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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on guidelines for trans European telecommunications networks and repealing
Decision N° 1336/97/EC

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Amendment 1

Amelia Andersdotter, Gunnar Hökmark, Evžen Tošenovský, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on guidelines for trans-European
telecommunications networks and
repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC

on guidelines for trans-European **digital**
networks and repealing Decision No
1336/97/EC

Or. en

Amendment 2

Catherine Trautmann, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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.

(1) **Digital** 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, **education, participating in social and political life**, and business. Therefore, the trans-European availability of **widespread, fast, secure** Internet access and digital services in the public interest is essential for **social and** economic growth, **competitiveness, social inclusion** and the Single Market.

Or. en

Amendment 3

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Catherine Trautmann, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) 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 Union is to play a pivotal role in the telecommunications industry.

Or. en

Amendment 5

Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Large scale pilots between Member States and co-financed by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme such as PEPPOL, STORK, epSOS, eCODEX or SPOCS have validated key cross border digital services in the internal market, based on common building blocks. These have already reached or are in the future reaching the maturity level required for deployment. Existing projects of common interest have already demonstrated the clear added value of action at European level, such as in the fields of cultural heritage (Euopeana), child protection (Safer Internet), social security (EESSI), while others such as in the field of consumer protection (ODR) have been proposed.

Amendment

(5) Large scale pilots between Member States and co-financed by the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme such as PEPPOL, STORK, epSOS, eCODEX or SPOCS have validated key cross border digital services in the internal market, based on common building blocks. These have already reached or are in the future reaching the maturity level required for deployment. Existing projects of common interest have already demonstrated the clear added value of action at European level, such as in the fields of cultural heritage (Euopeana), child protection (Safer Internet, ***including Better Internet for Kids programme***), social security (EESSI), while others such as in the field of consumer protection (ODR) have been proposed.

Or. en

Amendment 6 Erik Bánki

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Given its recognised important role played in the protection and in empowering children, the functioning of the Safer Internet Program (the future "Better Internet for Kids") - with the awareness nodes, helplines and hotlines - shall be guaranteed after 2014 and onwards.

Or. en

Amendment 7
Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The financing for the Safer Internet programme, including the Safer Internet Centres (SIC) (with Awareness nodes, Helplines and Hotlines) in the Member States and the Better Internet for Kids programme must be maintained.

Or. en

Amendment 8

Ivo Belet, Doris Pack, Petra Kammerevert, Sabine Verheyen, Hannu Takkula, Helga Trüpel, Catherine Trautmann, Maria Badia i Cutchet, Angelika Niebler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

With regard to digital service infrastructures, building blocks shall take priority over other digital service infrastructures, since the former ***are a precondition*** for the later. Digital service infrastructures should, inter alia, create European added value and meet proven needs. They should be sufficiently mature for deployment, technically as well as operationally as proven in particular through successful piloting. They should be based on a concrete sustainability plan to ensure the long-term operation of core service platforms beyond the CEF. Financial assistance under this Regulation should therefore wherever possible be phased out over time and funding from sources other than the CEF should be mobilised.

With regard to digital service infrastructures, building blocks ***and digital services infrastructures with elements that can be used by other service providers*** shall take priority over other digital service infrastructures, since the former ***provides a basis*** for the later ***to build on***. Digital service infrastructures should, inter alia, create European added value and meet proven needs. They should be sufficiently mature for deployment, technically as well as operationally as proven in particular through successful piloting. They should be based on a concrete sustainability plan to ensure the long-term operation of core service platforms beyond the CEF. Financial assistance under this Regulation should therefore wherever possible be phased out over time and funding from sources other than the CEF should be mobilised.

Justification

The proposed priority order for funding will not result in the best use of limited resources. It creates the risk of the wheel being reinvented many times over. The 1st category for funding leaves out mature digital service infrastructures, which developed and do deploy technical models (such as an interoperable data model, a standard for access rights, a networking model connecting all EU countries) that other services can use as building blocks. At the same time, some 'building blocks' listed in the 1st category are neither a 'pre-condition' nor 'essential' elements for operating other services. The distinction in the Guidelines between 1st category 'building blocks' and 2nd or 3rd category 'other digital service infrastructures' therefore is false and will not work towards the most effective spending of the limited budget available. The 1st category for funding should include both 'building blocks' and mature 'other digital services' providing models for others.

Amendment 9

Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

<p><i>(8) Digital service infrastructures that are necessary to meet legal obligations under EU law and/or are developing or providing building blocks, with a potential high impact on the development of pan-European public services, should be prioritised for funding, so as to support multiple digital service infrastructures and over time gradually build up a European interoperability ecosystem. In this context, legal obligations mean specific provisions requiring either developing or using digital service infrastructures, or requiring results which can only be achieved through European digital service infrastructures.</i></p>	<p><i>deleted</i></p>
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Amendment 10

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The Digital Agenda for Europe stipulates that by 2020 all Europeans should have access to internet speeds of above 30 Mbps and 50% or more of European households should subscribe to internet connections above 100 Mbps.

