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Skanova network gives Mörbylånga Sweden's best broadband

Today (Dec. 17) marks the completion of the final phase of the broadband network build-out in the Municipality of Mörbylånga on the Swedish Baltic island of Öland. The municipality now has the highest broadband penetration in Sweden achieved to date.

Mörbylånga is the first municipality in Sweden to have all its telecom exchanges upgraded for broadband capacity. With very few exceptions, all households and companies in the municipality can connect to the network.

"Broadband helps us create better conditions for business to develop in the municipality and it gives us the same communication possibilities that Sweden's major metropolitan areas have. Broadband has been in great demand among consumers and companies and hopefully this build-out will give more people the possibility to telecommute from home and enable us to attract more companies to set up business in our municipality," says Saga Sigvardsson, chairperson of the Mörbylånga municipal executive board.

The municipality signed an agreement for the broadband build-out in 2002. The broadband network is already finished in the following locations: Alby, Algutsrum, Färjestaden, Glömminge, Grönhögen, Gårdby, Kastlösa, Mörbylånga, Norra Möckleby, Skogsby, Stora Frö, Södra Möckleby, Tveta and Vickleby. The last phase covered Smedby, Näsby, Torngård, Segerstad, Skärlöv and Stenåsa.

"Our offering to municipalities in municipalities and counties in Sweden is based on cost-effective and fast build-outs of the broadband network with very high penetration, even in rural areas. This is because we build new infrastructure with fibre-optic networks and ADSL nodes," says Susanne Jacobsson, Skanova.

In 2003, Skanova networks have been delivered to a large number of municipalities and counties in Sweden that have long distances between large central towns and sparsely populated rural communities.

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