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Amendment 37
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Citation 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular *Article* 172 thereof,

Amendment

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular *Articles 170, 171(1), 172 and 174* thereof,

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Telecommunications networks and services are increasingly becoming internet-based infrastructures, with broadband networks and digital services closely interrelated. The internet is becoming the dominant platform for communication, services, and doing business. Therefore, the trans-European availability of fast Internet access and digital services in the public interest is essential for economic growth and the Single Market.

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Or. en

Amendment 39
Rachida Dati

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. fr

Justification

Ensuring fast Internet access is a priority which must go hand-in-hand with widespread access for all citizens to a secure Internet. The democratisation of tools related to the digital world is a necessary phase which must be accompanied by a reinforcement of structures and education in responsible digital behaviour.

Amendment 40

Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 41
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1 a) A European market with nearly 500 million people connected to high-speed broadband would act as a spearhead for the development of the Internal Market, creating a globally unique critical mass of users exposing all regions to new opportunities and giving each user increased value and Europe the capacity to be a world leading knowledge-based economy. A rapid deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks is crucial for the development of European productivity and for the emergence of new and small enterprises that can be leaders in different sectors, for example health care, manufacturing and the service industry.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1 b) The development of broadband traffic shows that the demand for

bandwidth continues to be insatiable. The demand for mobile data traffic increases by 50 percent per year and is driven by bandwidth demanding applications and services, more Internet users and more online content, especially video.

Or. en

Amendment 43
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1 c) This exponential growth in broadband traffic will require ambitious policies at Union and Member States level, both for fixed and mobile broadband, if Europe is to achieve more growth, competitiveness and productivity.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1 d) The Radio Spectrum Policy Program is an important step to increase Europe's mobile broadband opportunities and it is therefore crucial that Member States implement swiftly its provisions.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1 e) The discussions about how and when to open up the 700 Mhz (694 - 790 MHz) for mobile broadband is of vital importance if Europe is to avoid hitting the capacity roof.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1 f) The European Parliament's Resolution of 11 May 2011¹ refers to the need for action to harmonise additional spectrum bands, such as the 700 MHz band.

¹ P7_TA(2011)0220

Or. en

Amendment 47
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 48

Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) On 17 June 2010, the European Council endorsed the Digital Agenda for Europe and called upon all institutions to engage in its full implementation. The Digital Agenda *aims* to chart a course to maximise the social and economic potential of information and communication technologies, in particular through the deployment of high-speed broadband networks by seeking to ensure that by 2020 all Europeans have access to internet speeds of above 30 Mbps and 50% or more of European households subscribe to internet connections above 100 Mbps. ***The Digital Agenda aims*** to establish a stable legal framework to stimulate investments in an open and competitive high speed internet infrastructure and in related services; a true single market for online content and services; active support for the digitisation of Europe's rich cultural heritage, and the promotion of internet access and take-up by all, especially through support of digital literacy and accessibility. In addition, Member States

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Or. en

Amendment 49
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
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Or. en

Amendment 50
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 51
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Proposal for a regulation
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Or. en

Amendment 52
Catherine Trautmann

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Amendment 53
Rachida Dati

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

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Or. fr

Justification

The democratisation of tools related to the digital world is a necessary phase which must be accompanied by a reinforcement of structures and education in responsible digital behaviour.

Amendment 54 Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3 a) While the deployment of fibre and ultra-fast broadband connections in Europe remains unsatisfactory, other economies in the world such as China, Japan and South Korea are instead taking the global lead by offering significantly higher capacity and speeds of 1 Gbps and beyond. Investment in fibre, both in the home and in passive infrastructure in the backhaul network, is a crucial ingredient if Europe is to be home to new innovations, knowledge and services.

Or. en

Amendment 55 Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3 b) In order to ensure competitiveness of the Union and to facilitate the growth of a European world leading service economy, the current Digital Agenda Targets should be achieved by 2015 instead of 2020.

Or. en

Amendment 56
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3 c) Targets for 2020 should be revised, aiming for Europe to have to fastest broadband speed in the world by seeking to ensure that by 2020 all Europeans have access to 100 Mbps and 50% of EU households have access to 1 Gbits or more. Projects eligible for funding set out in this regulation should deliver minimum speeds of 100 Mbps to rural areas and 1 Gbps to high density or urban areas.

Or. en

Amendment 57
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. en

Justification

Public support for the deployment, and if relevant future public exploitation of passive telecom infrastructures, should be proportionate to the lack of incentives of a multiplicity of private investments to intervene in this area, in order to reduce the risks of possible monopolistic tendencies or behaviours by few actors based on the control of essential infrastructures.

Amendment 58

Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Justification

It should be underlined that public support should only be granted where conditions exist that exclude private sector investment otherwise. Furthermore, against the background of demographic change and further urbanization, public support for investments should equally take into account future demand.

Amendment 59 Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions -European Broadband: investing in digitally driven growth concludes that the critical role of the internet means that the benefits for society as a whole appear to be much greater than the private incentives to invest in faster networks. Public support for this **area** is therefore necessary, but should not unduly distort competition.

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competition, *crowd out private investments or create disincentives to invest.*

Or. en

Amendment 60
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 61
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
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Or. en

Amendment 62
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4 a) Ultra-fast broadband in high density/urban areas is crucial if Europe is to reap the significant economic growth related benefits springing from a modern Internet economy. Cities that can offer world-leading broadband speeds will attract innovations, investments, knowledge and enterprises, benefiting the whole of the Union. Whereas private investments should continue to be the main driver, public investments, specifically passive infrastructure with very long down payment times, could stimulate the deployment of ultra-fast broadband networks which offer speeds of 1 Gbps, and with a possibility to upgrade to 10 Gbps or more, and where there is no clear business case to deliver such high speeds.

Or. en

Amendment 63
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – A Budget for Europe 2020 recognises the creation of a Connecting Europe Facility in the context of the Multiannual Financial Framework in order to address the infrastructure needs in the areas of transport, energy and information and communication technologies. Synergies between these sectors as well as with other Union investment programmes are key as similar challenges emerge requiring solutions that unlock growth, combat fragmentation, reinforce cohesion, favour the use of innovative financial instruments and address market failures as well as the removal of bottlenecks which hinder the completion of the Single Market.

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In order to complete the Digital Single market, close cooperation and coordination of activities under the Connecting Europe Facility programme with the national and regional broadband actions, together with the Energy and Transport infrastructure deployment, should be ensured.

Or. en

Amendment 64
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 65

Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6 a) Since public bodies have the authority to receive grants whilst innovative financial instruments are aimed more at private investors, particular care must be taken to allocate funds in a balanced way.

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Actions in the field of broadband networks will be in line with the relevant Union policies, regulation and guidance. This includes the set of rules and guidelines for the telecommunications markets and in particular the Regulatory Framework for electronic communications adopted in 2009 which provides a coherent, reliable and flexible approach to the regulation of electronic communication networks and services in fast moving markets. These rules are being implemented by national regulatory authorities and the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC). The NGA Recommendation adopted in 2010 aims at fostering the development of the Single Market by enhancing legal certainty and promoting investment, competition and innovation in the market for broadband services in particular in the transition to next generation access networks (NGAs).

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Or. en

Amendment 67
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8 a) The financial resources available at Union level are scarce; the Connecting Europe Facility should focus on projects of common interest that provide highest EU-added value. In the telecom sector, financial aid should primarily be targeted at projects that will generate demand for broadband, including the building of a European digital service infrastructure, which should in turn stimulate investments in broadband network deployment.

Or. en

Amendment 68
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) Within the framework of a system of open and competitive markets, the Union's intervention ***is*** necessary where market failures need to be overcome. By providing financial support and additional financing leverage to infrastructure projects the Union can contribute to the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications, thus generating higher benefits in terms of market impact, administrative efficiency and resource utilisation.

(9) Within the framework of a system of open and competitive markets, the Union's intervention ***may be*** necessary where market failures need to be overcome ***and where there is no business case to deliver speeds of 100 Mbps in rural areas and 1 Gbps in urban areas or more.*** By providing financial support and additional financing leverage to infrastructure projects the Union can contribute to the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications, thus generating higher benefits in terms of market impact, administrative efficiency and resource

utilisation.

Or. en

Amendment 69

Adina-Ioana Vălean, Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Within the framework of a system of open and competitive markets, the Union's intervention is necessary where market failures need to be overcome. By providing **financial support and additional** financing leverage to infrastructure projects the Union can contribute to the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications, thus generating higher benefits in terms of market impact, administrative efficiency and resource utilisation.

Amendment

(9) Within the framework of a system of open and competitive markets, the Union's intervention is necessary where **existing and anticipated** market failures need to be overcome. By providing financing leverage to infrastructure projects the Union can contribute to the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications, thus generating higher benefits in terms of market impact, administrative efficiency and resource utilisation

Or. en

Justification

It is important to not only focus on the current situation in a specific area but to take into account predictions on future developments. If, for example, owing to further urbanization a certain area sees a future decrease in demand, public support for investments may not be appropriate. Equally, an urban area that is adequately covered today could see an increased demand in future that might only be satisfied with investments undertaken now.

Amendment 70

Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(9) Within the framework of a system of open and competitive markets, the Union's intervention is necessary where market failures need to be overcome. By providing financial support, ***legal certainty***, and additional financing leverage to infrastructure projects the Union can contribute to the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications, thus generating higher benefits in terms of market impact, administrative efficiency and resource utilisation.

Or. en

Amendment 71
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 a) Public funding for broadband should be spent solely on infrastructures open to competition. Only networks open to competition via mandated third party access can deliver affordable competitive services and innovation for consumers and businesses.

Or. en

Amendment 72
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 a) Local and regional authorities have an essential role to play in promoting an informed dialogue with the public, dealing with citizens' preoccupations at their level and enabling cooperation between users and producers of innovations in ICT, at various levels of government and administration.

Or. fr

**Amendment 73
Gunnar Hökmark**

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 b (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 b) Ensuring that consumers are easily able to access and distribute content, services and applications of their choice via a single internet subscription is of vital importance for the completion of the Union's Single Digital Market. Recalls, in this context BEREC's findings of May 2012 showing that at least 20% of mobile Internet users in Europe experience some form of restriction on their ability to access VoIP services. Whereas competition is expected to discipline operators, progress has been very slow and publicly funded telecommunications networks set out in this regulation should therefore be prohibited to block lawful services.

Or. en

**Amendment 74
Catherine Trautmann, Patrizia Toia, Ivailo Kalfin**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 b) Implementation of the mechanism for interconnection in Europe must not prejudice the objectives of cohesion policy; application of the measures put forward must not entail any increase in red tape or the administrative burden; and there should be more information and clarification on how to use the new financial instruments and their leverage effect, together with a study of their effectiveness.

Or. fr

Amendment 75
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) Substantial economic and social benefits, which cannot be captured nor monetised by investors, are associated with higher broadband speeds. Fast and ultra-fast broadband is the key enabling infrastructure for the development and deployment of digital services, which rely on the availability, speed, reliability and resilience of the physical networks. The deployment and take-up of faster networks opens the way for innovative services exploiting higher speeds. Action at Union level is necessary to maximise the synergies and interactions between those two components of digital telecommunications networks.

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Structural and Cohesion funds, whilst avoiding duplication or oversight and an increase in red tape and administrative burden.

