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# DRIVE & TRAIN TEST CAMPAIGN RESULTS **2022**



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

For the fifth consecutive year, BIPT and Commsquare have measured customer experience of the three mobile networks in Belgium by conducting drive & train tests. This publication on mobile network quality increases transparency and helps customers to make better informed decisions. It also helps BIPT to understand and monitor mobile network performance in Belgium. Besides, operators can rely on this information to prioritize their investment and provide an even better service.

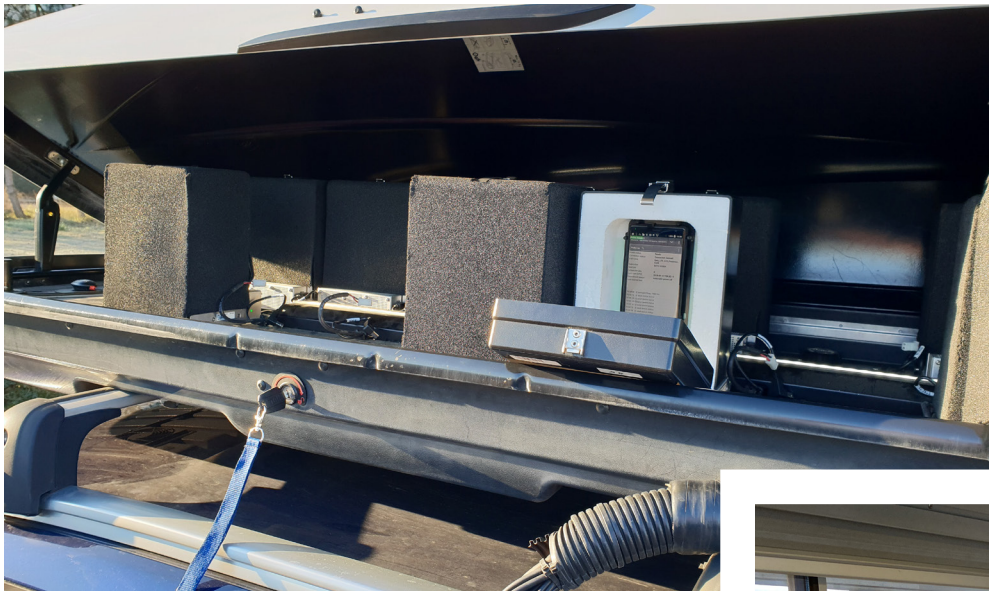
This report contains the results, explains the methodology and gives an overview of the BIPT 2022 measurement campaign on customer experience. The aim is to understand what customers experience when they watch a video, visit a website, download a file, or make a phone call on a mobile network.

## 2. CAMPAIGN METHODOLOGY



The objective of the campaign was to measure customer experience for a user using a 4G/LTE capable smartphone in indoor and in-train conditions.

In the case of the drive tests, measurements were



conducted by driving 2 cars with Rohde & Schwarz equipment across Belgium. Smartphones were installed in a ski-box, such that the measurements represent in-car and indoor performance (i.e. as experienced by a user in a building or house, close to a window).

In the case of the train tests, measurements were conducted with Rohde & Schwarz backpack equipment along the most popular IC train lines in Belgium. Smartphones were installed in the backpack, which was located in the middle wagon of the train, and always on the ground floor in case of trains with several levels (i.e. as experienced by a user seated next to the window).



The campaign was conducted between 5/Sep/2022 and 15/Oct/2022, including more than 250 hours of drive and 30 hours of train tests.

The measurement methodology has slightly evolved compared to the campaign conducted in 2021. The differences in setup between 2022 and 2021 reflect advancements in technology or are deliberate choices that only lead to small statistical variations in the results (see sidebar for more details).



## Differences between the 2022 and 2021 measurements

Measurements in 2022 use the same smartphone models as in the 2021 campaign, but updated with the most recent firmware to emulate a better user experience.

- The VoLTE voice tests were conducted using a Samsung Galaxy S10 phone. As in the previous year, Samsung Galaxy S10 supports EVS speech codec in all 3 Belgian networks, getting the maximum out of VoLTE speech quality.
- In the data tests, the LG V50 ThinQ supports the latest and highest network features for download in all 3 operator networks.

The web pages selected in the test are popular pages in Belgium, and the size of these pages varies as their content is dynamic (e.g. for news sites). As a result, the 'web browsing time' in the 2022 measurements is not directly comparable with the 2021 results.

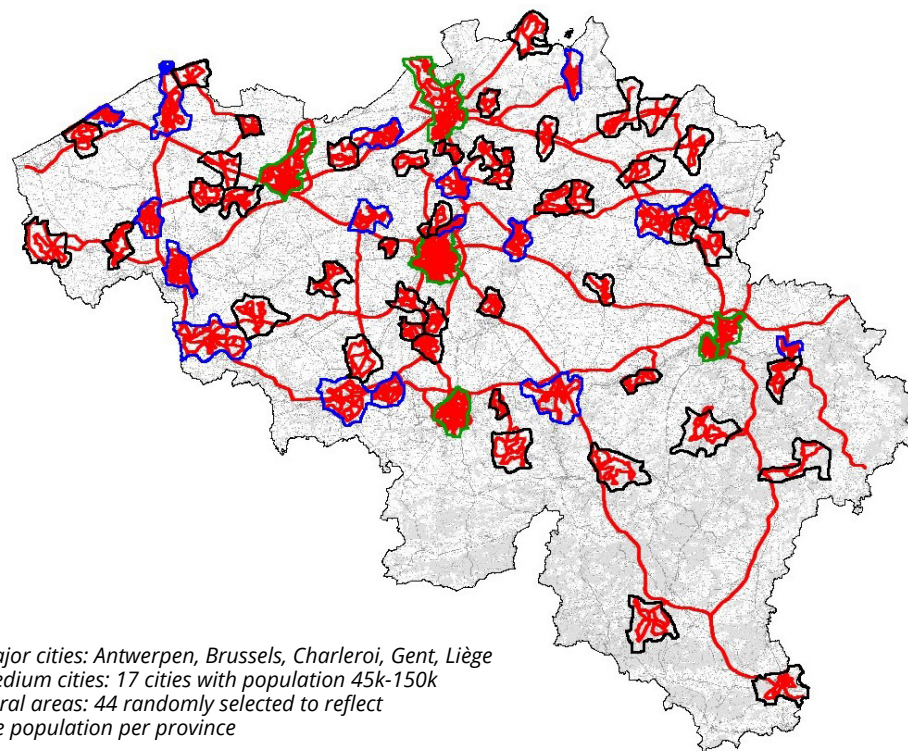
The measurement locations are slightly different between campaigns conducted in different years, but this has no impact on the results (except for pure statistical variation).

- The same major and medium cities are tested. The actual roads driven in each city might slightly differ.
- The 44 rural areas are randomly selected within each province. As a result, we have tested different rural areas, as well as different N-roads connecting the rural areas.

## 2.1. DRIVE TESTS LOCATION

BIPT and Commsquare selected the cities and villages to be measured, based upon their importance and population (see map). The choice of medium cities and rural areas reflects the population per province. The operators did not receive upfront information about the specific cities and areas in the test.

