

**Question for written answer E-003656/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Postponement of WiFi4EU project

In the current, highly-globalised social context, which allows for increasingly extensive computer links, the internet has become an essential resource. In this regard, in September 2017 the European Parliament approved the WiFi4EU project, with the goal of bringing free WiFi to public areas across Europe by providing funding of up to EUR 15 000 for European municipalities who applied via the WiFi4EU.eu site. However, following problems with the application site, the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) of the European Commission announced the cancellation of the call, which will be re-opened in autumn 2018.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

- 1) When will the definitive date be set for the new call proposed for autumn this year?
- 2) Will new criteria be set for European municipalities applying to the project, allowing greater suitability and simplification?