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## WISP in a box

**WITH** the advent of the Group Broadband Scheme, groups of businesses or communities in areas without broadband can band together and build their own network.

E-net, the firm responsible for running a large portion of the Government's €170m metropolitan area network plan, has joined forces with Hosting 365, telecoms equipment maker Motorola and Cork-based wireless internet service provider (WISP) technology firm Azotel Outside.

Bank of Ireland has also joined the consortium, offering financing for community groups that aim to invest in the product.

The companies aim to provide community schemes with a "WISP in a box" product set that would enable community schemes to get up and running and achieve a return on their investment within nine months. Encompassing transit, monitoring, support, billing, hardware, training, consultancy, marketing packs, financing and backhaul, the consortium describes the new service as a complete turnkey offering to set up a "proven" broadband business.

### Azotel Outside

**What is it?** Wireless internet service package

**How much?** Starts at €6,000