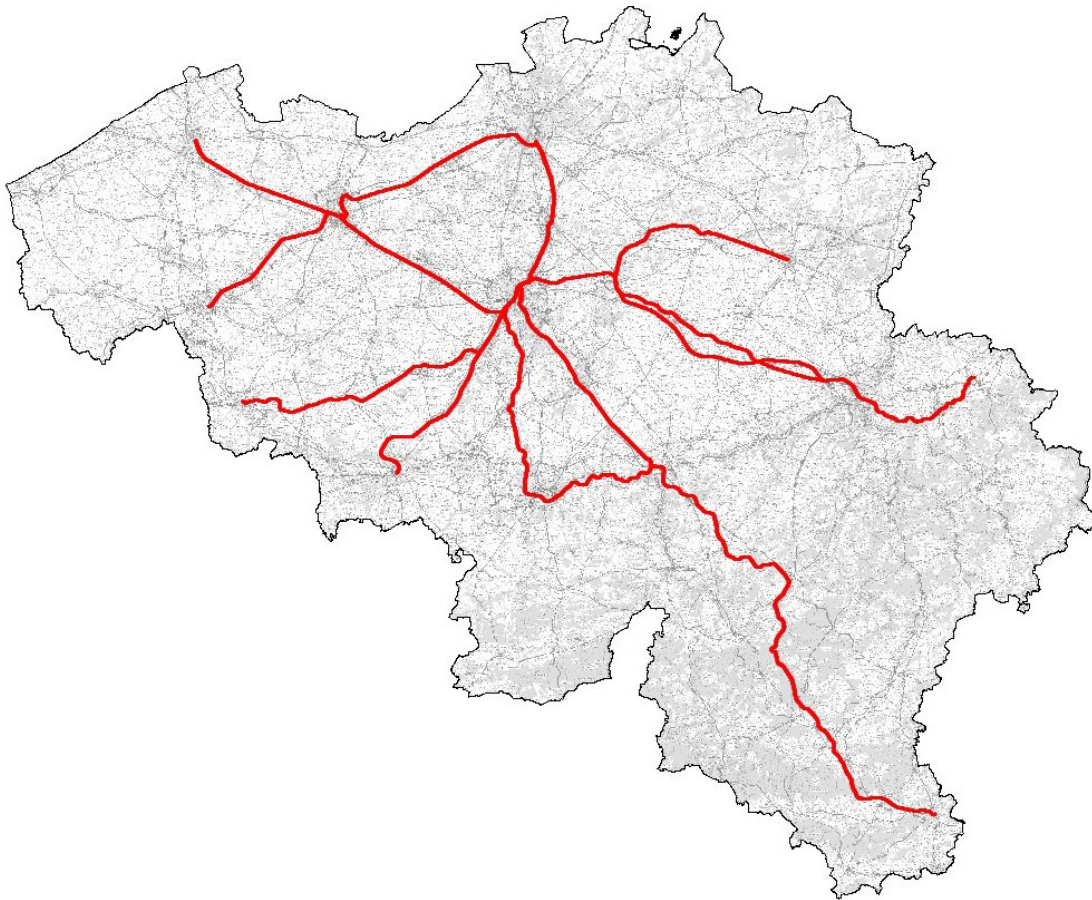
A total distance of roughly 11,000 km was driven during the tests; over 8,000 voice calls were made on each network; and over 65,000 data tests were conducted per network.



## 2.2. TRAIN TESTS LOCATION

Train lines measured are different compared to 2021. New scope is based on mobile network operators obligations concerning new radio band deployment<sup>1</sup>. Each selected line was measured in both directions and shorter lines were measured several times to reflect importance to overall aggregation. The operators did not receive upfront information about the final selection of the train lines in the test.

A total distance of roughly 2,400 km was covered during the tests; over 850 voice calls were made on each network; and over 5,500 data tests were conducted per network.



## 2.3. VOICE TELEPHONY TESTS

The Samsung Galaxy S10 is an Android smartphone and supports VoLTE calls with the best speech codec, called EVS.

In the case of drive tests, voice calls were made between phones placed in both cars, i.e. a phone in the first car calling the phone in the second car. In the case of train tests, voice calls were made between phones placed in the train and phones placed at a static location in Mechelen (i.e. ensuring fair radio conditions for all mobile network operators).

A new VoLTE call was made every 2 minutes: the call holding time (or duration) was 90 sec, with a 30s pause between test calls. During the call, the phones could make unrestricted and non-user-initiated data activity, as is typically the case for a smartphone.

1. Please refer to [MONITEUR BELGE - 23.12.2021 - BELGISCH STAATSBLAAD](#)



## 2.4. DATA TESTS

The LG V50 ThinQ was used for tests in 4G-preferred-mode. This means the phone tries to use the 4G/LTE network, but in its absence, continues service on the 3G or 2G data network.

The data tests included a series of different tests: throughput speed tests in downlink and uplink (conducted as a down- or upload during 10s); a file transfer of 10MB in download and 5MB in upload; a selection of 6 popular web pages in the web browsing tests; a YouTube buffered streaming video during 60s; and a Dropbox upload test.

## 2.5. KNOWN LIMITATIONS

The approach is a valid approach but has some inherent known limitations.

The results in this report are a snapshot of mobile network performance measured in Belgium in September-October 2022. Mobile networks evolve and undergo changes and improvements, which might lead to a different performance in the future.

All tests are conducted whilst driving or in a train. This is a best-practice approach to make tests across an entire country. However, most mobile users use their phone in static conditions, i.e. when not moving. It is generally assumed the average static user experiences better performance than the moving user in our tests.

Tests were conducted using relatively high-end smartphones running on the Android operating system. As mobile phones themselves impact user experience, users with older or less-capable phone models or with a different operating system might experience a different performance.

We conducted the tests with 4G-capable phones which was representative for the typical user in Belgium at the time of the testing. Recently, 5G spectrum was officially licensed and the usage of 5G-capable phones will be required to evaluate user experience in the coming years.

The test setup measures customer experience in indoor or in train conditions, e.g. for a user in a building close to the window or seating in a train next to the window. When using a mobile phone in deep-indoor locations (e.g. in basements, far away from a window, in highly insulated houses, or concrete buildings), performance will be worse.



## 3. VOICE RESULTS

### 3.1. DRIVE TESTS VOICE RESULTS

Voice performance is summarised in 3 categories of service indicators.

Voice Summary		Orange	Proximus	Telenet
<b>Success Rates</b>				
Call setup success rate	%	99.6	99.8	99.3
Successfully established calls completion rate	%	99.8	99.9	99.6
<b>Call Setup Time</b>				
Call Setup Time (s)	Average	2.2	2.1	2.8
Call Setup Time (s) long samples	10% longest	2.8	2.3	3.7
<b>Voice Quality</b>				
Voice Quality Score	Average	4.4	4.3	4.4
Voice Quality Score low samples	10% lowest	3.9	3.6	3.8

This is a description of the voice service indicators and results for the drive tests:

- **Success rates** answer the questions “Can I make a call?” (setup success) and “Can I complete a call without a drop?” (completion rate). The **call setup success rate** denotes the proportion of success call setups, i.e. “Can I make a call”, in other words, do I receive

ringing tone after I pressed the dial button. All operators demonstrate a high call setup success rate, with Proximus (99.8%) ahead of Orange (99.6%) and Telenet (99.3%).

