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From School Connectivity to Community Empowerment -

the Role of Governments, Universities, MNOs and CSOs

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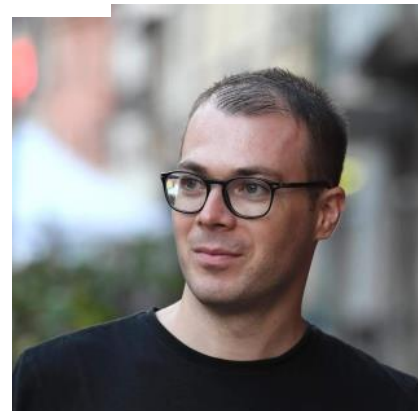
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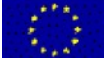


The Business Model

Mobile Internet in SSA

- Western World

- fixed & mobile & work - about 100-200 USD/family

 17.000 base stations,  EU: 421.000 towers [Statista]

- Example: Tanzania

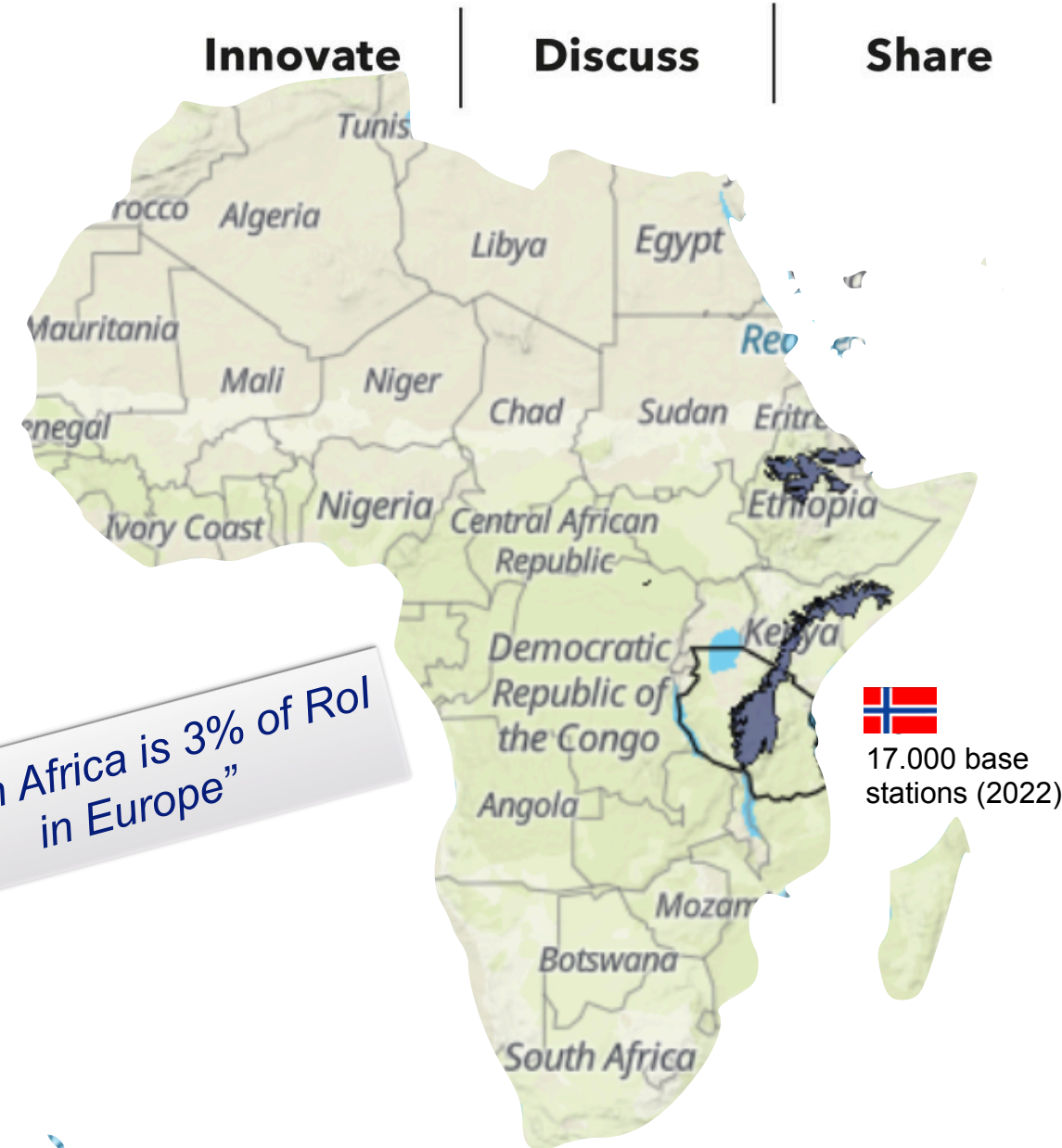


- large distances (3 x size of Norway)
 - expensive access
 - negligible fixed broadband
- ability to pay: 10-20 USD/family

- Europe vs Africa

- 6.8% vs 20% of land area
- 746 million vs 1.3 billion (2018)
- 112 vs 43 people/km² [Worldbank, Statista]

“RoI in Africa is 3% of RoI in Europe”



