

BCC comments on broadband announcement

Responding to comments on a UK-EU transition period by Michel Barnier, the European Commission's chief negotiator for Brexit, Dr Adam Marshall, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce, said:

"The Universal Service Obligation will be supported by business communities across the country, particularly in rural areas, who have been starved of a reliable broadband connectivity.

"Ensuring that this is rolled out effectively will boost productivity, through both offices and home-based workers. However, it is vital that the government provides clarity on the mechanisms that will be in place for businesses and consumers to demand a speed of at least 10Mbps by 2020, to avoid confusion and delay going forward."

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Notes to editors:

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