The **successfully established calls completion rate** measures the proportion of successfully established calls that reach the end of the conversation, i.e. “Can I complete a call without a drop?”, in other words calls that successfully started and didn’t prematurely terminate or drop. All networks score very high, with Proximus (99.9%) ahead of Orange (99.8%) and Telenet (99.6%). Note the completion rate depends on call duration, which is 90s in the case of our tests.

- **Call Setup Time** measures the time that is needed to set up a call, i.e. from pressing the dial button until hearing the ringing tone.

For the average **call setup time**, Proximus (2.1s) is the fastest, followed by Orange (2.2s) and Telenet (2.8s).

**Call setup time long samples** indicates the minimum time it takes to set up the 10% slowest calls. Proximus (2.3s) is faster than Orange (2.8s) and Telenet (3.7s).

- **Voice Quality** measures the quality of the conversation on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor). Good speech quality means clarity of the call, i.e. the speech clearness, fidelity, intelligibility and absence of distortion (such as a metallic voice).

All operators demonstrate a high average **voice quality score**, with Orange (4.4) and Telenet (4.4) ahead of Proximus (4.3).

**Voice quality score low samples** indicates voice quality for the 10% worst speech samples. Orange (3.9) scores better than Telenet (3.8) and Proximus (3.6).



## 3.2. TRAIN TESTS VOICE RESULTS

Voice performance is summarised in the same 3 categories of service indicators also for the train tests.

Voice Summary		Orange	Proximus	Telenet
<b>Success Rates</b>				
Call setup success rate	%	98.2	99.1	95.2
Successfully established calls completion rate	%	98.2	98.9	93.6
<b>Call Setup Time</b>				
Call Setup Time (s)	Average	2.8	2.2	3.4
Call Setup Time (s) long samples	10% longest	3.9	2.7	4.8
<b>Voice Quality</b>				
Voice Quality Score	Average	4.3	4.3	4.3
Voice Quality Score low samples	10% lowest	3.6	3.5	3.1



This is a description of the voice results for the train tests:

- Proximus demonstrates a higher **call setup success rate** (99.1%) ahead of Orange (98.2%) and Telenet (95.2%). Proximus (98.9%) also scores higher **successfully established calls completion rate**, followed by Orange (98.2%) and Telenet (93.6%).
- For the average **call setup time**, Proximus (2.2s) is the fastest, followed by Orange (2.8s) and Telenet (3.4s).
- In terms of call setup time long samples Proximus (2.7s) is faster than Orange (3.9s) and Telenet (4.8s).
- All operators demonstrate a high and same average voice quality score (4.3). For the Voice quality score low samples, Orange (3.6) scores better than Proximus (3.5) and Telenet (3.1).



## 4. DATA RESULTS

### 4.1. DRIVE TESTS DATA RESULTS

The performance of data services is expressed in 5 categories of service indicators.

Data Summary			Orange	Proximus	Telenet
<b>Throughput</b>					
HTTP DL fixed duration	DL throughput	Average (Mbps)	65.8	76.1	82.4
		Slowest 10% (Mbps)	6.9	10.5	10.5
HTTP UL fixed duration	UL throughput	Average (Mbps)	24.9	22.6	21.0
		Slowest 10% (Mbps)	4.6	3.4	3.9
<b>File Transfer</b>					
HTTPS DL fixed size 10MB	File download	Median time (s)	2.1	1.7	1.7
		Success rate (%)	97.9	98.6	98.9
HTTPS UL fixed size 5MB	File upload	Median time (s)	2.3	2.5	2.5
		Success rate (%)	98.3	97.6	98.0
<b>Web Browsing</b>					
All web pages (blended KPI)	Web browsing time	Median time (s)	2.3	2.2	2.4
		Success rate (%)	98.9	99.2	99.2
<b>Video</b>					
YouTube – buffered streaming	Success Rate	Success rate (%)	98.6	99.1	99.0
	Time to 1 <sup>st</sup> picture	Average time (s)	0.6	0.6	0.7
	Video Quality	Average MOS	4.1	4.1	4.1
<b>Cloud storage</b>					
Dropbox UL 1MB	Upload	Median time (s)	1.5	1.4	1.4
		Success rate (%)	99.3	99.0	98.8

This is a description of the data service indicators and results for the drive tests:

- **Throughput** (expressed in Mbps) measures the speed the network can offer to a single user. An individual user will benefit from high throughput in case he/she wants to download large amounts of data.



Telenet has the highest average **download throughput** (82.4Mbps), followed by Proximus (76.1Mbps) and Orange (65.8Mbps). Proximus (10.5Mbps) and Telenet (10.5Mbps) have the highest download throughput performance when considering the 10% of slowest test cases, followed by Orange (6.9Mbps).

Orange has the highest average **upload throughput** (24.9Mbps), followed by Proximus (22.6Mbps) and Telenet (21.0Mbps). Orange has also the highest upload throughput performance (4.6Mbps) when considering the 10% of slowest test cases, followed by Telenet (3.9Mbps) and Orange (3.4Mbps).

- **File transfer** tests measure the performance of downloading a 10MB file or uploading a 5MB file (e.g. for downloading or uploading a picture). The performance of file transfers is measured by 2 service indicators: (1) the **time to complete the transfer**, i.e. an indicator of speed, and (2) the **success rate**, an indicator of the reliability of the service.

For a **download** of a 10MB file, Proximus (1.7s) and Telenet (1.7s) have the fastest download time, followed by Orange (2.1s). Telenet has the highest success rate (98.9%), followed by Proximus (98.6%) and Orange (97.9%).

For an **upload** of a 5MB file, Orange has the fastest upload time (2.3s), followed by Proximus (2.5s) and Telenet (2.5s). Orange has the highest success rate (98.3%), followed by Telenet (98.0%) and Proximus (97.6%).

- **Web browsing** or surfing to web pages is a popular activity of mobile phone users. A selection of 6 popular web pages in Belgium

was used for the aggregated results. Web browsing results are summarised into 2 service indicators: (1) the time to view the web page (web page browsing time) and (2) the success rate.

For **web page browsing time** Proximus is the fastest (2.2s), followed by Orange (2.3s) and Telenet (2.4s).

**Web success rate** denotes the percentage of web pages that are completely downloaded within 15s. All operators demonstrate a high **web success rate**, with Proximus (99.2%) and Telenet (99.2%) ahead of Orange (98.9%).

- **Video streaming**, and YouTube in particular, is amongst the most popular mobile apps. Buffered video streaming was tested, as opposed to live streaming. YouTube performance is measured as (1) a success rate, i.e. the proportion of tests that had a complete play-out of the video; (2) the time-to-first-picture, i.e. how long it takes for the play-out to start; and (3) the video quality during the entire play-out.

Proximus (99.1%) offers the highest **success rate**, followed by Telenet (99.0%) and Orange (98.6%).

Orange (0.6s) and Proximus (0.6s) has the fastest **“time to 1<sup>st</sup> picture”**, followed by Telenet (0.7s).

**Video quality** is the same on all networks (4.1). It captures the effect of low video resolution, freezing of the play-out, etc. When the networks offer sufficient throughput and capacity (5-10Mbps on average), and coverage is present, video quality is expected to be the same in all networks.



- **Cloud storage service** (Dropbox) performance is measured as (1) the time to upload a 1MB file and (2) the success rate to complete the transfer.

