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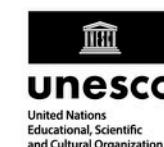
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# Universities have a vital role in shaping the future of the society

Knowledge Cooperation for Connecting the Societies

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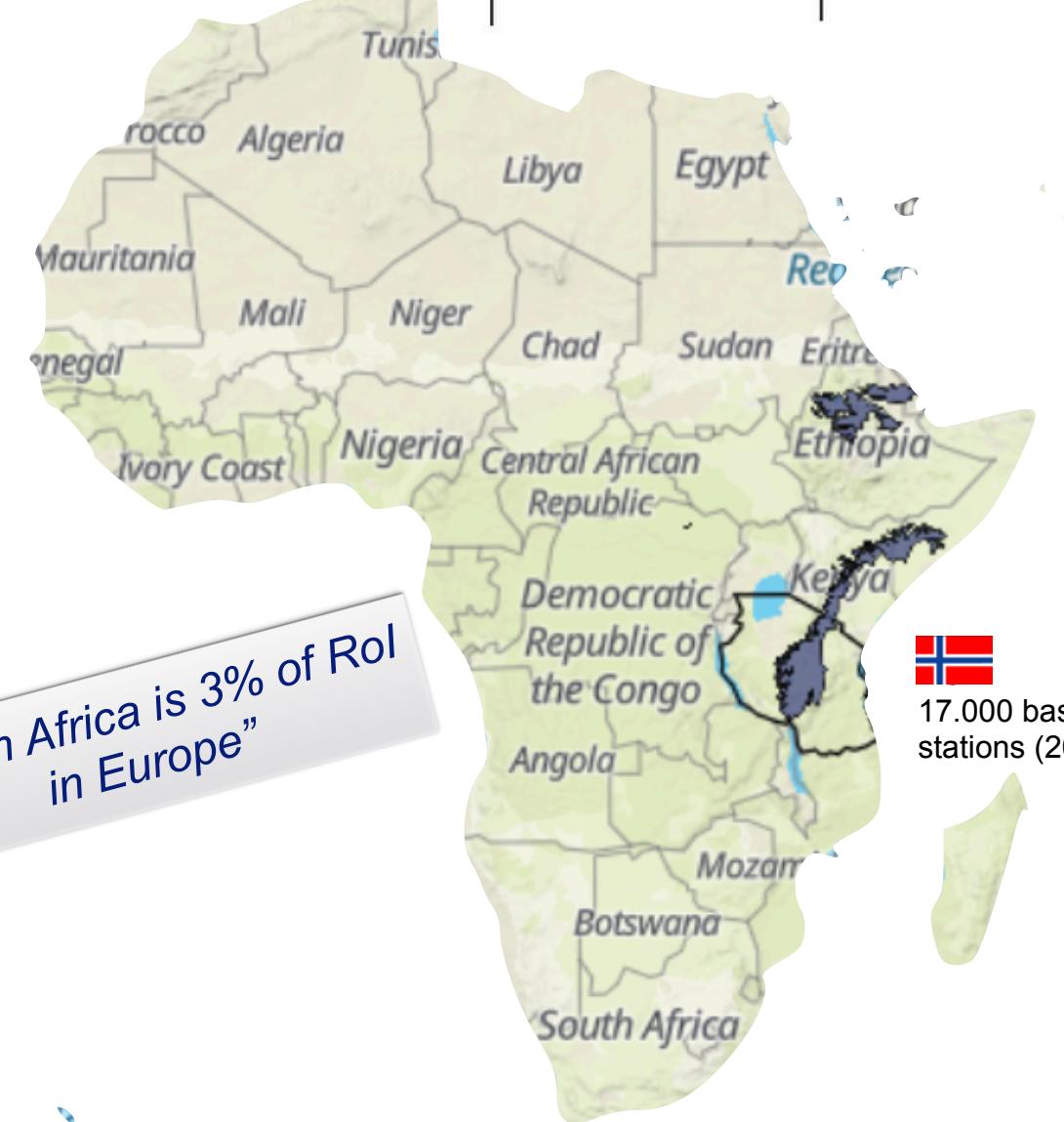


# The Business Model

## 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/km<sup>2</sup> [Worldbank, Statista]

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





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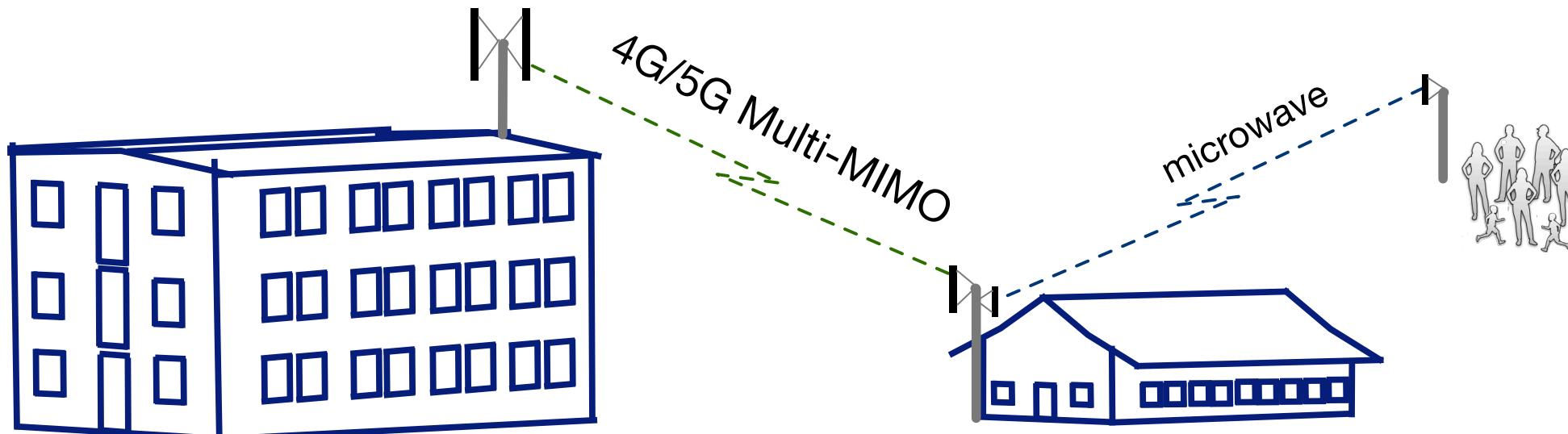
## The ESGs and fundamental values

- The Rome Communiqué defined fundamental values as important elements of the EHEA:
  - Institutional autonomy
  - Academic freedom & integrity
  - Participation of students & staff in governance
  - Public responsibility for and of HE
- Except for academic freedom no definition and even academic freedom not fully agreed upon

# 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



National Research & Education Networks (NRENs)



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- Establishing Regional Competence Centres
- Decentralised Content for Empowerment
- Digital Health and Community Involvement
- The Guild- ARUA collaboration



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