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National Program "Digital Economy of the Russian Federation"

**Objective:** Ensure availability of new digital services:
- (a) To support the quality of life and comfort of people
- (b) To lower costs of developing businesses and to promote competition

By the end of 2021,

- 50 thousand socially significant facilities were supplied with Internet access (educational organizations, obstetric wards, local governments, electoral commissions, etc.)
Looking forward:

Priorities for 2022 and beyond

- Develop an online monitoring system for the quality of services provided to budget-funded organizations;
- Introduce inter-network roaming for base stations used in small towns and on federal highways;
- Reduce barriers and facilitate operators' access to the infrastructure;
- Provide incentives for operators to connect households in small towns.
Beyond connectivity: a holistic approach
Superservices

→ complete paperwork for a newborn baby;
→ apply to university;
→ move to another region;
→ register a mutual agreement between drivers after traffic incidents;
→ pay debts and initiate legal actions online;
→ communicate with law enforcement agencies;
→ receive retirement benefits;
→ ... (a total of 25 superservices)
Beyond connectivity: a holistic approach
Financial support for Innovations

- grant support for small and large companies developing IT solutions;
- grant support for the implementation of such solutions at enterprises;
- venture financing of projects;
- concessional lending to companies that stimulates the processes of digital transformation of business;
- preferential leasing for the implementation of digital technologies and platform solutions in business;
- methodological support for the development and implementation of digital transformation strategies;
- acceleration of technology start-ups.
Beyond connectivity: a holistic approach
Meeting the labor market demand for IT skills

By 2024,

→ More than 210,000 university students will receive an additional degree via "IT skills departments";
→ At least 240,000 high school students will finish a free two-year course in a modern programming language.