For **time to upload** the 1MB file upload Proximus (1.4s) and Telenet (1.4s) are ahead of Orange (1.5s).

Orange has the highest **success rate** (99.3%) for Dropbox testing, followed by Proximus (99.0%) and Telenet (98.8%).

## 4.2. TRAIN TESTS DATA RESULTS

Data performance is expressed in the same 5 categories of service indicators also for the train tests.

Data Summary			Orange	Proximus	Telenet
<b>Throughput</b>					
HTTP DL fixed duration	DL throughput	Average (Mbps)	44.2	55.4	51.2
		Slowest 10% (Mbps)	1.7	2.5	1.1
HTTP UL fixed duration	UL throughput	Average (Mbps)	18.5	16.9	14.2
		Slowest 10% (Mbps)	1.3	1.4	0.4
<b>File Transfer</b>					
HTTPS DL fixed size 10MB	File download	Median time (s)	2.8	2.5	3.4
		Success rate (%)	92.1	93.2	91.1
HTTPS UL fixed size 5MB	File upload	Median time (s)	3.2	3.5	4.5
		Success rate (%)	93.1	92.8	86.9
<b>Web Browsing</b>					
All web pages (blended KPI)	Web browsing time	Median time (s)	2.3	2.2	2.4
		Success rate (%)	95.8	96.8	94.9
<b>Video</b>					
YouTube – buffered streaming	Success Rate	Success rate (%)	92.2	95.2	91.3
	Time to 1 <sup>st</sup> picture	Average time (s)	0.7	0.7	0.8
	Video Quality	Average MOS	4.1	4.1	4.1
<b>Cloud storage</b>					
Dropbox UL 1MB	Upload	Median time (s)	1.6	1.5	1.6
		Success rate (%)	95.0	95.8	91.5

This is a description of the data results for the train tests:

- Proximus has the highest average **download throughput** (55.4Mbps), followed by Telenet (51.2Mbps) and Orange (44.2Mbps). When considering the 10% of slowest test cases, Proximus has the highest download throughput performance (2.5Mbps), followed by Orange (1.7Mbps) and Telenet (1.1Mbps).
- **For video streaming**, Proximus (95.2%) offers the highest **success rate**, followed by Orange (92.2%) and Telenet (91.3%).

Orange (0.7s) and Proximus (0.7s) have the fastest **“time to 1<sup>st</sup> picture”**, followed by Telenet (0.8s).

Orange has the highest average **upload throughput** (18.5Mbps), followed by Proximus (16.9Mbps) and Telenet (14.2Mbps). When considering the 10% of slowest test cases, Proximus has the highest upload throughput performance (1.4Mbps), followed by Orange (1.3Mbps) and Telenet (0.4Mbps).

**Video quality** is the same on all networks (4.1).

- For a **download** of a 10MB file, Proximus has the fastest download time (2.5s), followed by Orange (2.8s) and Telenet (3.4s). Proximus has the highest success rate (93.2%), followed by Orange (92.1%) and Telenet (91.1%).
- Regarding **Cloud storage service** (Dropbox), Proximus has the fastest **time to upload** (1.5s), followed by Orange (1.6s) and Telenet (1.6s).

Proximus presents the highest **success rate** (95.8%) for Dropbox testing, ahead of Orange (95.0%) and Telenet (91.5%).

For an **upload** of a 5MB file, Orange has the fastest upload time (3.2s) followed by Proximus (3.5s) and Telenet (4.5s). Orange has the highest success rate (93.1%), followed by Proximus (92.8%) and Telenet (86.9%).

- For **web page browsing time** Proximus is fastest (2.2s), followed by Orange (2.3s) and Telenet (2.4s). Proximus has the highest **web success rate** (96.8%), followed by Orange (95.8%) and Telenet (94.9%).



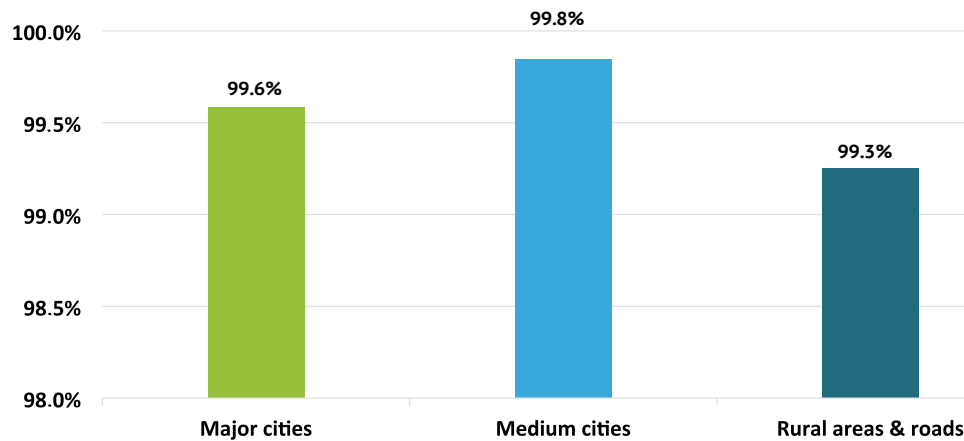
## 5. DRIVE TESTS PERFORMANCE PER AREA

We compare the user experience of the 3 mobile networks in major cities, medium cities, and rural areas & roads.  
We want to assess whether a user experiences similar or good quality in different geographical areas.

