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Lormes Digital Hub

A multi-functional, multi-stakeholder digital center, providing ICT training and education services and flexible business space with high level ICT infrastructure; managerial, technical and administrative support and with collaborative facilities allowing for individual and group interaction

Issues Faced

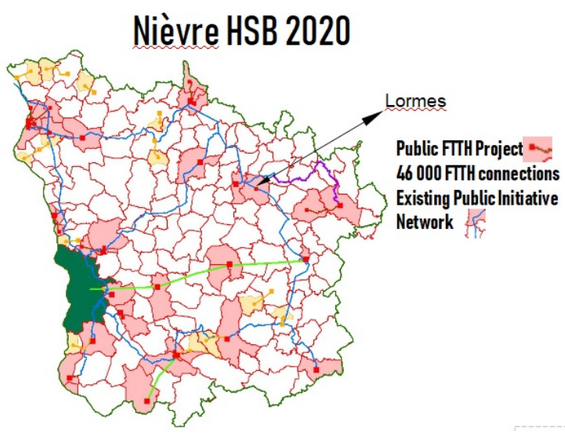
*To create a multi-functional centre to promote digital working, education and training in a remote upland area of central France.
*Providing human and technical resources for business, community, local government and individuals that would allow them to access similar ICT support and infrastructure to that found in much larger and more populous areas

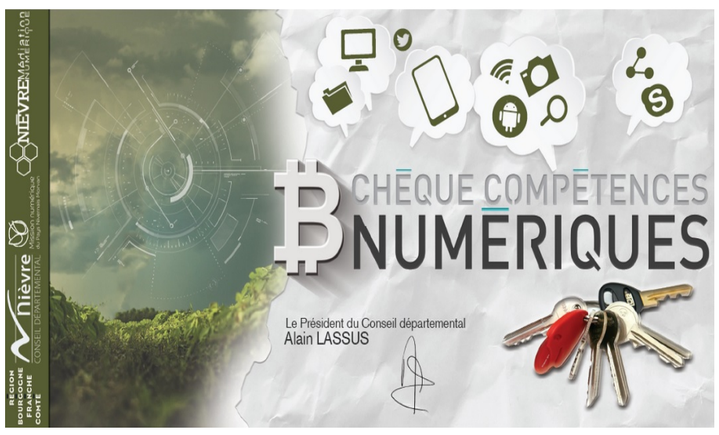
Key Objectives

*Ensure local people can access digital education/training to bridge digital learning gap.
*Create rural based public ICT expertise.
*Provide consultants and small businesses/subsidiaries with HSB and technical support comparable to those of larger more urban enterprises.
*Encourage the diversification of job opportunities, attract incomer and their families

Main Results

*Set up and operation of Morvan Digital Hub (phase 1 in 2006, 2 in 2015) providing fibre connection, office and collaborative spaces for 15+ digital workers/businesses; a Fab-Lab, tailor-made ICT support and education/training courses.
*Establishment of rural based and focused digital expertise/experts. Greater acceptance of digital practices and prospects by local community; national and international recognition





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