Or. en

Amendment 76
Adina-Ioana Vălean, Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Justification

It is unclear why EU action is a prerequisite for the maximization of synergies but it should certainly aim at increasing these synergies.

Amendment 77
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10 a) In addition to the actions in the field of broadband networks, it is of utmost importance to also favour demand take-up, that will be key to ease and speed up the roll out of ultra fast broadband networks across the Union. Action supporting both early adopters of ultrafast services and development of innovative and digital services at the Union level are essential to achieve the Digital Agenda goals.

Or. en

Justification

The risk of market failure in the roll-out of very high speed infrastructures is on the demand side, since customers do not anticipate the utility of future services, which will become available tomorrow and only when sufficient customers will have joined the new infrastructure. It is therefore critical to support early adopters, in order to accelerate demand take off, which will create a virtuous circle, and innovative cross border services

Amendment 78
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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goals.

Or. en

Amendment 79
Rachida Dati

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The deployment of ultra-fast broadband *will* particularly benefit small and medium enterprises (SMEs) which often cannot benefit from web-based services such as 'cloud computing' due to inadequate connectivity and speed of existing broadband connections. This will unlock the potential for substantial productivity gains for SMEs.

Amendment

(11) The deployment of ultra-fast broadband *must* particularly benefit small and medium enterprises (SMEs) which often cannot benefit from web-based services such as 'cloud computing' due to inadequate connectivity and speed of existing broadband connections. This will unlock the potential for substantial productivity gains for SMEs.

Or. fr

Justification

SMEs are at the heart of the EU's growth. They must therefore be at the heart of the digital growth strategy. They should thus be the focal point of initiatives and projects in order to ensure they will be the main beneficiaries.

Amendment 80
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) By opening business opportunities, the deployment of broadband networks and digital service infrastructures will stimulate job creation in the Union. Construction of broadband networks will

Amendment

(12) Stimulating job creation in the Union must be one of the main objectives of the deployment of broadband networks. Particular attention must be paid to developing know-how and employment in

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the telecommunications and civil engineering industries. By providing investment opportunities, the deployment of broadband and high-speed broadband networks will also necessitate the development of the technical skills required to use and maintain these infrastructures.

Or. fr

Amendment 81
Rachida Dati

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) By opening business opportunities, the deployment of broadband networks and digital service infrastructures will stimulate job creation in the Union. Construction of broadband networks will also have an immediate effect on employment in particular in civil engineering sector.

Amendment

(12) By opening business opportunities, the deployment of broadband networks and digital service infrastructures will stimulate job creation in the Union. ***To achieve this, the development of educational and apprenticeship programmes in the digital field must be encouraged.*** Construction of broadband networks will also have an immediate effect on employment in particular in civil engineering sector.

Or. fr

Justification

Education in digital tools will become a key component of the skills required in the job market. In addition, the democratisation of digital tools must be accompanied by the extension of digital education to all citizens to enable them to use such tools competently and securely.

Amendment 82
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12 a) The development of broadband and high-speed broadband networks and digital services will reinforce the need for European technical standards. EU research and development programmes and increased monitoring of standardisation procedures are needed if the EU is to play a pivotal role in the telecommunications industry.

Or. fr

Amendment 83
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12 a) High-speed internet is important for the implementation of the new technological infrastructures, which are necessary for the scientific, technological and industrial leadership of the Union, such as cloud computing, super computers and smart computing environments.

Or. en

Amendment 84
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12 b) By 2015 all European research and academic institutions should be connected in an ultra high-speed Gbps networks, creating an intranet for the European research area that will enhance the networking of research, e-infrastructures sharing and e-science.

Or. en

Amendment 85
Catherine Trautmann, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12 b) The combination of new opportunities in infrastructure and new, innovatory and interoperable services should set in motion a virtuous circle by stimulating increasing demand for high-speed broadband to which, in commercial terms, it would be advisable to respond.

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13) The development of broadband networks and digital service infrastructures will contribute to the Union's objective to reduce greenhouse gas emission by enabling energy-efficient solutions in many

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Or. en

Amendment 87

Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The development of broadband networks and digital service infrastructures will contribute to the Union's objective to reduce greenhouse gas emission by enabling energy-efficient solutions in many sectors of Europe's economy. This positive effect ***will be limited, but only to some extent, by*** the growing energy and resource demand related mainly to the construction of broadband networks and the operation of digital service infrastructures.

Amendment

(13) The development of broadband networks and digital service infrastructures will contribute to the Union's objective to reduce greenhouse gas emission by enabling energy-efficient solutions in many sectors of Europe's economy. This positive effect ***outweighs*** the growing energy and resource demand related mainly to the construction of broadband networks and the operation of digital service infrastructures.

Or. en

Justification

Studies have shown that web-based services such as cloud computing have better energy efficiency compared to individual IT installations in companies. Furthermore, new services such as smart metering will further increase energy efficiency.

Amendment 88
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) *The* interoperability of *the* broadband networks and *the* digital communications infrastructure associated *to* energy networks *enables converged communications for* the deployment of *energy-efficient, reliable and cost-effective* digital networks. Furthermore, convergence *will be extended* beyond connectivity *to allow for the packaged* provision of energy and *telecom* services by *energy* and *telecom services* providers *respectively*.

Amendment

(14) *It is urgently necessary to promote* interoperability of broadband networks and digital communications infrastructure associated *with* energy networks *that enable true convergence in* the deployment of digital networks *in a reliable, cost-effective and energy-efficient way*. Furthermore, *the* convergence *must extend* beyond connectivity, *enabling* the provision of energy and *telecommunications* services by *both telecommunications and energy* providers.

Or. en

Amendment 89
Catherine Trautmann, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(14 a) There is a need to gather information and statistical data on the public works which are likely to be used, partly or completely, to install new-generation networks, and to set up a database for monitoring these works and the creation of a European register of telecommunications networks, where possible supplemented by similar information on energy and transport networks.

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 90
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) The development, deployment and long-term provision of interoperable cross-border eGovernment services enhance the functioning of the Single Market. Governments are recognised for providing public online services which contribute to increasing efficiency and effectiveness of the public and private sector

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 91
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15 a) The availability of high-speed telecommunications infrastructures is ineffective without the availability of high-relevance and high-quality multilingual digital content and digital services that would be offered through them and would form an attractive digital ecosystem to European citizens. Therefore, it is essential to promote the development by Member States of e-

government, e-democracy, e-learning and e-health services, which will boost the demand for broadband, the need for e-skills and the development of the digital economy.

Or. en

Amendment 92
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15 b) The role of e-skills and the use of ICT in education are indispensable in order for the Union to achieve its policy targets. Technological literacy is not only an objective but also an essential tool for achieving life-long learning, social cohesion, social and economic growth.

Or. en

Amendment 93
Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18) Increasing and preserving access to Europe's rich and diverse cultural content and data held by public sector bodies, and opening them up for reuse in full respect of copyright and related rights, will nurture creativity and spur innovation and entrepreneurship. Unhampered access to re-usable multilingual resources will help overcome language barriers, which undermine the internal market for online

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Improving access to electronic educational resources across Europe, while stimulating cooperation and partnership between educational institutions, students, professors would be a cost-efficient way to improve quality of education and strengthen European cohesiveness.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is linked to an amendment in the annex introducing a proposal for a European Platform for Educational Resources.

Amendment 94

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(18) Increasing and preserving access to Europe's rich and diverse cultural content and data held by public sector bodies, and opening them up for reuse in full respect of copyright and related rights, will nurture creativity and spur innovation and entrepreneurship. ***In this context the Europeana digital library, as the flagship project for preserving European cultural heritage and promoting the innovative use of cultural digital resources, should be strongly supported.*** Unhampered access to re-usable multilingual resources will help overcome language barriers, which undermine the internal market for online services and limit access to knowledge.

Or. en

Amendment 95
Catherine Trautmann, Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

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Amendment

(18) Increasing and preserving access to Europe's rich and diverse cultural content and data held by public sector bodies, and opening them up for reuse in full respect of ***the right to privacy, personal data protection and*** copyright and related rights, will nurture creativity and spur innovation and entrepreneurship. Unhampered access to re-usable multilingual resources will help overcome language barriers, which undermine the internal market for online services and limit access to knowledge.

Or. fr

Amendment 96
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) In the area of safety and security, ***an EU-wide platform for sharing resources, information systems and software tools promoting online safety will contribute to creating a safer environment for children online. It will enable centres handling hundreds of thousands of requests and alerts per year to operate across Europe.*** Critical Information Infrastructures will enhance the Union-wide capability for preparedness, information sharing, coordination and response to cyber security threats.

Amendment

(19) In the area of safety and security, Critical Information Infrastructures will enhance the Union-wide capability for preparedness, information sharing, coordination and response to cyber security threats.

Amendment 97**Ioannis A. Tsoukalas****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 19***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Amendment 98**Rachida Dati****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 19***Text proposed by the Commission*

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EU-wide platform for sharing resources, information systems and software tools promoting online safety will contribute to creating a safer environment for *everyone, and in particular* children, online. It will enable centres handling hundreds of thousands of requests and alerts per year to operate across Europe. Critical Information Infrastructures will enhance the Union-wide capability for preparedness, information sharing, coordination and response to cyber security threats. *There is a need to promote the creation and development of educational and awareness-raising programmes in the field of cybersecurity.*

Or. fr

Justification

If everyone has Internet access, there must be a focus on education in its use in order to ensure that it is used competently and securely.

Amendment 99 **Jürgen Creutzmann**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 19**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 100
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19 a) Security requirements should be established in order to ensure optimum levels of privacy and protection of personal data and to prevent any kind of unauthorised tracking of personal information and profiting.

Or. en

Amendment 101
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20) It is expected that innovative applications of commercial nature running on digital service infrastructures will emerge. Their exploration and testing can be co-financed as part of research and innovation projects in the Horizon 2020 programme and their deployment under the cohesion policy.

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Or. en

Amendment 102
Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20 a) The criteria for identifying projects of common interest should be fixed, detailed and should ensure that solutions are technologically neutral. Financial resources should be allocated to solutions based on open networks and offering free access unrestricted by any form of discrimination.

Or. pl

Amendment 103
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21) In order to take into account the developments in the areas of information and communication technologies, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of amending the Annex to this Regulation. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The objective of this delegation is to address new technological and market developments, emerging political priorities or opportunities for exploiting synergies between different infrastructures, including those in the fields of Transport and Energy. The scope of delegation is limited to modifying the description of projects of common interest, adding a project of common interest or removing an obsolete

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Or. en

Amendment 104
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

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and investment certainty.

Or. en

Amendment 105

Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 106

Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 107

Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) The Commission, when preparing and drawing-up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant **documents** to the European Parliament and Council.

Amendment

(22) The Commission, when preparing and drawing-up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant **information** to the European Parliament and Council.

Amendment 108
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation lays down guidelines to determine those trans-European telecommunication networks that shall be supported in accordance with Regulation XXX (CEF Regulation) in their development, implementation, deployment, interconnection, and interoperability.

Amendment

This Regulation lays down guidelines to determine those trans-European telecommunication networks that shall be supported in accordance with Regulation XXX (CEF Regulation) in their development, implementation, deployment, interconnection, and interoperability.

Such support shall focus on actions required to avoid market failure and be in line with relevant Union policies, regulation and guidelines, such as the Community guidelines for the application of state aid rules in broadband networks.