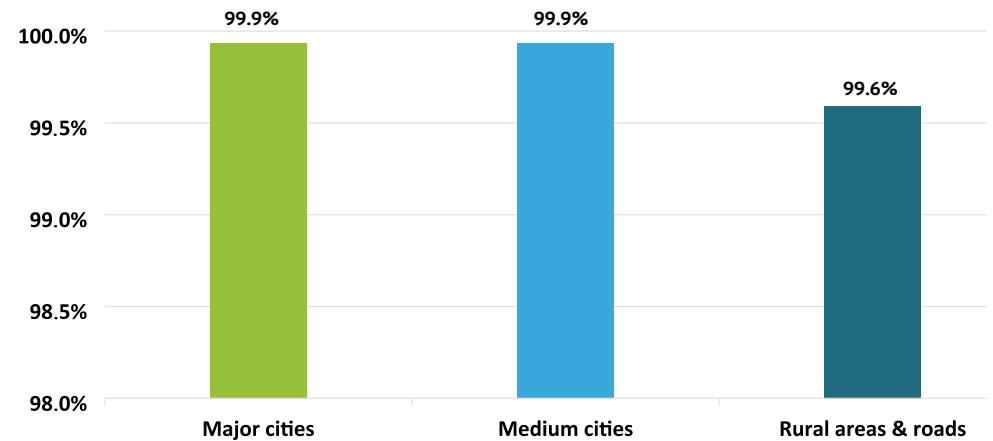
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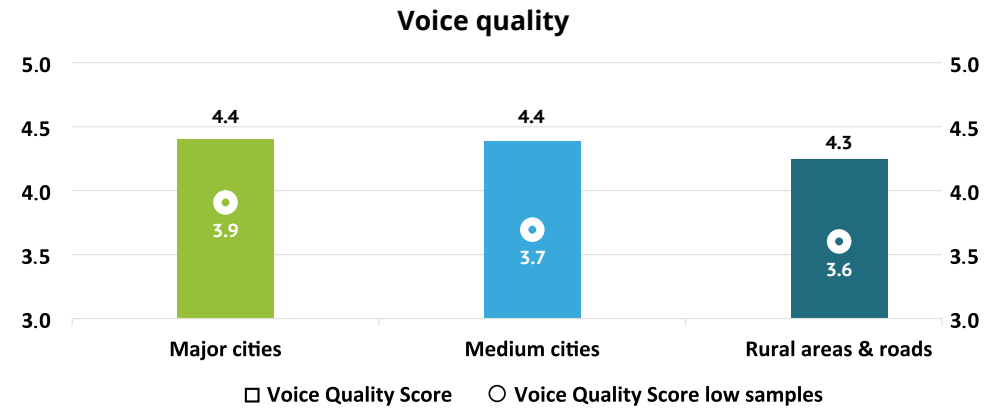
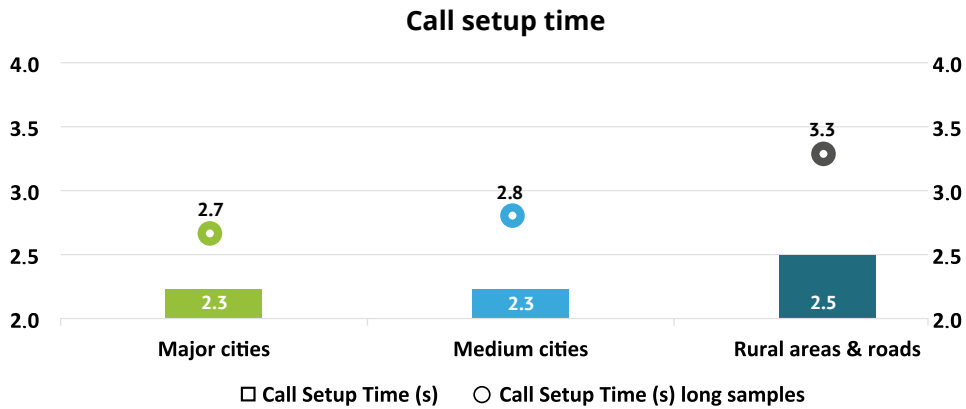
Voice performance on all indicators is better in major and medium size cities compared to rural areas & roads.

Call setup success rate



Successfully established calls completion rate

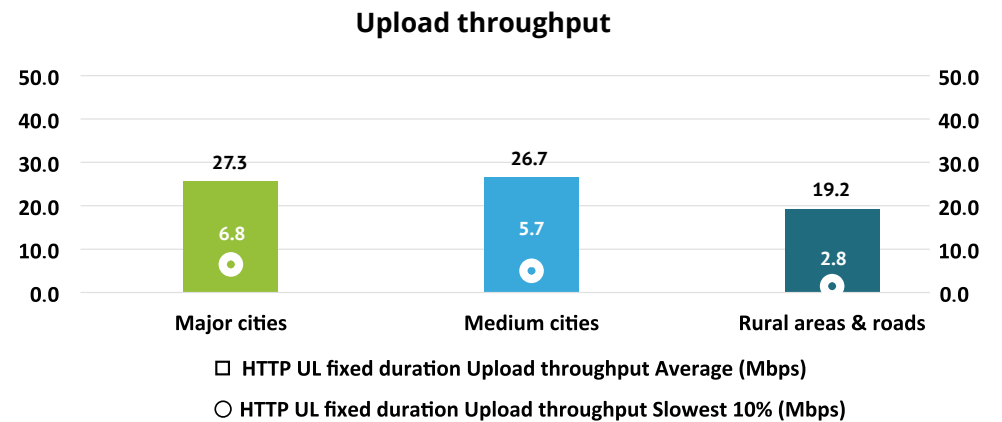
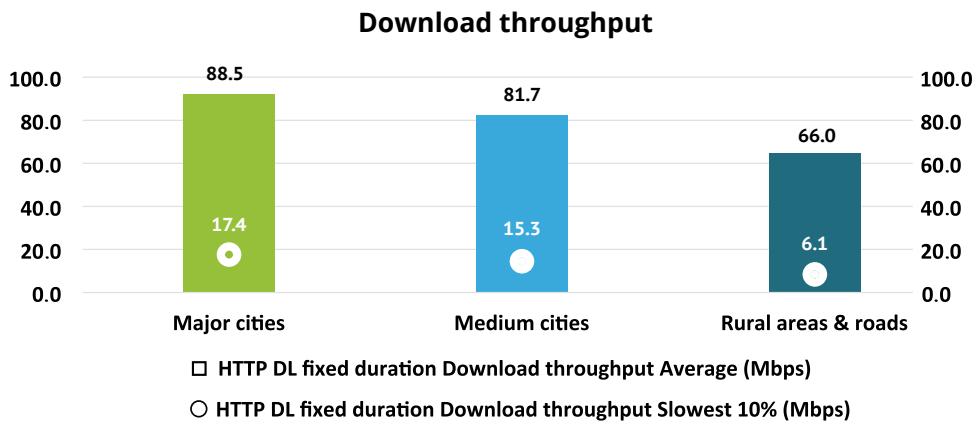




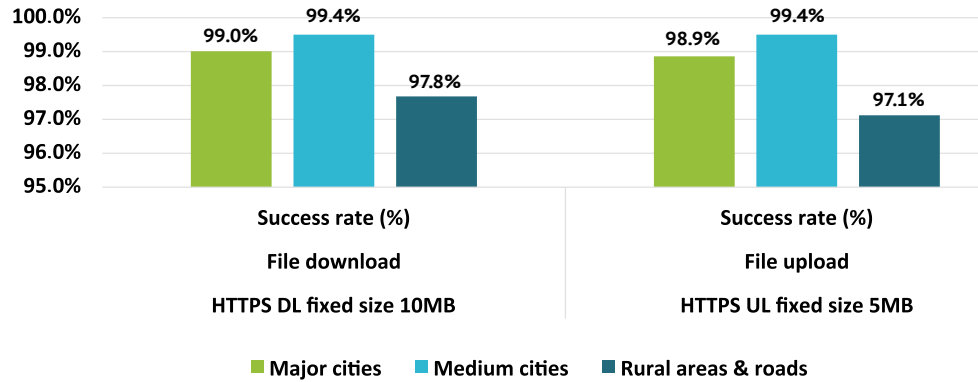
In rural areas & roads, the call setup success rate is lower but still at a good level, and there are more voice calls with a long call setup times as well as more calls with low voice quality compared to major and medium size cities.

