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Trans-European telecommunications networks, and repeal of Decision No
1336/97/EC

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2011)0657 – C7-0373/2011 – 2011/0299(COD))

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Amendment 19
Petru Constantin Luhan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Amendment 20
Herbert Reul

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Amendment 21
Herbert Reul

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 22
Herbert Reul

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 market failures need to be overcome ***and measures taken to overcome under-investment in non-commercial projects.*** 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. de

Amendment 23
Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 24
Petru Constantin Luhan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14 a) Given the problems arising regarding access to spectrum, wireless broadband networks can play a key role in covering all areas, including rural and isolated areas with no other options.

Amendment 25
Ana Miranda

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

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Or. es

Amendment 26
Nuno Teixeira

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) contribute to economic growth and support the development of the Single Market resulting in the improvement of the competitiveness of the European economy, including small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

Amendment

(1) contribute to economic growth, **wealth generation and job creation** and support the development of the Single Market resulting in the improvement of the competitiveness of the European economy, including small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

Or. pt

Amendment 27
Petru Constantin Luhan

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) contribute to economic growth and support the development of the Single Market resulting in the improvement of the competitiveness of the European economy, including small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

Amendment

(1) contribute to economic growth, **encourage social inclusion** and support the development of the Single Market resulting in the improvement of the competitiveness of the European economy, including small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

Amendment 28
Herbert Reul

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 access to such networks, ***bearing in mind that the more sparsely populated and less developed regions must be included and served with connections.***

Or. de

Amendment 29
Ana Miranda

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 ***at every level,*** through the promotion of the interconnection and interoperability of national telecommunication networks as well as access to such networks.

Or. es

Amendment 30
Herbert Reul

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. de

Amendment 31
Herbert Reul

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

Text proposed by the Commission

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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 **and ensure the sustained competitiveness of European industry**;

Or. de

Amendment 32
Herbert Reul

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

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 33
Ana Miranda

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, *in view of the demand for ultrafast internet*;

Or. es

Amendment 34
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b a) development of broadband networks to link schools in isolated rural communities in the Member States to develop distance learning programs in order to avoid depopulation of these areas.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Ana Miranda

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, ***including regional and local bodies***, shall take the necessary legal, administrative, technical and financial measures in compliance with the corresponding specifications of this Regulation.

Or. es

Amendment 36
Ana Miranda

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) demonstrates European added value.

Amendment

(c) demonstrates European added value, ***established by means of feasibility assessments and cost-benefit analyses, taking account of the general interest and equal web access for the entire population, especially in areas with greater connection problems.***

Or. es

Amendment 37
Ana Miranda

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.

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Or. es

Amendment 38
Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 12 – 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 decision makers, including municipalities **and supra-municipal bodies**, 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. es

Amendment 39
Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation
Annex 1 – section 3 – subtitle 3 - paragraph 4 – 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, ***in all EU languages, including co-official languages in the Member States;***

Or. es