Justification

It is necessary to recall as a principle that public support is to be seen as a complement to private initiatives and shall thus not crowd out private investments, especially when thinking about ultrafast broadband networks roll-out.

Amendment 109
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) contribute to improvements in daily life for citizens, businesses and governments through the promotion of the

Amendment

(2) contribute to improvements in daily life for citizens, businesses and governments through the promotion of ***broadband***

interconnection and interoperability of national telecommunication networks as well as access to such networks.

networks, the interconnection and interoperability of *local, regional and* national telecommunication networks as well as *non-discriminatory* access to such networks *and digital inclusion*.

Or. ro

Amendment 110
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) contribute to improvements in daily life for citizens, businesses and governments through the promotion of the interconnection and interoperability of national telecommunication networks as well as access to such networks.

Amendment

(2) contribute to improvements in daily life for citizens, businesses and governments through the promotion of the interconnection and interoperability of national telecommunication networks as well as *open and non-discriminatory* access to such networks.

Or. en

Amendment 111
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) contribute to improvements in daily life for citizens, businesses and governments through the promotion of the interconnection and interoperability of national telecommunication networks as well as access to such networks.

Amendment

(2) contribute to improvements in daily life for citizens, businesses and governments through the promotion of the interconnection and interoperability of national, *regional and local* telecommunication networks as well as access to such networks.

Or. en

Amendment 112
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Amendment

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks ***in accordance with the principle of technology neutrality, utilising, among the available types of technologies, the ones best suited to achieve the Digital Agenda objectives***, which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services ***as well as the competitive potential of European industry***.

Or. en

Amendment 113
Adina-Ioana Vălean, Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) stimulate ***Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks which, in turn, shall facilitate*** the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Amendment

(3) stimulate, ***respecting the principle of technological neutrality***, the development and deployment of trans-European digital services ***which, in turn, will also create demand for Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks***.

Or. en

Justification

Demand generating projects should be the driver to broadband deployment. Therefore priority should be given to setting up a EU digital service infrastructure, trans-European

high-speed backbone connections for public administrations, cross-border delivery of eGovernment services; enabling access to public sector information, including digital resources of European heritage, and smart energy services. Public funding should be technologically neutral and not favour certain technologies. Ultimately, markets should decide which are the best, most cost-efficient technologies to satisfy demand.

Amendment 114

András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Amendment

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services, ***in particular in rural areas and low-density areas, where private investment is not commercially viable.***

Or. en

Amendment 115

Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Amendment

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks, ***in accordance with the principle of technology neutrality***, which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Or. en

Amendment 116
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Amendment

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks ***in accordance with the principle of technology neutrality*** which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Or. en

Amendment 117
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of fast and ultra-fast broadband networks which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Amendment

(3) stimulate Europe-wide deployment of ***open***, fast and ultra-fast broadband networks which, in turn, shall facilitate the development and deployment of trans-European digital services.

Or. fr

Amendment 118
Catherine Trautmann, António Fernando Correia de Campos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) facilitate sustainable deployment of trans-European digital service infrastructures, their interoperability and

Amendment

(4) facilitate sustainable deployment of trans-European digital service infrastructures, their interoperability and

coordination at European level, their operation, maintenance and upgrading.

coordination at European level, their operation, maintenance and upgrading, *as well as the development of synergies with other energy or transport infrastructures in order to reduce their overall cost.*

Or. fr

Amendment 119
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) *facilitate* sustainable deployment of trans-European digital service infrastructures, their interoperability and coordination at European level, their operation, maintenance and upgrading.

Amendment

(4) *ensure the* sustainable deployment of trans-European digital service infrastructures, their interoperability and coordination at European level, their operation, maintenance and upgrading.

Or. en

Amendment 120
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(5 a) ensure that European citizens, wherever they are in the EU, have an equal opportunity to access trans-European telecommunications networks at a price which corresponds to the market average.

Or. fr

Justification

It should be stressed that the EU must aim to reduce both the disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least-favoured regions, as set out in the second subparagraph of Article 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

Amendment 121

Catherine Trautmann, António Fernando Correia de Campos, Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5 a) contribute to the creation of highly-qualified posts in the conception, construction, use and maintenance of the networks and the development of digital services, which will benefit European industry.

Or. fr

Amendment 122

Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5 a) Boosting the interoperability between different European infrastructures.

Or. en

Amendment 123

Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 3

Amendment

Article 4

Or. fr

Justification

Articles 3 and 4 should be interchanged in order to put the priorities before the definitions.

Amendment 124
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ***‘Telecommunication networks’ means*** broadband networks and digital ***service infrastructures***.

Amendment

1. ***telecommunication networks:*** broadband networks and ***infrastructures for digital services***.

Or. en

Amendment 125
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ***‘Broadband networks’ means*** wired ***and*** wireless (including satellite) access ***networks, ancillary infrastructure and core*** networks capable of delivering ***very high speed connectivity***.

Amendment

2. ***broadband networks:*** wired ***or*** wireless (including satellite) access networks ***with associated infrastructures*** capable of delivering ***ultra fast speeds***.

Or. en

Amendment 126
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. "Broadband networks" means wired and wireless (including satellite) access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering very high speed connectivity.

Amendment

2. „Broadband networks" means wired and wireless (including satellite) access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering **high speed and** very high speed connectivity.

Or. ro

Amendment 127
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. "Broadband networks" means wired and wireless (including satellite) access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering **very** high speed connectivity.

Amendment

2. ‘Broadband networks’ means wired and wireless (including satellite) access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering high-speed connectivity.

Or. fr

Amendment 128
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ‘**Broadband** networks’ means wired and wireless (including satellite) access

Amendment

2. ‘**Fast broadband** networks’ means wired and wireless (including satellite) access

networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering very high speed connectivity.

networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering very high speed connectivity *with at least 100 Mbps per customer*.

Or. en

Amendment 129
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. 'Ultra fast broadband networks' means wired and wireless (including satellite) access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering very high speed connectivity with at least 1 Gbps per customer.

Or. en

Amendment 130
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. 'Digital service infrastructures' means networked services delivered electronically, typically over the internet, providing trans-European interoperable services in the public interest and having an enabling character for citizens, businesses and/or governments.

3. 'Infrastructure': means all types of equipment or services for all levels of the value chain required to create and provide trans-European interoperable services of common interest which have a positive effect for enterprises, citizens and/or public authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 131
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. "Open access" means wholesale access to broadband infrastructure for all electronic communications operators on equal and non-discriminatory conditions that enable them to compete fully with the operator owning or managing the infrastructure, thereby strengthening choice and competition for users.

Or. en

Amendment 132
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. 'Access' means making available of facilities and/or services related to broadband networks, as further defined in Article 2(a) of Directive 2009/19/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and associated facilities (Access Directive).

Or. en

Amendment 133
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. ‘Digital services’: means services delivered digitally on an infrastructure, normally over the internet.

Or. en

Amendment 134
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 b. ‘active infrastructure’: means infrastructures which generate or handle signals with the help of passive infrastructure.

Or. en

Amendment 135
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 c. ‘passive infrastructure’: means masts, canalization, fibre, buildings or other facilities which do not handle or generate signals.

Or. en

Amendment 136
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 d. ‘information infrastructure’: means active infrastructure created specifically for the purpose of handling digital services.

Or. en

Amendment 137
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 e. ‘Open networks’ means networks designed to enable wholesale access to the broadband infrastructure for all electronic communications operators on equal and non-discriminatory conditions that enable wholesale access takers to deliver any services of their choice and compete with the operator owning or managing the network, thereby strengthening choice and competition for end users. Wholesale access shall be priced in a manner which reconciles economic viability for the investor, prevents margin-squeeze, and ensures maximum take-up by users.

Or. en

Amendment 138
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the **deployment of ultra fast** broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above;

(a) **stimulating and generating the demand for** broadband by promoting the interconnection and interoperability of national public services on-line as well as access to such networks;

Or. en

Justification

Demand generating projects should be the driver to broadband deployment. Therefore priority should be given to setting up a EU digital service infrastructure; trans-European high-speed backbone connections for public administrations, cross-border delivery of eGovernment services; enabling access to public sector information, including digital resources of European heritage, and smart energy services. Demand should in turn stimulate investments in broadband network deployment.

Amendment 139
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the deployment of ultra fast broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above;

(a) the deployment of ultra fast broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above, **where demand exists and/or future demand is anticipated;**

Or. en

Justification

As public and private financial means are limited, predictions should be made on future demand before investments are undertaken. Demographic change and further urbanization could make infrastructure investments unnecessary or warrant less expensive, temporary solutions for some areas if future demand does not justify the former.

Amendment 140
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the deployment of ultra fast broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(a) the deployment of ultra fast broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above, ***taking into account the potential demand for ultra-fast Internet;***

Or. en

Amendment 141
Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the deployment of ***ultra fast*** broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(a) the deployment of broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above, ***as referred to in the sectoral objectives in the field of telecommunications networks set out in Article 4 (1)(c)(i) of Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility¹;***

¹ OJ L (...).

Or. en

Amendment 142
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the deployment of ultra fast broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of **100 Mbps** and above;

Amendment

(a) the deployment of ultra fast broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of **1 Gbps** and above;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the deployment of ultra fast broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(a) the deployment of ultra-fast **open** broadband networks ensuring the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps and above;

Or. fr

Amendment 144
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the deployment of broadband networks **to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;**

Amendment

(b) **accelerating** the deployment of **fast and ultrafast** broadband networks and **their uptake in order to meet existing and rising demand, including by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs);**

Or. en

Amendment 145
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(b) if the speed of data transmission of 100 Mbps is not achievable, the deployment of broadband networks ensuring the highest speed of data transmission;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above, **taking into account the potential demand for ultra-fast Internet and, on the basis of technological neutrality, utilising, among the available types of technologies, the ones best suited to achieving the objectives;**

Or. en

Amendment 147
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(b) the deployment of **high speed** broadband networks to link **rural, remote or sparsely populated regions and** island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Or. ro

Amendment 148
Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked **and** peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Amendment

b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked, peripheral **and less-developed regions of the Union** with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Or. pl

Amendment 149
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to **rural, low-density areas, to** link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above, **where demand exists and/or future demand is anticipated;**

Or. en

Justification

As public and private financial means are limited, predictions should be made on future demand before investments are undertaken. Demographic change and further urbanization could make infrastructure investments unnecessary or warrant less expensive, temporary solutions for some areas if future demand does not justify the former.

Amendment 151
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Amendment

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, **mountainous, remote**, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of 30 Mbps and above;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the deployment of broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of **30** Mbps and above;

Amendment

(b) the deployment of **fast** broadband networks to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Union ensuring in those regions that speeds of data transmission are sufficient to permit broadband connectivity of **100** Mbps and above;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Rachida Dati

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the support to core service platforms in the field of digital service infrastructures;

Amendment

(c) the support to core service platforms in the field of digital service infrastructures

and the development of educational and apprenticeship tools and programmes to facilitate competent, secure Internet use for all;

Or. fr

Justification

Education in digital tools will become a key component of the skills required in the job market. In addition, the democratisation of digital tools must be accompanied by the extension of digital education to all citizens to enable them to use such tools competently and securely.