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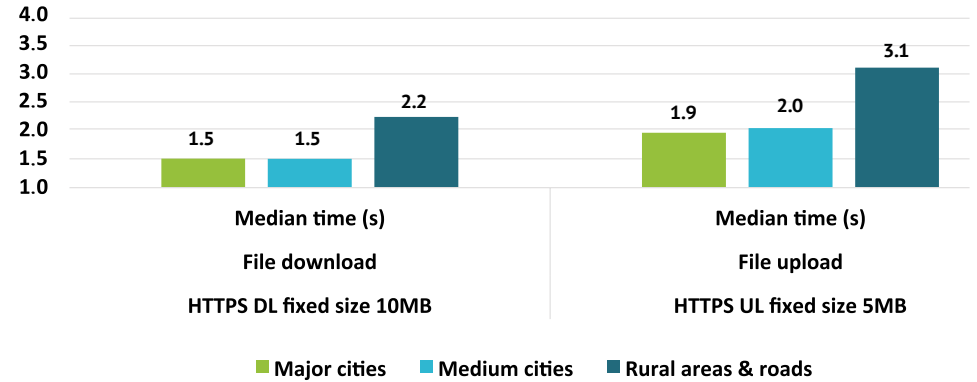
Pure network speed, i.e. download and upload throughput, is highest in major cities, and lowest in rural areas & roads. Success rate indicators indicate the reliability of the data service, and these are similar in major and medium cities, although slightly higher in medium cities.



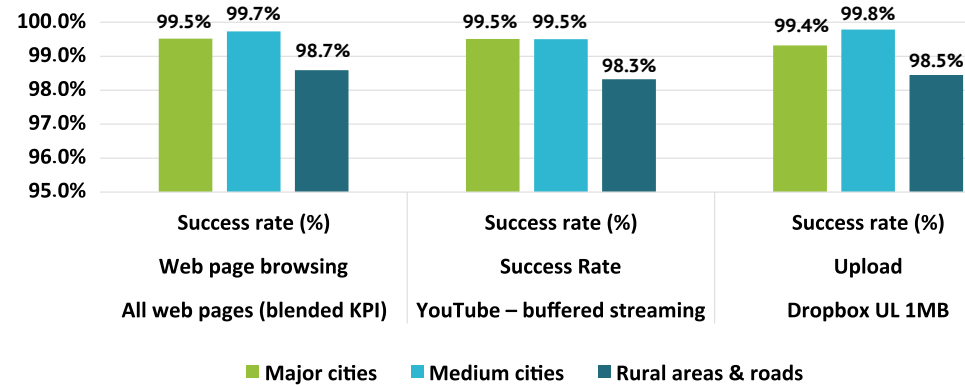
### File transfers success rate (download & upload)



### File transfers duration (download & upload)



### Data services success rate (web, video, cloud storage)



Data performance indicators are lowest in rural areas & roads. Throughput is lower and success rate indicators are lower but still at good to acceptable levels.



## 6. DRIVE TESTS TRENDING VS. PREVIOUS YEARS

We have conducted benchmarking campaigns of the mobile networks since 2018. We compare performance of the 4 campaigns to assess the evolution of customer experience in Belgium.

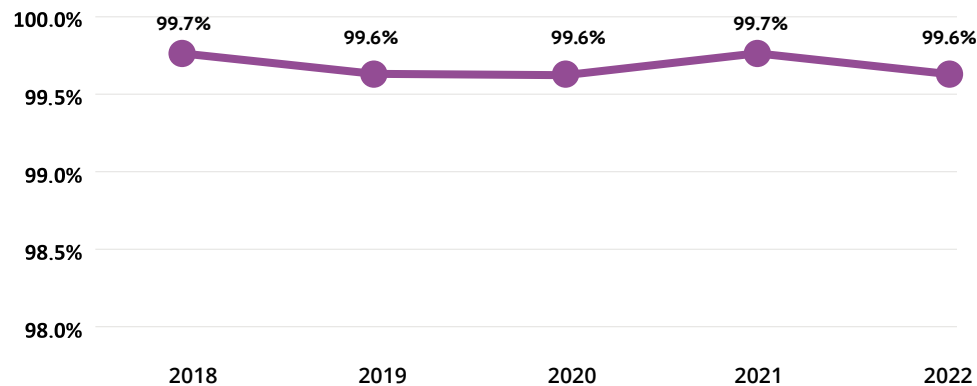
### 6.1. VOICE

Success rate indicators (“Can I set up a call?” and “Can I complete the call without a drop?”) are high and stable since 2018.

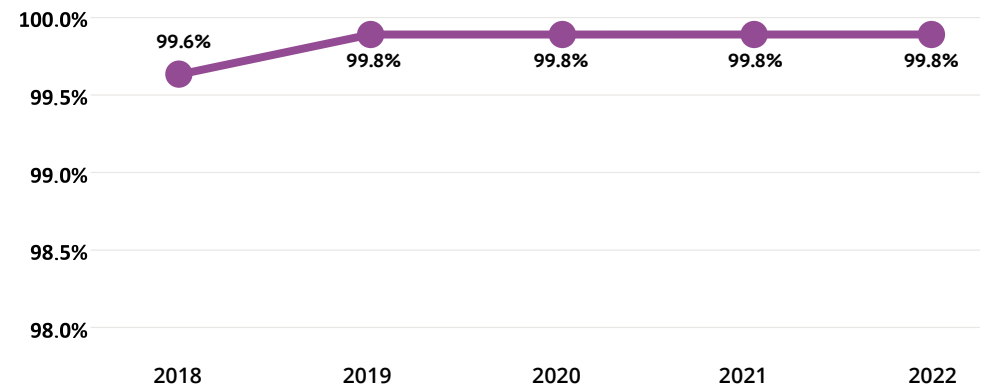
Call setup time (i.e. the time to hear ringing tone) has significantly improved, thanks to the introduction of VoLTE as the voice technology in all networks, but remains stable during the past 3 years.

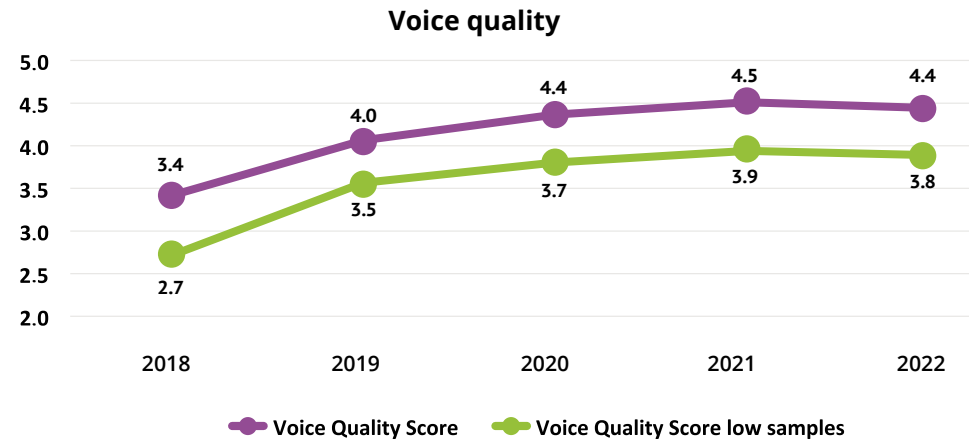
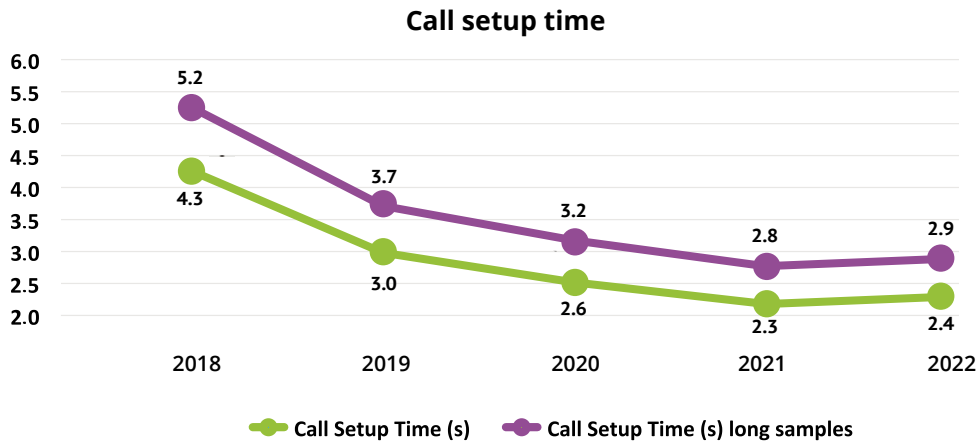
Voice quality has also substantially improved, thanks to the introduction of the EVS (Enhanced Voice Services) codec in all networks. This improvement has a major impact on customer perception of mobile voice calls. It remains also stable during the past 3 years.

