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Nationwide infrastructure atlas enters next phase

Kurth: „Important contribution to broadband expansion“

The nationwide infrastructure atlas provided by the Bundesnetzagentur enters its second phase today. Authorised users are offered a broader range of information, e.g. about the exact geographic location of infrastructure. The Bundesnetzagentur has also raised the security level protecting the data supplied by participating infrastructure owners.

„The infrastructure atlas constitutes an important contribution to broadband expansion. Companies are aware of this and are taking a much more active part now than was the case when the infrastructure atlas was launched two years ago“, according to Matthias Kurth, President of the Bundesnetzagentur.

With the infrastructure atlas the Bundesnetzagentur is implementing a key measure of the Federal government's broadband strategy. The atlas contains spatial data about infrastructure in Germany which may be shared for broadband network implementation, such as fibre optic lines, empty ducts, radio towers, masts and radio stations. The purpose of the atlas is to facilitate the use of synergies in broadband expansion.

The data for the infrastructure atlas are currently supplied on a voluntary basis by about 160 companies from different branches. Use of the atlas is restricted to regional authorities and companies involved in broadband expansion projects. The second stage has been enabled by infrastructure owners and users. It is also planned to eventually provide online information access to authorised users.

The Bundesnetzagentur has set up a toll-free hotline on (0)800 8111777 for questions relating to the infrastructure atlas. Comprehensive information may also be found under www.bundesnetzagentur.de.