Amendment 154
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) actions allowing to achieve synergies and interoperability between different projects of common interest in the field of Telecommunications, between projects of common interest concerning different types of infrastructures, including Transport and Energy, between project of common interest in the field of Telecommunications and projects supported by the Structural and Cohesion funds, as well as relevant research infrastructures.

Amendment

(d) actions allowing to achieve ***coordinated*** synergies and interoperability between different projects of common interest in the field of Telecommunications, between projects of common interest concerning different types of infrastructures, including Transport and Energy, between project of common interest in the field of Telecommunications and projects supported by the Structural and Cohesion funds, as well as relevant research infrastructures, ***and between projects of common interest in the field of telecommunications and existing and planned infrastructures including in Transport and Energy.***

Or. en

Justification

Assessing and proposing synergies of projects of common interest in telecommunications with

existing or planned infrastructures that are not necessarily within the scope of the general TEN guidelines, including in transport and energy, should be a priority to optimise cost efficiency.

Amendment 155

Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) actions allowing to achieve synergies and interoperability between different projects of common interest in the field of Telecommunications, between projects of common interest concerning different types of infrastructures, ***including Transport and Energy***, between project of common interest in the field of Telecommunications and projects supported by the Structural and Cohesion funds, as well as relevant research infrastructures.

Amendment

(d) actions allowing to achieve synergies and interoperability between different projects of common interest in the field of Telecommunications, between projects of common interest concerning different types of infrastructures, ***such as Smart Grids***, between project of common interest in the field of Telecommunications and projects supported by the Structural and Cohesion funds ***and other initiatives, avoiding duplication or oversight***, as well as relevant research infrastructures.

Or. en

Amendment 156

Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) actions allowing to achieve synergies and interoperability between different projects of common interest in the field of Telecommunications, between projects of common interest concerning different types of infrastructures, including Transport and Energy, between project of common interest in the field of Telecommunications and projects supported by the Structural

Amendment

(d) actions allowing to achieve synergies and interoperability between different projects of common interest in the field of Telecommunications, ***complementarity*** between projects of common interest concerning different types of infrastructures, including Transport and Energy, between project of common interest in the field of Telecommunications

and Cohesion funds, as well as relevant research infrastructures.

and projects supported by the Structural and Cohesion funds **and other initiatives, avoiding duplication or oversight**, as well as relevant research infrastructures.

Or. en

Amendment 157

Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) actions allowing to achieve synergies and interoperability between different projects of common interest in the field of Telecommunications, between projects of common interest concerning different types of infrastructures, including Transport and Energy, between project of common interest in the field of Telecommunications and projects supported by the Structural and Cohesion funds, as well as relevant research infrastructures.

Amendment

(d) actions allowing to achieve synergies and interoperability between different projects of common interest in the field of Telecommunications, between projects of common interest concerning different types of infrastructures, including Transport and Energy, between project of common interest in the field of Telecommunications and projects supported by the Structural and Cohesion funds, as well as relevant research infrastructures, **avoiding unnecessary duplication of administrative burdens**.

Or. en

Amendment 158

Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d a) actions proposing the best ratio between state-of-the-art technologies in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience, and cost efficiency.

Justification

It is essential that the EU gives the framework that will encourage public and private stakeholders to tend to excellence during the application phase by stating this general and emulative "guideline".

Amendment 159

Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d a) the impact on Europe's technological expertise and the consequences for employment in the Member States.

Or. fr

Amendment 160

Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d b) the growth of information and communication technologies in industry in the EU on the basis of new equipment and services requirements.

Or. fr

Amendment 161

Catherine Trautmann, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d c) measures to stimulate demand for increasing speeds both by developing and providing innovative, interoperable digital services and by improving accessibility by means of an increase in the digital competence of disadvantaged groups, thus ensuring that all EU citizens can benefit from such projects of common interest.

Or. fr

Amendment 162
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Projects of common interest set out in the Annex shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2.

1. Projects of common interest set out in the Annex shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2, ***respond to the priorities set out in Article 3, be based on mature technology ready for deployment and demonstrate European added value.***

Or. en

Amendment 163
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Projects of common interest set out in the Annex shall contribute to the

1. Projects of common interest set out in the Annex shall contribute to the

achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2.

achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2 *and shall take into account the priorities set out in Article 4.*

Or. fr

Amendment 164
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Projects of common interest set out in the Annex shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2.

Amendment

1. Projects of common interest set out in the Annex shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2. *They shall be consistent with projects run by the Member States.*

Or. fr

Amendment 165
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. A project of common interest may encompass its entire cycle, including feasibility studies, implementation, continuous operation, coordination and evaluation.

Amendment

(2) A project of common interest may encompass its entire cycle, including feasibility studies, *technical projects* implementation, continuous operation, coordination and evaluation.

Or. ro

Amendment 166
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States and/or other entities in charge of the implementation of projects of common interest or contributing to their implementation shall take the necessary legal, administrative, technical and financial measures in compliance with the corresponding specifications of this Regulation.

Amendment

3. Member States and/or other entities in charge of the implementation of projects of common interest or contributing to their implementation shall take the necessary legal, administrative, technical and financial measures in compliance with the corresponding specifications of this Regulation ***and where applicable, consistent with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks. The implementation shall in particular, be based on a comprehensive project assessment. Such a project assessment shall cover, inter alia, market conditions including information on existing infrastructure, regulatory obligations on project promoter, commercial and marketing strategies.***

Or. en

Amendment 167
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States and/or other entities in charge of the implementation of projects of common interest or contributing to their implementation shall take the necessary legal, administrative, technical and financial measures in compliance with the corresponding specifications of this Regulation.

Amendment

3. Member States and/or other entities, ***including local and regional authorities,*** in charge of the implementation of projects of common interest or contributing to their implementation shall take the necessary legal, administrative, technical and financial measures in compliance with the corresponding specifications of this Regulation. ***The implementation shall be based on a comprehensive project assessment covering, inter alia, market***

conditions including information on existing infrastructure, regulatory obligations on project promoter, commercial and marketing strategies.

Or. en

Amendment 168
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States and/or other entities in charge of the implementation of projects of common interest or contributing to their implementation shall take the necessary legal, administrative, technical and financial measures in compliance with the corresponding specifications of this Regulation.

Amendment

(3) Member States and/or other entities, ***including local or regional authorities***, in charge of the implementation of projects of common interest or contributing to their implementation shall take the necessary legal, administrative, technical and financial measures in compliance with the corresponding specifications of this Regulation.

Or. ro

Amendment 169
Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

3 a. Projects to be funded should be selected with the greatest caution and thoroughness so that they are able to ensure communication at European level, support SMEs in accessing the digital economy and increase social cohesion.

Amendment

Or. pl

Amendment 170
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Union may facilitate the implementation of the projects of common interest through regulatory measures, where appropriate, through coordination, through support measures and through financial support to stimulate their deployment and take-up, as well as public and private investment.

Amendment

4. The Union may facilitate the implementation of the projects of common interest through regulatory measures, where appropriate, through coordination, through support measures and through financial support to stimulate their deployment and take-up, as well as public and private investment ***and if relevant shall be in compliance with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.***

Or. en

Amendment 171
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Union ***may*** facilitate the implementation of the projects of common interest through regulatory measures, where appropriate, through coordination, through support measures and through financial support to stimulate their deployment and take-up, as well as public and private investment.

Amendment

4. The Union ***should, as far as possible,*** facilitate the implementation of the projects of common interest through regulatory measures, where appropriate, through coordination, through support measures and through financial support to stimulate their deployment and take-up, as well as public and private investment.

Or. fr

Amendment 172
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Actions contributing to projects of common interest shall be eligible for EU financial support under the conditions and instruments available under the Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility [REF]. Financial support shall be provided in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures adopted by the Union, funding priorities and the availability of resources.

Amendment

5. Actions contributing to projects of common interest shall be eligible for EU financial support under the conditions and instruments available under the Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility [REF]. Financial support shall be provided in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures adopted by the Union, funding priorities and the availability of resources. ***In order to finance projects of common interest, and pursuant to Article 311 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Commission may propose the creation of own resources such as a mandatory contribution by users of trans-European telecommunications networks.***

Or. fr

Amendment 173
Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Actions contributing to projects of common interest shall be eligible for EU financial support under the conditions and instruments available under the Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility [REF]. Financial support shall be provided in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures adopted by the Union, funding priorities and the availability of resources.

Amendment

5. Actions contributing to projects of common interest shall be eligible for EU financial support under the conditions and instruments available under the Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility [REF]. Financial support shall be provided in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures adopted by the Union, funding priorities and the availability of resources. ***The European Commission***

should draft periodic reports on the use of financial resources by the Union.

Or. pl

Amendment 174
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5 a. Financing shall be allocated taking into account the specific needs of the beneficiaries, in particular by balancing the division between subsidies and innovative financial instruments.

Or. fr

Amendment 175
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts modifying the description of projects of common interest included in the Annex, adding new projects of common interest to the Annex, or removing obsolete projects of common interest from the Annex, in accordance with paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 below and in accordance with Article 8.

6. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts modifying the description of projects of common interest included in the Annex, adding new projects of common interest to the Annex, or removing obsolete projects of common interest from the Annex, in accordance with paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 below and in accordance with Article 8. ***In any case, the European Parliament shall be informed of any change in the list of projects of common interest.***

Or. en

Amendment 176
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. *The* Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts modifying the description of projects of common interest included in the Annex, adding new projects of common interest to the Annex, or removing obsolete projects of common interest from the Annex, in accordance with paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 below and in accordance with Article 8.

Amendment

6. ***Subject to the second paragraph of Article 172 TFEU, the*** Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts modifying the description of projects of common interest included in the Annex, adding new projects of common interest to the Annex, or removing obsolete projects of common interest from the Annex, in accordance with paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 below and in accordance with Article 8.

Or. en

Amendment 177
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 7 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) new technological and market developments; or

Amendment

(a) new technological and market developments ***and innovations***; or

Or. en

Amendment 178
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 7 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) new technological **and** market developments; or

(a) new technological **or** market developments; or

Or. fr

Amendment 179
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 7 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a a) the development and results of an ongoing project;

Or. fr

Amendment 180
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 7 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) emerging political priorities; or

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 181
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 7 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) emerging political priorities; or

deleted

Amendment 182
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7 a. The Commission shall ensure that these modifications do not lead to legal uncertainty for the actors involved in implementation of the project in question.

Or. fr

Amendment 183
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 8 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) contributes to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2;

(a) contributes to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2 ***and correspond to the priorities set out in Article 3;***

Or. en

Amendment 184
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 8 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) contributes to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2;

does not affect the English version

Amendment 185
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

9. While adopting a delegated act removing an obsolete project of common interest from Annex, the Commission shall assess whether such project no longer responds to the needs set out in paragraph 7 or no longer meets the criteria set out in paragraph 8.

Amendment

9. While adopting a delegated act removing an obsolete project of common interest from Annex, the Commission shall assess whether such project no longer responds to the needs set out in paragraph 7 or no longer meets the criteria set out in paragraph 8 **and informing the European Parliament.**

Or. en

Amendment 186
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. On the basis of information received under Article 21 of the Regulation XXX establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, Member States and the Commission shall exchange information about the progress made with the implementation of these guidelines.

