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UDcast, a provider of software and hardware solutions that enable broadband Internet access and datacasting over satellite and digital terrestrial TV, has been chosen by French system integrator Genedis to spearhead France's first large-scale digital divide project. Faced with the task of bringing broadband connectivity to local authorities, schools, clinics, tourism offices and research institutes, the French Brittany and Loire regions have developed a regional high-speed fiber network, Megalis. However with many organizations located out of reach of the fiber catchment area, the decision was made to extend the Megalis network using two-way satellite technology. Chosen to lead this deployment, Genedis turned to UDcast on how best to ensure performance. In order to bring terrestrial-like performance and functionality to two-way satellite connections, the decision was made to deploy the UDgateway®. The first phase is currently being rolled out and includes the installation of over two hundred satellite connections, provided by Divona a Monaco Telecom subsidiary, along with over two hundred UDgateways®.