Call setup success



Successfully established calls completion rate

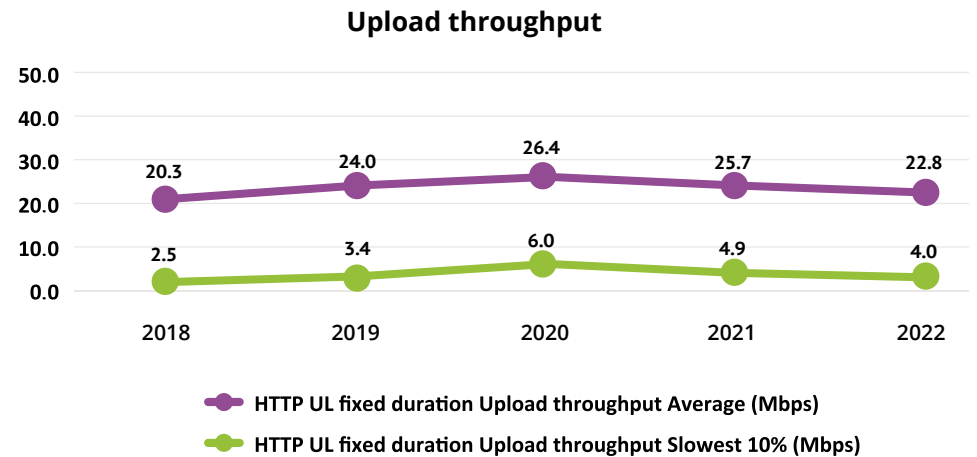
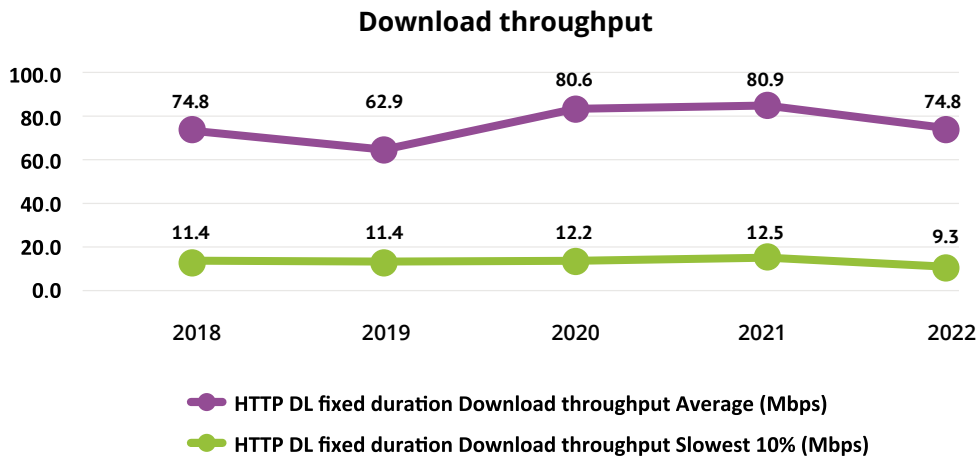




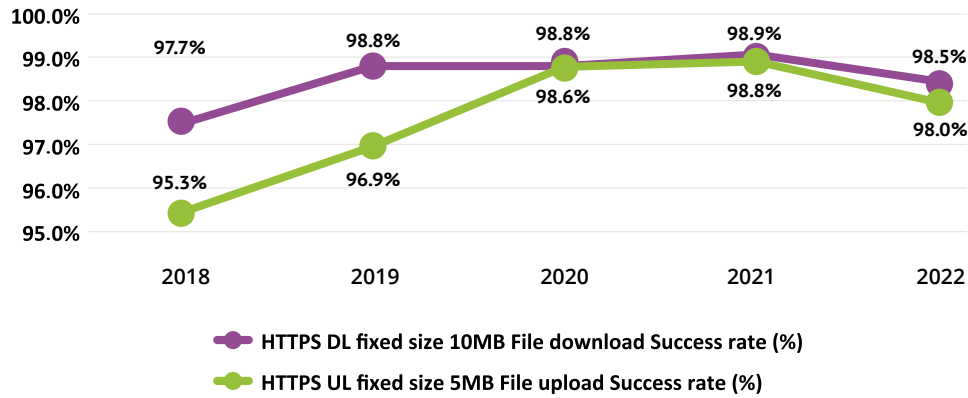
The improved customer experience is realized thanks to investments in new technologies, such as the introduction of VoLTE and the EVS codec by all operators, and network optimization.

## 6.2. DATA

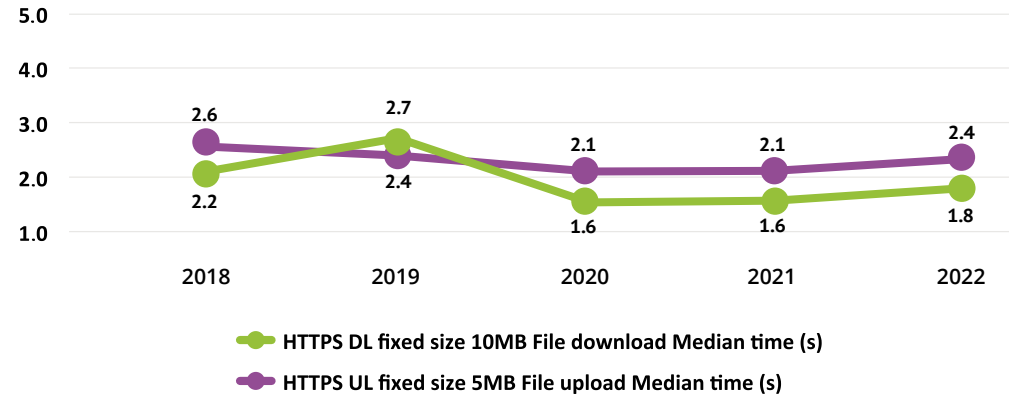
All performance indicators related to throughput or network speed and success rates show a slight decreasing trend since 2021.