Amendment

1. On the basis of information received under Article 21 of the Regulation XXX establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, Member States and the Commission shall exchange information about the progress made with the implementation of these guidelines. ***A yearly overview of this information shall be sent to the European Parliament.***

Or. fr

Amendment 187
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. On the basis of information received under Article 21 of the Regulation XXX establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, Member States *and* the Commission shall exchange information about the progress made with the implementation of these guidelines.

Amendment

1. On the basis of information received under Article 21 of the Regulation XXX establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, Member States, the Commission *and the European Parliament* shall exchange information about the progress made with the implementation of these guidelines.

Or. fr

Amendment 188
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall be assisted by an Expert Group, composed of a representative of each Member State, for monitoring of the implementation of these guidelines, assisting in the planning through the national strategies for high speed internet and mapping of infrastructures, and exchanging information. The Expert Group may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European telecommunication networks.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall be assisted by an Expert Group, composed of a representative of each Member State, for monitoring of the implementation of these guidelines, assisting in the planning through the national strategies for high speed internet and mapping of infrastructures, and exchanging information. The Expert Group may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European telecommunication networks.

In particular, the Expert Group shall assist the Commission in:

preparatory work prior to drawing up the annual and multiannual work programme and its revision referred to respectively in Article 17(1) and Article 17(2) of the

Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 [CEF regulation] establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, the measures to be taken to evaluate the implementation of the work programme on a financial and technical level preparatory work prior to drawing up delegated acts referred to in Article 5(6).

The Commission shall inform the Expert Group, at each of its meetings, of the progress made in implementing the work programme.

Or. en

Amendment 189
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall be assisted by **an Expert Group**, composed of a representative of each Member State, for monitoring of the implementation of these guidelines, assisting in the planning through the national strategies for high speed internet and mapping of infrastructures, and exchanging information. The **Expert Group** may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European telecommunication networks.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall be assisted by **the Communications Committee (Cocom)**, composed of a representative of each Member State, for monitoring of the implementation of these guidelines, assisting in the planning through the national strategies for high speed internet and mapping of infrastructures, and exchanging information. The **Communications Committee** may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European telecommunication networks.

Or. en

Amendment 190
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall be assisted by an Expert Group, **composed of a representative of each Member State**, for monitoring **of** the implementation of these guidelines, assisting in the planning through the national strategies for high speed internet and mapping of infrastructures, and exchanging information. The Expert Group may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European telecommunication networks.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall be assisted by an Expert Group, **as set out in Article 7(a)**, for monitoring the implementation of these guidelines, assisting in the planning through the national strategies for high speed internet and mapping of infrastructures, and exchanging information. The Expert Group may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European telecommunication networks.

Or. fr

Amendment 191
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In conjunction with the mid-term evaluation and the ex-post evaluation of the Regulation XXX establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and after consulting the **Expert Group**, the Commission shall publish a report on the progress in the implementation of these guidelines. That report will be submitted to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

Amendment

3. In conjunction with the mid-term evaluation and the ex-post evaluation of the Regulation XXX establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and after consulting the **Communications Committee**, the Commission shall publish a report on the progress in the implementation of these guidelines. That report will be submitted to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

Or. en

Amendment 192
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. This report shall provide an evaluation of:

(a) the progress achieved for the development, construction and commissioning of projects of common interest, and, where relevant, delays in implementation and other difficulties encountered;

(b) the funds engaged and disbursed by the Union for projects of common interest in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, compared to the total value of funded projects of common interest;

Or. en

Amendment 193
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. In these reports the Commission shall also evaluate whether the scope of the projects of common interest continues to reflect **political** priorities, technological developments or the situation in the relevant markets. For major projects, these reports shall include an analysis of the environmental impact, taking into account climate change adaptation and mitigation needs, and disaster resilience. Such a

4. In these reports the Commission shall also evaluate whether the scope of the projects of common interest continues to reflect **Union** priorities, technological developments or the situation in the relevant markets. For major projects, these reports shall include an analysis of the environmental impact, taking into account climate change adaptation and mitigation needs, and disaster resilience. Such a

review may also be carried out at any other time when it is deemed appropriate.

review may also be carried out at any other time when it is deemed appropriate.

Or. en

Amendment 194
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The Commission shall establish an infrastructure transparency platform easily accessible to the general public. This platform shall contain the following information:

(a) general, regularly updated information, including information on the areas affected, for each project of common interest;

(b) the implementation plan for each project of common interest.

Or. en

Amendment 195
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 7 a

Expert group

1. An expert group shall be set up under this Regulation to assist the Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) in evaluating projects.

2. The Expert Group shall be composed of members of the Communications Committee together with independent experts put forward by the Commission in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 8 of this Regulation.

3. The Expert Group shall engage in structured cooperation with those involved in the planning, development and management of telecommunications networks and services such as, *inter alia*, local and regional authorities, national regulatory authorities and the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC), Internet access providers, public network administrators and component-manufacturers.

4. The Commission and the EIB shall pay particular attention to the Expert Group's observations and shall publicly justify any instances where such observations are not complied with.

Or. fr

Amendment 196
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The delegation of power referred to in the Articles 5(6) shall be conferred on the Commission for ***an indeterminate period of time*** from the date of the entry into force of this Regulation.

Amendment

(2) The delegation of power referred to in the Articles 5(6) shall be conferred on the Commission for period of ***five years*** from the date of the entry into force of this Regulation.

The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless

the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

Or. ro

Amendment 197
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 5(6) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of **2** months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by 2 months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.

Amendment

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 5(6) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of **4** months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by 2 months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.

Or. en

Amendment 198
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The projects of common interest shall aim for the removal of bottlenecks which hinder the completion of the Single Market i.e. providing connectivity to the network and access, including across borders, to

Amendment

The projects of common interest shall aim for the removal of bottlenecks which hinder the completion of the Single Market i.e. providing connectivity to the network and access, including across borders, to

digital service infrastructures.

digital service infrastructures. *They shall also aim to ensure the principle of equal opportunity for citizens to access digital service infrastructures at a reasonable price wherever they are in the EU.*

Or. fr

Amendment 199
Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The projects of common interest shall aim for the removal of bottlenecks which hinder the completion of the Single Market i.e. providing connectivity to the network and access, including across borders, to digital service infrastructures.

Amendment

The projects of common interest shall aim for the removal of bottlenecks which hinder the completion of the Single Market i.e. providing connectivity to the network and access, including across borders, to digital service infrastructures, *therefore stimulating demand.*

Or. en

Amendment 200
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The deployment and enhancement of trans-European telecommunication networks (broadband networks and digital service infrastructures) shall contribute to fostering economic growth, creating jobs and achieving a vibrant digital single market. In particular, their deployment will grant faster access to the internet, bring about information technology-enabled improvements in daily life for citizens,

Amendment

The deployment and enhancement of trans-European telecommunication networks (broadband networks and digital service infrastructures) shall contribute to fostering economic growth, creating jobs and achieving a vibrant digital single market. In particular, their deployment will grant faster access to the internet, bring about information technology-enabled improvements in daily life for citizens,

including children and young persons, businesses and governments, increase interoperability and facilitate the alignment or convergence to commonly agreed standards.

including children and young persons, ***older people and persons with disabilities***, businesses and governments, ***including educational institutions at all levels of education***, increase interoperability and facilitate the alignment or convergence to commonly agreed standards.

Or. en

Amendment 201
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The deployment and enhancement of trans-European telecommunication networks (broadband networks and digital service infrastructures) shall contribute to fostering economic growth, creating jobs and achieving a vibrant digital single market. In particular, their deployment will grant faster access to the internet, bring about information technology-enabled improvements in daily life for citizens, including children and young persons, businesses and governments, increase interoperability and facilitate the alignment or convergence to commonly agreed standards.

Amendment

The deployment and enhancement of trans-European telecommunication networks (broadband networks and digital service infrastructures) shall contribute to fostering economic growth, creating jobs, ***promoting new investment*** and achieving a vibrant digital single market. In particular, their deployment will grant faster access to the internet, bring about information technology-enabled improvements in daily life for citizens, including children and young persons, businesses and governments, increase interoperability and facilitate the alignment or convergence to commonly agreed standards.

Or. en

Amendment 202
Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The deployment and enhancement of trans-European telecommunication networks (broadband networks and digital service infrastructures) shall contribute to fostering economic growth, creating jobs and achieving a vibrant digital single market. In particular, their deployment will grant faster access to the internet, bring about information technology-enabled improvements in daily life for citizens, including children and young persons, businesses and governments, increase interoperability and facilitate the alignment or convergence to commonly agreed standards.

Amendment

The deployment and enhancement of trans-European telecommunication networks (broadband networks and digital service infrastructures) shall contribute to fostering economic growth, creating jobs and achieving a vibrant digital single market. In particular, their deployment will grant faster access to the internet, bring about information technology-enabled improvements in daily life for citizens, including children and young persons, businesses, **universities** and governments, increase interoperability and facilitate the alignment or convergence to commonly agreed standards.

Or. en

Amendment 203

Catherine Trautmann, António Fernando Correia de Campos

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Innovative management, mapping & services. Technical assistance measures, where necessary for deployment and governance, shall include project and investment planning and feasibility studies, in support of investment measures and financial instruments. Mapping of pan-European broadband infrastructure will develop an on-going detailed physical surveying and documentation of relevant sites, analysis of rights of way, assessments of potential for upgrading existing facilities, etc. **It** should follow the principles of **the** Directive 2007/2/EC (INSPIRE Directive) and related standardisation activities. Technical assistance measures may also support

Amendment

(a) Innovative management, mapping & services. Technical assistance measures, where necessary for deployment and governance, shall include project and investment planning and feasibility studies, in support of investment measures and financial instruments. Mapping of pan-European broadband infrastructure will develop an on-going detailed physical surveying and documentation of relevant sites, analysis of rights of way, assessments of potential for upgrading existing facilities, etc. **The procedure may be based on Article 12.4 of Directive 2002/21/EC (the common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services) and** should follow the principles

replication of successful investment and deployment models.

of Directive 2007/2/EC *of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 establishing an infrastructure for spatial information in the European Community (the INSPIRE Directive)* and related standardisation activities. Technical assistance measures may also support replication of successful investment and deployment models.

Or. fr

Amendment 204
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Innovative management, mapping & services. Technical assistance measures, where necessary for deployment and governance, shall include project and investment planning and feasibility studies, in support of investment measures and financial instruments. Mapping of pan-European broadband infrastructure will develop an on-going detailed physical surveying and documentation of relevant sites, analysis of rights of way, assessments of potential for upgrading existing facilities, etc. It should follow the principles of the Directive 2007/2/EC (INSPIRE Directive) and related standardisation activities. Technical assistance measures may also support replication of successful investment and deployment models.

Amendment

(a) Innovative management, mapping & services. Technical assistance measures, where necessary for deployment and governance, shall include project and investment planning and feasibility studies, in support of investment measures and financial instruments. Mapping of pan-European broadband infrastructure ***together with the mapping of existing and planned infrastructures, including in Transport and Energy,*** will develop an on-going detailed physical surveying and documentation of relevant sites, analysis of rights of way, assessments of potential for upgrading existing facilities, etc. It should follow the principles of the Directive 2007/2/EC *of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE)* and related standardisation activities. Technical assistance measures may also support replication of successful investment and deployment models.

Amendment 205

Amelia Andersdotter, Claude Turmes

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 1 – point a – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These actions *may* also include climate proofing to assess the climate related risks and ensure disaster resilience of infrastructure, in compliance with relevant requirements set out in EU or national legislation.

