. **An effective pro-competitive framework** in which National Regulatory Authorities retain the full toolbox and sufficient flexibility needed to impose effective, market specific and proportionate remedies on operators with significant market power, preventing anti-competitive behaviour and supporting end-user choice – through a variety of providers, products and services –, innovation and efficient investment by all market players.

Formed in October 2026 to support an ambitious Digital Networks Act, **DNA Europe's** founding Members are:

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