

The Faroe Islands' Undersea-Cable Lifeline — High Internet Reach Alongside a Stalled Domestic Fibre Rollout

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Faroe Islands

Quality score: 68/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

The Faroe Islands reach 97.6% internet penetration via undersea cables, yet by mid-2026 over a third of newly laid fibre-to-home connections sat inactive after state operator NET ran out of funding, forcing it to halt further rollout and pivot to wireless.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	2/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	0/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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