Amendment

These actions *should* also include climate proofing to assess the climate related risks and ensure disaster resilience of infrastructure, in compliance with relevant requirements set out in EU or national legislation.

Amendment 206

Adina-Ioana Vălean, Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Support actions and other technical support measures. These actions are needed to prepare or support the implementation of projects of common interest or accelerate their take-up. In the field of digital services, support actions shall also stimulate and promote the take-up of new digital service infrastructures that may become necessary or useful based on technological developments, changes in the relevant markets or emerging political priorities.

Amendment

(b) Support actions and other technical support measures. These actions are needed to prepare or support the implementation of projects of common interest or accelerate their take-up. ***They may include technical and financial engineering assistance that facilitates the preparation of projects of common interest in view of obtaining financial support on the market or under the Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility.*** In the field of digital services, support actions shall also stimulate and promote the take-up of new digital service infrastructures that may become necessary or useful based on technological developments, changes in the relevant

markets or emerging political priorities.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment aims at ensuring that the Commission dedicates sufficient resources to the administrative assistance and support through financial engineering for Member States in order to facilitate the implementation of this new mechanism.

Amendment 207

Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. ***However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets will require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets.*** The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

Amendment

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. ***The Union financial support should target areas where commercial initiatives would otherwise not satisfy current or anticipated demand, in order to help achieve the Digital Agenda targets.*** The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

Or. en

Amendment 208

Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private

Amendment

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private

investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets will require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets. The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets will require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets. The following types of areas can be characterised on the basis of the likely investment, ***bearing in mind that support for the planned deployment must ultimately be determined by the relevant geographical situation:***

Or. fr

Amendment 209
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets will require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets. The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

Amendment

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets will require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets ***or where a market failure exists***. The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

Or. en

Amendment 210
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets will require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets. The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

Amendment

Investment in broadband infrastructure has, ***since the liberalisation of the telecommunications market***, been undertaken predominantly by private investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets will require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets. The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

Or. fr

Amendment 211
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets ***will*** require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets. The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

Amendment

Investment in broadband infrastructure has been undertaken predominantly by private investors and it is expected that this will remain the case. However, the achievement of the Digital Agenda targets ***may*** require investment in areas for which there is not a clear business case or where a business case may need to be enhanced within the time frame of the targets. The following types of areas can be characterized on the basis of the likely investment:

Or. en

Amendment 212
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Rural and low density areas are typically served with low speed connections and in some cases even not served at all. The business case for investment is unlikely to be viable and the European targets are unlikely to be reached by 2020. Investment in these areas needs higher financial support, provided by grants, *possibly* in combination with financial instruments. ***Such areas will include remote and sparsely populated regions where investment costs are either very high or where income is low. The support from the Connecting Europe Facility in these areas is likely to complement available cohesion funds or rural development and other direct public support.***

Amendment

Rural and low density areas are typically served with low speed connections and in some cases even not served at all. ***Such areas will include remote and sparsely populated regions where investment costs are either very high or where income is low.*** The business case for investment is unlikely to be viable and the European targets are unlikely to be reached by 2020. Investment in these areas needs higher financial support, provided by grants ***from cohesion funds or rural development*** in combination with financial instruments ***under*** the Connecting Europe Facility.

Or. en

Amendment 213
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Rural ***and*** low density areas are typically served with low speed connections and in some cases even not served at all. The business case for investment is unlikely to be viable and the European targets are unlikely to be reached by 2020. Investment in these areas needs higher financial support, provided by grants, possibly in combination with financial instruments. Such areas will include remote and sparsely populated regions where investment costs are either very high or where income is low. The support from the

Amendment

Rural ***areas***, low density areas ***and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps such as the northernmost regions with very low population density, and island, cross-border and mountain regions***, are typically served with low speed connections and in some cases even not served at all. The business case for investment is unlikely to be viable and the European targets are unlikely to be reached by 2020. Investment in these areas needs higher financial support, provided by

Connecting Europe Facility in these areas is likely to complement available cohesion funds or rural development and other direct public support.

grants, possibly in combination with financial instruments. Such areas will include remote and sparsely populated regions where investment costs are either very high or where income is low. The support from the Connecting Europe Facility in these areas is likely to complement available cohesion funds or rural development and other direct public support.

Or. fr

Amendment 214
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Rural and low density areas are typically served with low speed connections and in some cases even not served at all. The business case for investment is unlikely to be viable and the European targets are unlikely to be reached by 2020. Investment in these areas needs higher financial support, provided by grants, possibly in combination with financial instruments. Such areas will include remote and sparsely populated regions where investment costs are either very high or where income is low. The support from the Connecting Europe Facility in these areas is likely to complement available cohesion funds or rural development and other direct public support.

Amendment

Rural and low density areas are typically served with low ***or medium*** speed connections and in some cases even not served at all. The business case for investment is unlikely to be viable and the European targets are unlikely to be reached by 2020. Investment in these areas needs higher financial support, provided by grants, possibly in combination with financial instruments. Such areas will include ***rural***, remote and sparsely populated regions where investment costs are either very high or where income is low. The support from the Connecting Europe Facility in these areas is likely to complement available cohesion funds or rural development and other direct public support.

Or. ro

Amendment 215
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Rural and low density areas are typically served with low speed connections and in some cases even not served at all. The business case for investment is unlikely to be viable and the European targets are unlikely to be reached by 2020. Investment in these areas needs higher financial support, provided by grants, possibly in combination with financial instruments. Such areas will include remote and sparsely populated regions where investment costs are either very high or where income is low. The support from the Connecting Europe Facility in these areas is likely to complement available cohesion funds or rural development and other direct public support.

Amendment

Rural and low density areas, ***especially islands and mountainous areas***, are typically served with low speed connections and in some cases even not served at all. The business case for investment is unlikely to be viable and the European targets are unlikely to be reached by 2020. Investment in these areas needs higher financial support, provided by grants, possibly in combination with financial instruments. Such areas will include remote and sparsely populated regions where investment costs are either very high or where income is low. The support from the Connecting Europe Facility in these areas is likely to complement available cohesion funds or rural development and other direct public support.

Or. en

Amendment 216
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. ***Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus financial support may be***

Amendment

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators.

also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.

Or. fr

Amendment 217
András Gyürk

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. *Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus financial support may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.*

Amendment

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators.

Or. en

Amendment 218
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus financial support may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.

Amendment

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. ***In several cases publicly owned metropolitan fibre-optic networks have been deployed which remain severely underutilised and inaccessible to private businesses.*** Thus financial support may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.

Or. en

Amendment 219
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

High density/urban areas – with the

Amendment

High density/urban areas – with the

exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus financial support may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.

exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus financial support may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ***it should not lead to market distortions and crowding out of private investment***, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.

Or. en

Amendment 220
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus financial **support** may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full

Amendment

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus ***the use of financial instruments***, may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it

compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.

is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.

Or. en

Amendment 221
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus financial support may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of broadband networks.

Amendment

High density/urban areas – with the exception of some low income regions - are typically well served with medium to fast speed connections, often provided by competitive offerings of cable and telecom operators. Yet because of this relatively satisfactory situation the market incentives to invest in very high speed networks such as fibre to the home are limited. Thus financial support may be also envisaged to investments in urban areas with dense populations which do not attract sufficient investment despite societal benefits it would generate, provided that it is in full compliance with Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as, if relevant, with the Community Guidelines for the application of state aid rules in relation to rapid deployment of *open* broadband networks.

Or. fr

Amendment 222
Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

In less developed regions, the support to the deployment of broadband networks should be provided primarily through the instruments of Structural and Cohesion funds. **Grants and / or** financial instruments from the Connecting Europe Facility **may complement such support where necessary to achieve the objectives of this Regulation. The achievement of synergies between the CEF actions in those regions and the support from the Structural and Cohesion Funds may be reinforced** by using an appropriate coordination mechanism.

Amendment

In less developed regions, the support to the deployment of broadband networks should be provided primarily through the instruments of Structural and Cohesion funds. **They should be complemented by** financial instruments from the Connecting Europe Facility, by using an appropriate coordination mechanism.

Or. en

Amendment 223
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

In less developed regions, the support to the deployment of broadband networks should be provided primarily through the instruments of Structural and Cohesion funds. Grants and / or financial instruments from the Connecting Europe Facility may complement such support where necessary to achieve the objectives of this Regulation. The achievement of synergies between the CEF actions in those regions and the support from the Structural and Cohesion Funds may be reinforced by using an appropriate coordination mechanism.

Amendment

In less-developed regions, the support to the deployment of broadband networks should be provided primarily through **adequate own resources or, if this is not possible,** the instruments of Structural and Cohesion funds. Grants and / or financial instruments from the Connecting Europe Facility may complement such support where necessary to achieve the objectives of this Regulation. The achievement of synergies between the CEF actions in those regions and the support from the Structural and Cohesion Funds may be reinforced by using an appropriate coordination mechanism.

Amendment 224
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

In less developed regions, the support to the deployment of broadband networks should be provided primarily through the instruments of Structural and Cohesion funds. Grants and / or financial instruments from the Connecting Europe Facility may complement such support where necessary to achieve the objectives of this Regulation. The achievement of synergies between the CEF actions in those regions and the support from the Structural and Cohesion Funds may be reinforced by using an appropriate coordination mechanism.

Amendment

In less developed regions, the support to the deployment of broadband networks should be provided primarily through the instruments of Structural and Cohesion funds. Grants and / or financial instruments from the Connecting Europe Facility may complement such support where necessary to achieve the objectives of this Regulation. The achievement of synergies between the CEF actions in those regions and the support from the Structural and Cohesion Funds may be reinforced by using an appropriate coordination mechanism ***and preventing any duplication or oversight.***

Or. en

Amendment 225
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

The classification of regions to the above categories is indicatively provided by the map below.

Amendment

The classification of regions to the above categories is indicatively provided by the map below. ***It should be noted that regions can contain areas of highly divergent population density.***

Or. fr

Amendment 226
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Actions contributing to the project of common interest in the field of broadband networks shall **constitute a balanced portfolio including actions contributing to both the 30Mbps and the 100Mbps Digital Agenda targets, covering** suburban and rural areas in particular, as well as areas across the European Union.

Amendment

Actions contributing to the project of common interest in the field of broadband networks shall **cover** suburban and rural areas in particular, as well as areas across the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 227
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Actions contributing to the project of common interest in the field of broadband networks shall constitute a balanced portfolio including actions contributing to both the **30Mbps** and the **100Mbps Digital Agenda** targets, covering suburban and **rural** areas in particular, as well as areas across the European Union.