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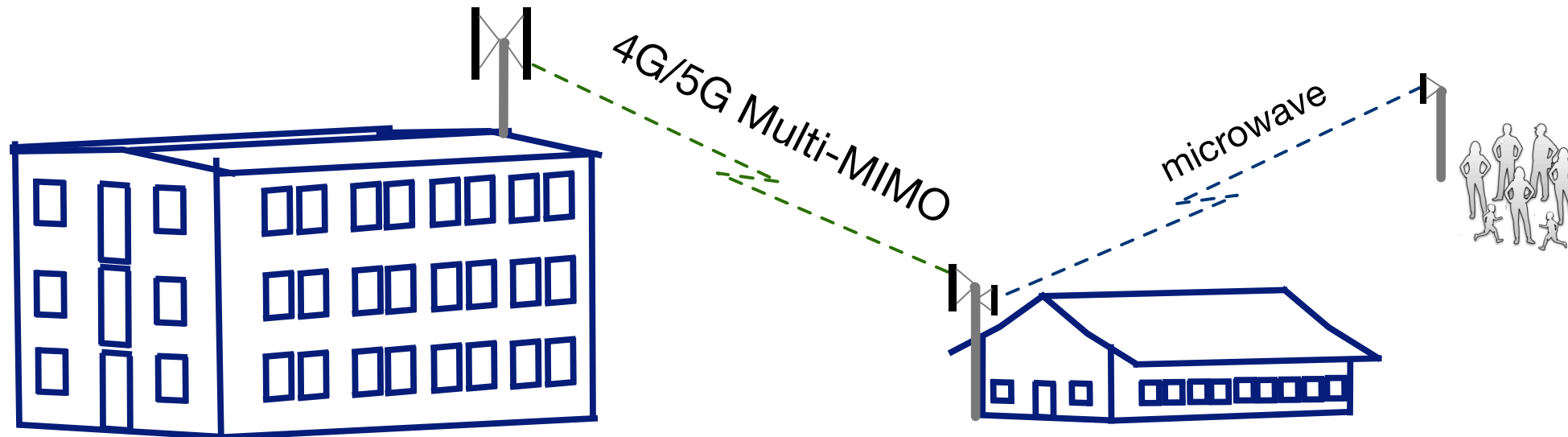
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The role of Universities

Societal impact & non-profitable services

- Inclusive societies
- Access to GovStack and Digital Public Goods
- Regional Competence Centres (RCCs)
- Connect Schools & Communities
- Non-profitable content at School-/Community-Centres



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- Creating the framework for inclusive access



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- Empowering and connecting through National Research and Education Networks



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- Access to digital information, the path towards inclusive empowerment



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- Practical experiences of the Multi-Stakeholder Partnership in connecting schools



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