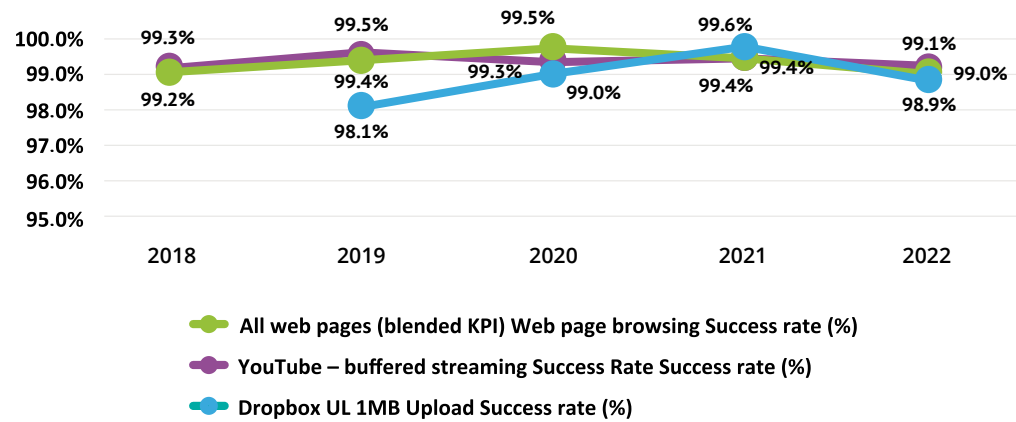
**File transfers success rate (download & upload)**



**File transfers duration (download & upload)**



**Data services success rate (web, video, cloud storage)**



However, all data indicators are high and show that data services remain very reliable.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS



The performance of the mobile networks in Belgium was assessed in September-October 2022. The measurements were configured such that these are representative of customer experience in indoor conditions and in trains. Mobile networks were measured by driving 2 cars in all major cities and highways, as well as in a selection of medium size cities, villages and roads. Additionally, mobile networks were assessed on selected IC train lines.

For drive tests **voice performance:**

- Setting up a call works well in all networks (**call setup success rate**), with Proximus (99.8%) ahead of Orange (99.6%) and Telenet (99.3%).

- The probability to complete a call without a drop is very high (**successfully established calls completion rate**), with Proximus (99.9%) ahead of Orange (99.8%) and Telenet (99.6%).
- Setting up a call is fast, with Proximus (2.1s) the fastest **average call setup time**, followed by Orange (2.2s) and Telenet (2.8s). For the 10% slowest call setups, Proximus (2.3s) is faster than Orange (2.8s) and Telenet (3.7s).
- Conversational quality is very high (**voice quality score** on average), with Orange (4.4) and Telenet (4.4) ahead of Proximus (4.3). For the 10% worst samples of voice quality, Orange (3.9) scores higher than Telenet (3.8) and Proximus (3.6).

For drive tests **data performance:**

- Telenet has the highest average **download throughput** (82.4Mbps), followed by Proximus (76.1Mbps) and Orange (65.8Mbps).

Orange has the highest average **upload throughput** (24.9Mbps), followed by Proximus (22.6Mbps) and Telenet (21.0Mbps).

- For the **download of a file**, Proximus (1.7s) and Telenet (1.7s) have the fastest download time, followed by Orange (2.1s). Telenet has the highest success rate (98.9%), followed by Proximus (98.6%) and Orange (97.9%).



For the **upload of a file**, Orange (2.3s) is faster than Proximus (2.5s) and Telenet (2.5s). Orange (98.3%) has the highest success rate followed by Telenet (98.0%) and Proximus (97.6%).

- For **web page browsing time** Proximus is the fastest (2.2s), followed by Orange (2.3s) and Telenet (2.4s). For the successful loading of a web page (web success rate), Proximus (99.2%) and Telenet (99.2%) are ahead of Orange (98.9%).
- For **video streaming**, Proximus (99.1%) offers the highest success rate, followed by Telenet (99.0%) and Orange (98.6%). Orange (0.6s) and Proximus (0.6s) have faster “time to 1st picture” times than Telenet (0.7s). All operators present identical average video quality (4.1).
- For **Dropbox performance**, Orange has the highest success rate (99.3%), followed by Proximus (99.0%) and Telenet (98.8%). For time to complete the 1MB file upload Proximus (1.4s) and Telenet (1.4s) are ahead of Orange (1.5s).

For train tests **voice performance**:

- Setting up a call functions well in all networks (**call setup success rate**), with Proximus (99.1%) ahead of Orange (98.2%) and Telenet (95.2%).
- The probability to complete a call without a drop is very high (**successfully established calls completion rate**), with Proximus (98.9%) ahead of Orange (98.2%) and Telenet (93.6%).

- For setting up a call, Proximus (2.2s) has the fastest **average call setup time**, followed by Orange (2.8s) and Telenet (3.4s). For the 10% slowest call setups, Proximus (2.7s) is faster than Orange (3.9s) and Telenet (4.8s).

- Conversational quality (**voice quality score** on average), is very high and similar for all operators (4.3). For the 10% worst samples of voice quality, Orange (3.6) scores higher than Proximus (3.5) and Telenet (3.1).

For train tests **data performance**:

- Proximus has the highest average **download throughput** (55.4Mbps), followed by Telenet (51.2Mbps) and Orange (44.2Mbps).

Orange has the highest average **upload throughput** (18.5Mbps), followed by Proximus (16.9Mbps) and Telenet (14.2Mbps).

- For the **download of a file**, Proximus has the fastest download time (2.5s), followed by Orange (2.8s) and Telenet (3.4s). Proximus has the highest success rate (93.2%), followed by Orange (92.1%) and Telenet (91.1%).

For the **upload of a file**, Orange (3.2s) is faster than Proximus (3.5s) and Telenet (4.5s); and Orange (93.1%) has the highest success rate followed by Proximus (92.8%) and Telenet (86.9%).





- For **web page browsing** time Proximus is the fastest (2.2s), followed by Orange (2.3s) and Telenet (2.4s). For the successful loading of a web page (web success rate), Proximus (96.8%), ahead of Orange (95.8%) and Telenet (94.9%).
- For **video streaming**, Proximus (95.2%) offers the highest success rate, followed by Orange (92.2%) and Telenet (91.3%). Proximus and Orange have the fastest “time to 1st picture” (0.7s), followed by Telenet (0.8s). All operators present identical average video quality (4.1).
- For **Dropbox performance**, Proximus has the highest success rate (95.8%), followed by Orange (95.0%) and Telenet (91.5%). For the time to complete the 1MB file upload Proximus (1.5s) is ahead of Orange (1.6s) and Telenet (1.6s).

All 3 networks in Belgium depict a very similar performance, being not a single network outperforming the others on any of the different service indicators we have measured and consider relevant for customer experience. The performance in major and medium size cities is better than the rural areas and roads. The performance in drive tests conditions is better than in train conditions.

These conclusions are valid based upon the measurements performed in September-October 2022, simulating indoor coverage conditions. Customer experience deep into buildings will be different.

Comparing to previous year, the performance of mobile networks in Belgium, although it is at a very good level, shows first signs of slight degradation in most of voice and data services indicators. Saturation point of 4G mobile networks seems to have been reached, mostly related to the increase of 4G capable connected devices. Operators are trying to mitigate the impact in user experience by modernizing existing technologies and investing in new 5G technology. In the coming years, the impact of 5G technology introduction remains to be seen.

Based on our international experience, we can conclude that all mobile networks in Belgium demonstrate a very good performance for users with a recent 4G mobile phone.