Amendment

Actions contributing to the project of common interest in the field of broadband networks shall constitute a balanced portfolio including actions contributing to both the **100Mbps** and the **1 Gbps** targets, covering suburban, **rural** and **urban** areas in particular, as well as areas across the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 228
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Actions contributing to the project of common interest in the area of broadband networks, *irrespective of the technology used*, shall:

Amendment

Actions contributing to the project of common interest in the area of broadband networks, shall:

Or. en

Amendment 229
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving *the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps*; or

Amendment

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving, *for all EU households, speeds of 100 Mbps or above and, if not achievable, the highest speed possible.*

Or. en

Amendment 230
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps; or

Amendment

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps, *or even more ambitious national or regional targets*; or

Or. en

Amendment 231
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the **Digital Agenda** 2020 target of universal coverage at **30Mbps**; or

Amendment

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the 2020 target of universal coverage at **100 Mbps**; or

Or. en

Amendment 232
Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps; or

Amendment

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps **and above**; or

Or. en

Amendment 233
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps; or

Amendment

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of, **at least**, achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps; or

Amendment 234
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps; or

Amendment

(a) Support investments in *open* broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps; or

Or. fr

Amendment 235
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps; *or*

Amendment

(a) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target of universal coverage at 30Mbps; *and*

Or. fr

Amendment 236
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital

Amendment

deleted

Agenda 2020 target and of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds above 100Mbps;

Or. en

Amendment 237
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target and of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds above 100Mbps;

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target, ***or even more ambitious national or regional targets***, and of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds above 100Mbps;

Or. en

Amendment 238
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the ***Digital Agenda*** 2020 target ***and*** of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds above ***100Mbps***;

(b) Support investments in broadband networks, capable of achieving the 2020 target of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds above ***1 Gbps***;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target and of having at least **50%** of households subscribing to speeds above 100Mbps;

Amendment

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target and of having at least **75 %** of households subscribing to speeds above 100Mbps;

Or. fr

Justification

Setting out ambitious equal opportunity objectives will give citizens confidence in the continent of Europe.

Amendment 240
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target and of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds above 100Mbps;

Amendment

(b) Support investments in ***open, super-fast*** broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital Agenda 2020 target and of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds above 100Mbps;

Or. fr

Amendment 241
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of achieving the Digital

Amendment

(b) Support investments in broadband networks capable of, ***at least***, achieving the

Agenda 2020 target and of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds *above* 100Mbps;

Digital Agenda 2020 target and of having at least 50% of households subscribing to speeds *of* 100Mbps;

Or. en

Amendment 242
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Comply with applicable law, in particular with competition law

Amendment

(c) Comply with applicable law, in particular with competition law. ***Only networks open to competition (via mandated third party access) should be eligible for public funding set out in this Regulation.***

Or. en

Amendment 243
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Comply with applicable law, in particular with competition law

Amendment

(c) Comply with applicable law, in particular with competition law ***and with the obligation to ensure access, as defined in Article 3 a.***

Or. en

Amendment 244
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 9 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c a) Support the open character of the Internet by ensuring that blocking of lawful services on telecommunications networks funded via this regulation is prohibited, while allowing for reasonable traffic management at time of network congestions at peak hours, respecting the minimum Quality of Service requirements stipulated in Article 22(3) of Directive 2002/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services (the Universal Service Directive).

Or. en

Amendment 245
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 10 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

and shall consist in particular of ***one or more of the following*** actions:

and shall consist in particular of the ***actions mentioned below, set up according to the following priority order:***

Or. en

Amendment 246
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 10 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) The ***deployment of passive physical infrastructure or the deployment of combined passive and active physical infrastructure and ancillary infrastructure elements, complete with services necessary to operate such*** infrastructure;

(a) The deployment of passive physical infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 247
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 10 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a a) the deployment of combined passive and active physical infrastructure and ancillary infrastructure elements, complete with services necessary to operate such infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 248
Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 10 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c a) Assistance in preparation of projects of common interests in view of obtaining financing under the Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility or on the financial markets;

Amendment 249
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 11

Text proposed by the Commission

The deployment of broadband networks to connect island, landlocked and peripheral regions with central regions of the Union, including where necessary submarine cables, will be supported where it is essential to ensure access by isolated communities to broadband at 30 Mbps and above. This support should complement other funds, whether EU or national, available for this purpose.

Amendment

The deployment of broadband networks to connect **rural, remote**, island, landlocked and peripheral regions with central regions of the Union, including where necessary submarine cables, will be supported where it is essential to ensure access by isolated communities to broadband at 30 Mbps and above. This support should complement other funds, whether EU or national, available for this purpose.

Or. ro

Amendment 250
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 11

Text proposed by the Commission

The deployment of broadband networks to connect island, landlocked and peripheral regions with central regions of the Union, including where necessary submarine cables, will be supported where it is essential to ensure access by isolated communities to broadband at **30** Mbps and above. This support should complement other funds, whether EU or national, available for this purpose.

Amendment

The deployment of broadband networks to connect island, landlocked and peripheral regions with central regions of the Union, including where necessary submarine cables, will be supported where it is essential to ensure access by isolated communities to broadband at **100** Mbps and above. This support should complement other funds, whether EU or national, available for this purpose.

Or. en

Amendment 251
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Beneficiaries of EU support for the project of common interest in the area of broadband *include, but are not limited to:*

Beneficiaries of EU support for the project of common interest in the area of broadband *can be any public entity in the Union or any private entity that is based and pays tax in the Union. These beneficiaries can be, among others:*

Or. en

Amendment 252
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) Telecom operators (*incumbent, whether investing directly or through a subsidiary or new-entrant) launching investments in fast and ultra fast broadband networks.*

(a) Telecom operators

Or. en

Amendment 253
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) Telecom operators (incumbent, whether

(a) Telecom operators (incumbent, whether

investing directly or through a subsidiary or new-entrant) launching investments in fast and ultra fast broadband networks.

investing directly or through a subsidiary or new-entrant) launching investments in fast and ultra fast broadband networks ***and guaranteeing conditions for accessibility for other operators, in compliance with Directive 2002/21/EC.***

Or. fr

Amendment 254
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Telecom operators (incumbent, whether investing directly or through a subsidiary or new-entrant) launching investments in fast and ultra fast broadband networks.

Amendment

(a) Telecom operators ***and fibre network operators*** (incumbent, whether investing directly or through a subsidiary or new-entrant) launching investments in fast and ultra fast broadband networks.

Or. en

Amendment 255
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Utility companies (e.g. water, sewage, energy, transport), ***which are expected to invest in passive broadband networks, either alone or in partnership with operators.***

Amendment

(b) Utility companies (e.g. water, sewage, energy, transport)

Or. en

Amendment 256
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Utility companies (e.g. water, sewage, energy, transport), which are expected to invest in passive broadband networks, either alone or in partnership with operators.

Amendment

(b) Utility companies (e.g. **urban and municipality networks**, water, sewage, energy, transport), which are expected to invest in passive broadband networks, either alone or in partnership with operators.

Or. en

Amendment 257
Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Regional decision makers, including municipalities, who may establish concessions for broadband infrastructures. Equipment providers may be interested in such an arrangement, via the creation of a special purpose company.

Amendment

(c) Regional **and local** decision makers, including municipalities, who may establish concessions for broadband infrastructures. Equipment providers may be interested in such an arrangement, via the creation of a special purpose company.

Or. en

Amendment 258
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) **Regional** decision makers, including municipalities, who may establish

Amendment

(c) **Local and regional** decision makers, including municipalities, who may

concessions for broadband infrastructures. Equipment providers may be interested in such an arrangement, via the creation of a special purpose company.

establish concessions for broadband infrastructures. Equipment providers may be interested in such an arrangement, via the creation of a special purpose.

Or. ro

Amendment 259

Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) Partnerships between several operators active in wired and wireless markets to build new generation of infrastructures.

Amendment

(d) Partnerships between several operators active in wired and wireless markets to build new generation of infrastructures, *as well as between operators and companies established in rural, island, landlocked or peripheral regions.*

Or. en

Amendment 260

Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) Partnerships between several operators active in wired and wireless markets to build new generation of infrastructures.

Amendment

(d) Partnerships between several operators (*private as well as public*) active in wired and wireless markets to build new generation of infrastructures.

Or. en

Amendment 261

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 13 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) Partnerships between several operators active in wired and wireless markets to build new generation of infrastructures.

Amendment

(d) Partnerships between several operators active in wired and wireless markets to build new generation of infrastructures **and operate existing ones**.

Or. en

Amendment 262
Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 14

Text proposed by the Commission

In building the portfolio due account shall be taken of **Member States' investment needs in terms of the number of households to be connected with the support of** the Connecting Europe Facility.

Amendment

In building the portfolio due account shall be taken of the **anticipated demand for broadband access and benefits to the local economy facilitated through** the Connecting Europe Facility.

Or. en

Amendment 263
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 15

Text proposed by the Commission

In addition, high speed connections to public internet access points, notably in public facilities, such as schools, hospitals, local government offices and libraries, shall also be supported.

Amendment

In addition, high speed connections to public internet access points, notably in public facilities, such as schools **and universities, museums and cultural heritage sites**, hospitals, **public transport means and hubs**, local government offices and libraries, **and the wide-spread availability of free wireless networks** shall

also be supported.

Or. en

Amendment 264

Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 15

Text proposed by the Commission

In addition, high speed connections to public internet access points, notably in public facilities, such as schools, hospitals, local government offices and libraries, **shall also be supported**.

Amendment

Particular attention will be given to high speed connections to public internet access points, notably in public facilities, such as schools, hospitals, local government offices and libraries.

Or. en

Amendment 265

Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The implementation of digital service infrastructures shall contribute to the realisation of digital single market by removing existing bottlenecks in terms of service deployment. This will be achieved through the creation and/or enhancement of interoperable digital service infrastructure platforms, accompanied by essential basic digital service infrastructures. It shall rely on a two-layer approach:

Amendment

The implementation of digital service infrastructures shall contribute to the realisation of digital single market by removing existing bottlenecks in terms of service deployment. This will be achieved through the creation and/or enhancement of interoperable **and internationally compatible** digital service infrastructure platforms, accompanied by essential basic digital service infrastructures. It shall rely on a two-layer approach:

Or. en

Amendment 266
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

A public trans-European backbone service infrastructure will provide very high speed and connectivity between public institutions of the EU in areas such as public administration, culture, education and health. This backbone infrastructure will support public services of European value through controlled quality of services and secure access. It will therefore guarantee a digital continuum of public service provisioning for the greater benefit of citizens, businesses and administrations. It will allow demand aggregation for connectivity, reaching critical mass and reducing costs.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 267
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

The infrastructure will be based on the existing Internet backbone and where necessary new networks will be deployed. Connections will be made directly or through regionally- or nationally-managed infrastructures. In particular it will provide connectivity for other trans-European services inter alia those mentioned in this Annex. This infrastructure will be fully integrated in the Internet as a key capacity for trans-European public service and will support the adoption of emerging standards

Amendment

The infrastructure will be based on the existing Internet backbone and where necessary new networks will be deployed. Connections will be made directly or through **locally**, regionally- or nationally-managed infrastructures. In particular it will provide connectivity for other trans-European services inter alia those mentioned in this Annex. This infrastructure will be fully integrated in the Internet as a key capacity for trans-European public service and will support

(e.g. Internet protocols such as IPv6). Dedicated underlying infrastructure for connecting public administrations may be considered if necessary for security reasons.

the adoption of emerging standards (e.g. Internet protocols such as IPv6). Dedicated underlying infrastructure for connecting public administrations may be considered if necessary for security reasons.

Or. ro

Amendment 268
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Interoperable ‘cloud computing’ service will provide the backbone infrastructure functionality on which clouds for trans-European public services can be offered. This includes network-type of trans-European services such as video-conference, virtualised storage and supporting computing-intensive applications, including those related to other projects of common interest.

