

ADVANCED CONNECTIVITY: THE ESSENTIAL PILLAR FOR EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS AND SOVEREIGNTY

**NETWORLD EUROPE WELCOME** 

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#### **NETWORLD EUROPE HISTORY**



## 2005

**eMobility** was launched on March18, 2005 as the <u>European Technology Platform (ETP) for the mobile communications domain</u>.

### **2010**

In December 2010 "eMobility" changed its name to "Net!works" (consolidation with optical, etc...)

Net!Works

## 2013

• the ETPs Net!works and ISI (satellites) merged.

Net!Works



#### <u> 2014</u>

- the name was changed to Networld2020.
- instrumental in the launching of 5G-PPP, a counterpart to EC in the communications domain (an evolution of previous work), and the 5G-IA



## 2021

• the name was changed to NetworldEurope.

• Smart Networks and Services JU launched by the 6G IA



#### **MEMBERSHIP**



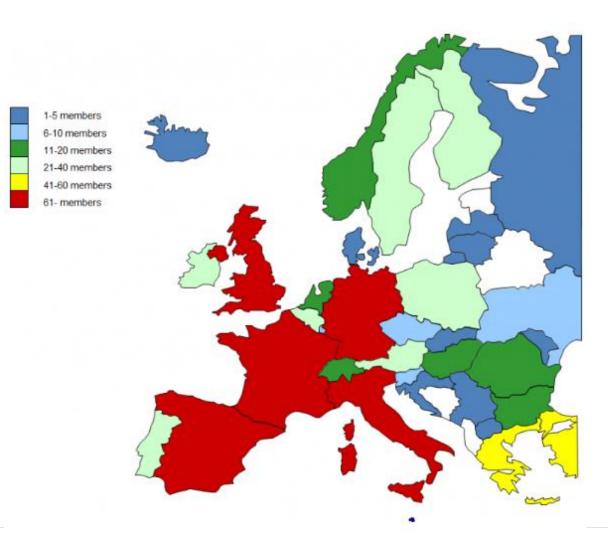
• around 1000 members

- (large) Industry: ~150

- Research: ~330

- SME: ~350

 Cooperation (e.g. registered entities outside EU): ~130



#### **SETTING THE STAGE**



#### The realities we face

- "Telecom" is no longer "only communications"
  - "ICT aggregator" or "economic and society driver" can be good descriptions.
- "Telecom" is an area where Europe still has a leading edge, notwithstanding the highly fragmented ecosystem (an intrinsic disadvantage).
- Strategic objectives of communications have changed (moved upwards: sovereignty, economic multiplier, sustainability enabler ...)
- Networld Europe, and SRIA, by necessity, covers much more than simply communication challenges
- EC and its workprogrammes (already) cover relevant areas that:
  - Incorporate communications in several areas
  - Develop areas which are extremely relevant for advanced communications

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# CAN THIS COMMUNITY DO BETTER FOR EUROPE IN FP10?

AND HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?