

Broadband Policies for Latin America and the Caribbean

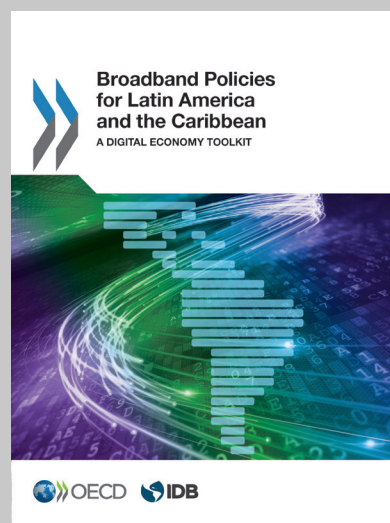
A Digital Economy Toolkit

Broadband networks are the foundation of digital economies. Increased availability and effective use of the services enabled by broadband can advance social inclusion, productivity and good governance. A range of challenges has to be overcome, however, in providing readily accessible, universal and locally relevant broadband-based services in many parts of the world. In the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region, some 300 million people have no access to the Internet. While new generations of broadband networks are rapidly emerging, much remains to be done to expand the necessary infrastructure and to encourage individuals, business and governments to make the most of what broadband has to offer.

About the Toolkit

Broadband Policies for Latin America and the Caribbean: A Digital Economy Toolkit sheds light on good practices and case studies, based on a whole-of-government approach. Its aim is to offer public authorities an overview of the policies, regulatory practices and options that can maximise the potential of broadband as a driver of economic and social development. The 15 chapters of this Toolkit cover a broad array of topics on policy making in relation to broadband development and use, from digital strategies, regulatory frameworks and spectrum management, to competition, access, affordability and taxation. In addition, there are chapters on education, skills and business uptake, as well as digital security and privacy.

This publication is the outcome of a two-year collaborative project that involved 26 countries in the LAC region and the combined resources of the OECD and the IDB. It draws on a wealth of information collected from LAC countries and on the continued engagement of stakeholders from the region.



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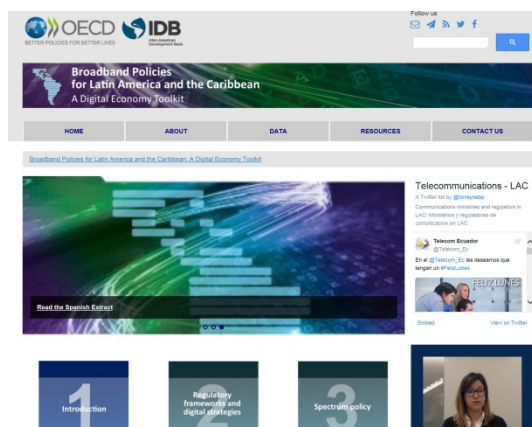
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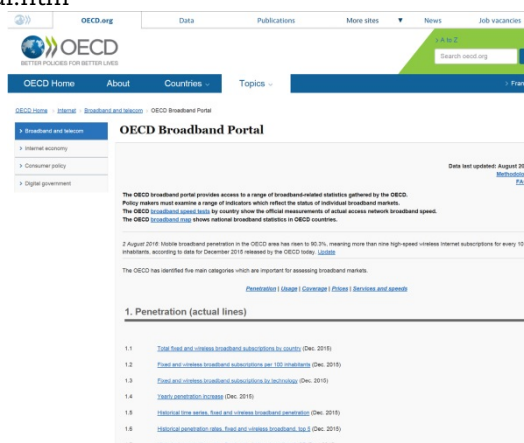
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