

# Broadband belongs to everybody RDP Finland

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## The Rural Development Programme for Mainland Finland



- Total funding from RDP (2017): EUR 20 million
- Support: 70% of this
- Totally funded from RDP: 42 broadband projects
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AN OPTICAL FIBRE NETWORK IN ÄKÄSLOMPOLO VILLAGE

### ADVANCING VILLAGES NEED FUNCTIONING CONNECTIONS

The village of 600 residents is near the Ylläs tourism centre, and in the peak seasons the population rises to 13 000.

The village and its entrepreneurs cannot make progress without fast connections. This is important for tourists as well. Because the operators were not interested in building the network, the only option was to take the initiative by the locals.

The idea is to build as broad network as possible, with connections also to holiday homes. Now totally 500 connections are ready.

**The total costs: EUR 653 000**

**Support: 70% of this.**

**Actor: Verkko-osuuskunta Ylläksen Laajakaista (co-operative)**

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**Web sites (only in Finnish): [www.vylk.fi](http://www.vylk.fi)**