Amendment

Interoperable ‘cloud computing’ service will provide the backbone infrastructure functionality on which clouds for trans-European public services can be offered. This includes network-type of trans-European services such as video-conference, virtualised storage, **virtualised computing**, and supporting computing-intensive applications, including those related to other projects of common interest.

Or. en

Amendment 269
Jürgen Creutzmann, Adina-Ioana Vălean

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

European Platform for Access to Educational Resources

The objective is to exploit the benefits of ICT in the field of education through Europe-wide access to educational material. Cost-effective access to and

improved quality of educational material through peer-review would strengthen European cohesiveness by enabling contacts, cooperation and debates among pupils and in the academic world. It would serve as a backbone for cooperation between educational institutions facilitating the implementation of other EU programs such as "Erasmus for All" Core service platform. The core service would be an electronic multilingual platform where educational institutions and individuals would be able to share educational material under an open license. The platform would host textbooks, articles, videos and will enable users input, cooperation and discussions. It would facilitate distance education and collaboration between educational actors, including through e-learning applications. It would also serve as a platform for searching and accessing public library resources. The platform requires the development, operation and administration of distributed computing, data storage facilities and software. Generic services (a) Content repository for educational institutions and user generated content (b) Facilities allowing interactivity, collaborative editing of texts, communication (including video-conferencing) between authenticated users (c) Interoperability of libraries' search tools.

Or. en

Justification

In June 2012, the UNESCO World Open Educational Resources declaration asked governments to devise policies to support access to educational resources. On that occasion Harvard and MiT launched the edX project - an open-source technology platform to deliver online courses while China already developed its platform (www.core.org.cn) Investing in online education would be allow the European Union to enhance its worldwide competitiveness and attractiveness in the academic realm.

Amendment 270
Catherine Trautmann, Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Interoperable electronic identification and authentication across Europe. A set of connected and secured authentication servers and protocols that ensure interoperability of the variety of authentication and identification and authorization systems that exist in Europe will be deployed. This platform will enable citizens and businesses to access online services when needed for example to study, work, travel, get health care or do business abroad. **It** will constitute the core layer for all those digital services for which electronic identification and authentication are needed: e.g. electronic procurement, online health services, standardised business reporting, electronic exchange of judicial information, trans-European online company registration, e-Government services for businesses, including communication between business registers relating to cross-border mergers and foreign branches. This platform may also use resources and tools of the multilingual core platform.

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 271
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. ro

Amendment 272
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 9 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) Cross border interoperable electronic invoicing services: contribute to the achievement of the single market and result in major benefits such as shorter payment periods, fewer errors more efficient VAT collection, lower printing and postage costs and business integrated processing; interoperability of e-invoicing solutions provides trading parties with the

ability in practice to exchange e-invoices across multiple technologies and organisational boundaries, based on common legal requirements, business processes and technical standards; by virtue of the close link between invoices and payments, it is important to embed e-invoicing in the wider context of an integrated electronic payments market.

Or. ro

Amendment 273
Adina-Ioana Vălean, Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 9 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e a) Deployment of infrastructures in public transports allowing the use of secure and interoperable mobile proximity services: the deployment of infrastructures in public transports allowing the use of secure and interoperable mobile proximity services will enable citizens, businesses and organisations to access a variety of innovative services in mobility across the Union.

Those infrastructures including validation systems will open up opportunities for actors in telecommunications, retail, transports and public sectors to develop pan-European services such as ticketing or payment facilitating EU citizens and businesses' mobility. They will enhance synergies between different infrastructures especially in the field of public transport and telecommunications.

Or. en

Amendment 274

Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 9 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(e a) Online Dispute Resolution Platform:
This service will provide a platform for
the out-of-court resolution of contractual
disputes between consumers and traders.
It will enable them to submit a dispute
online in their language and be directed
to a national alternative dispute resolution
entity, which will be competent to deal
with and solve the dispute in a
transparent, effective and impartial
manner.***

Or. en

Amendment 275

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The development of the core service platform will build on the current Europeana portal. The platform – which requires the development, operations and administration of distributed computing, data storage facilities and software - will provide a single access point to European cultural heritage content at item level, a set of interface specifications to interact with the infrastructure (search for data, download data), support for ***the*** metadata ***adaptation*** and ingestion of new content, as well as information on conditions for reuse of the content accessible through the infrastructure.

The development of the core service platform will build on the current Europeana portal. The platform – which requires the development, operations and administration of distributed computing, data storage facilities and software - will provide a single access point to European cultural heritage content at item level, a set of interface specifications to interact with the infrastructure (search for data, download ***and combine*** data), support for ***accessing, transforming and adapting*** metadata and ***content in various open digital formats, and*** ingestion of new content, as well as information on conditions for reuse of the content

accessible through the infrastructure.

Or. en

Amendment 276
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 13 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) Competence centres on digitisation and preservation of digital cultural heritage

Amendment

(e) Competence centres on digitisation and preservation of digital cultural heritage, **for example through interconnection by a trans-European network of local, regional and national libraries and within the framework thereof**

Or. ro

Amendment 277
Catherine Trautmann, Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 14

Text proposed by the Commission

This digital service infrastructure will enable access for re-use to disclosable information held by the public sector in the EU.

Amendment

This digital service infrastructure will enable access for re-use to disclosable information held by the public sector in the EU, **in accordance with the rules on privacy and the protection of personal data.**

Or. fr

Amendment 278
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Distributed computing, data storage and software facilities will provide: single access point to multilingual (all EU official languages) datasets held by public bodies in the EU at European, national, regional and local level; query and visualisation tools of the data sets; assurance that the available datasets are licensed to be published and re-distributed, including a data provenance audit trail; a set of application programming interfaces for software clients to interact with the infrastructure (search for data, gather statistics, download data) for the development of third-party applications. It shall also allow for collection and publication of statistics about the operation of the portal, the availability of data and applications and the way in which they are used.

Amendment

Distributed computing, data storage and software facilities will provide: single access point to multilingual (all EU official languages) datasets held by public bodies in the EU at European, national, regional and local level; query and visualisation tools of the data sets; assurance that the available datasets are **properly anonymised**, licensed **and priced** to be published and re-distributed, including a data provenance audit trail; a set of application programming interfaces for software clients to interact with the infrastructure (search for data, gather statistics, download data) for the development of third-party applications. It shall also allow for collection and publication of statistics about the operation of the portal, the availability of data and applications and the way in which they are used.

Or. en

Amendment 279
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 16 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) interoperability of datasets, including legal and licensing issues, to enable better re-use;

Amendment

(b) interoperability **and standardisation** of datasets, including legal and licensing issues, to enable better re-use;

Or. en

Amendment 280
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 18

Text proposed by the Commission

The platform will enable acquiring, maintaining and making available large collections of live language data and reusable language processing tools. It will cover all EU languages and will comply with the relevant standards and agreed service and legal requirements. The platform will allow for flexible addition, curation and refinement of language data and tools by contributors, and ensure easy, fair and secure access and repurposing of such resources by organisations offering or developing language-enabled services. The platform will also support cooperation and interworking with similar initiatives and data centres, existing or forthcoming, within and outside the EU.

Amendment

The platform will enable acquiring, maintaining and making available large collections of live language data, ***in written and spoken form, and*** reusable language processing tools. It will cover all EU languages and will comply with the relevant standards and agreed service and legal requirements. The platform will allow for flexible addition, curation and refinement of language data and tools by contributors, and ensure easy, fair and secure access and repurposing of such resources by organisations offering or developing language-enabled services. The platform will also support cooperation and interworking with similar initiatives and data centres, existing or forthcoming, within and outside the EU.

Or. en

Amendment 281
Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 20

Text proposed by the Commission

The support will provide integrated and interoperable services at European level, based on shared awareness, resources, tools and practices and aimed at empowering children, their parents and carers, and teachers to make the best use of the Internet.

Amendment

The support will provide integrated and interoperable services at European level, based on shared awareness, resources, tools and practices and aimed at empowering children, their parents and carers, and teachers to make the best use of the Internet. ***ENISA should be consulted on all activities that are relevant to its operations.***

Amendment 282
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 20

Text proposed by the Commission

The support will provide integrated and interoperable services at European level, based on *shared* awareness, resources, tools and practices and aimed at empowering children, their parents and carers, and teachers to make the best use of the Internet.

Amendment

The support will provide integrated and interoperable services at European level, based on *collective* awareness, resources, tools and practices and aimed at empowering children, their parents and carers, and teachers to make the best use of the Internet.

Or. en

Amendment 283
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 21

Text proposed by the Commission

Core service platform:

The core service platform will allow for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States, as well as back-office operations to handle the reporting on sex abuse content including the link with policy authorities including international organisations such as Interpol, and when appropriate, the handling of the take down of this content by the relevant web sites. This will be supported by common databases.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 284
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 22

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Generic services:

deleted

(a) Help-lines for children, parents and carers on the best means for kids to use the Internet avoiding threats from harmful and illegal contents and behaviours, and the supporting back-office infrastructure.

(b) Hotlines for reporting on illegal child sex-abuse content on the Internet

(c) Tools to ensure access to age-appropriate content and services,

(d) Software that allows easy and fast reporting of illegal content and its takedown, as well as reporting of grooming and bullying.

(e) software systems that allow better identification of (not reported) child sexual abuse content on the internet as well as technologies to support police investigations, especially with a view to identifying child victims, perpetrators and commercial trading of such content.

Or. en

Amendment 285
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 22 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) Help-lines for children, parents and

deleted

carers on the best means for kids to use the Internet avoiding threats from harmful and illegal contents and behaviours, and the supporting back-office infrastructure.

Or. en

Amendment 286
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 22 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) Hotlines for reporting on illegal child sex-abuse content on the Internet *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 287
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 22 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) Tools to ensure access to age-appropriate content and services, *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 288
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 22 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) Software that allows easy and fast reporting of illegal content and its takedown, as well as reporting of grooming and bullying.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 289

Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 22 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) software systems that allow better identification of (not reported) child sexual abuse content on the internet as well as technologies to support police investigations, especially with a view to identifying child victims, perpetrators and commercial trading of such content.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 290

Ioannis A. Tsoukalas

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 24

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The core service platform will consist of a network of National/Governmental Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) based on a minimum set of baseline capabilities. The network will provide the backbone of a European Information Sharing and Alert System (EISAS) for EU citizens and SMEs.

The core service platform will consist of a network of National/Governmental Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) ***and ENISA*** based on a minimum set of baseline capabilities. The network will provide the backbone of a European Information Sharing and Alert System (EISAS) for EU citizens and SMEs ***in***

collaboration with ENISA.

Or. en

Amendment 291
Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 27

Text proposed by the Commission

Communications infrastructure, typically deployed by utilities in partnership with telecom operators, as well as the necessary IT hardware to be embedded in energy components (e.g. substations). They also include the core services that enable monitoring of assets, control for power management, automation and data management and communication between the different actors (service providers, network operators and other utilities, consumers, etc).

Amendment

Communications infrastructure, typically deployed by utilities in partnership with telecom operators, as well as the necessary IT hardware to be embedded in energy components (e.g. substations). ***The deployment of broadband networks must be parallel to the implementation of Smart Energy services, so that costs and system modifications are cost-oriented and effective.*** They also include the core services that enable monitoring of assets, control for power management, automation and data management and communication between the different actors (service providers, network operators and other utilities, consumers, etc).

Or. en