Amendment

(11) The Digital Agenda for Europe stipulates that by 2020 all Europeans should have access to internet speeds of above 30 Mbps and 50% or more of European households should subscribe to internet connections above 100 Mbps. ***However, given the rapid evolution of technologies that lead to ever faster internet connexions, it is appropriate today, for all Union households, to target internet connections above 100 Mbps with 50% of the households having access to 1 Gbps.***

Or. en

Amendment 11

Gunnar Hökmark, Evžen Tošenovský, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) 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, as well as giving the Union the capacity to be a world leading knowledge-based economy. A rapid deployment of high-speed 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 industries.

Amendment 12
Catherine Trautmann, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) 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. en

Amendment 13
Gunnar Hökmark, Evžen Tošenovský, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11b) While the deployment of fibre and ultra high-speed broadband connections in the Union remains unsatisfactory, other economies in the world are 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 the Union is to be home to innovation, knowledge and services.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Gunnar Hökmark, Evžen Tošenovský, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11c) Targets for 2020 should be revised, aiming for the Union to have the fastest broadband speed in the world by seeking to ensure that by 2020 all Union citizens have access to 100 Mbps and 50% of Union households have access to 1 Gbps or more.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) 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 16
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13b) 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. In this context, BEREC's findings of May 2012 show that at least 20% of mobile internet users in Europe experience some form of restriction on their ability to access VoIP services. Although competition is expected to discipline operators, progress has been very slow and the publicly-funded telecommunications networks covered by this Regulation should therefore be prohibited from blocking lawful services.

Or. en

Amendment 17
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13b) 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. In this context, BEREC's findings of May 2012 show that at least 20% of mobile internet users in Europe experience some form of restriction on their ability to access VoIP services. Although competition is expected to discipline operators, progress has been very slow and the publicly-funded telecommunications networks covered by this Regulation should therefore be prohibited from blocking services.

Or. en

Amendment 18
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) Financial assistance to projects of common interest should be complemented by **horizontal** actions, including technical assistance, demand stimulation measures and coordination, which should aim at maximizing the impact of EU intervention.

Amendment

(19) Financial assistance to projects of common interest should be complemented by **programme support** actions, including technical assistance, demand stimulation measures and coordination, which should aim at maximizing the impact of EU intervention.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19a) 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.

Or. en

Amendment 20
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission should be assisted by an Expert Group of representatives of Member States which shall be consulted on and contribute to, inter alia, monitoring of the implementation of these guidelines, planning, evaluation and addressing implementation problems.

Amendment

The Commission should be assisted by an Expert Group of representatives of **all** Member States which shall be consulted on and contribute to, inter alia, monitoring of the implementation of these guidelines, planning, evaluation and addressing implementation problems.

Or. ro

Amendment 21

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. This Regulation lays down guidelines for the timely deployment and interoperability of projects of common interest in the field of trans-European **telecommunications** networks.

Amendment

1. This Regulation lays down guidelines for the timely deployment and interoperability of projects of common interest in the field of trans-European **digital** networks.

Or. en

Amendment 22

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

"**Telecommunications** networks" means broadband networks and digital service

Amendment

"**Digital** networks" means broadband networks and digital service

infrastructures.

infrastructures.

Or. en

Amendment 23

Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

f) "Broadband networks" means wired **and** wireless access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering very high speed connectivity, thereby contributing to the broadband targets of the Digital Agenda for Europe.

Amendment

f) "Broadband networks" means wired, wireless **or satellite-based** access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering very high speed connectivity, thereby contributing to the broadband targets of the Digital Agenda for Europe.

Or. en

Justification

For technological neutrality, all possible kinds of technologies should be mentioned. Satellite service could under specific conditions equally play a role.

Amendment 24

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

f) "Broadband networks" means wired and wireless access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering very high speed connectivity, thereby contributing to the broadband targets of **the Digital Agenda for Europe**.

Amendment

f) "Broadband networks" means wired and wireless access networks, ancillary infrastructure and core networks capable of delivering very high speed connectivity, thereby contributing to the broadband targets of **100 Mbps and 1Gbps where possible and above**.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Evžen Tošenovský

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) economic growth and support to the completion of the Digital Single Market in support of the competitiveness of the European economy, including small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

Amendment

(a) economic growth and support to the completion **and smooth functioning** of the Digital Single Market in support of the competitiveness of the European economy, including small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

Or. en

Amendment 26
Catherine Trautmann, Amelia Andersdotter

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

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(b) improvements in the daily life for citizens, businesses and governments **at every level** through the promotion of **broadband networks**, interconnection and interoperability of national, regional and local telecommunications networks as well as **open and non-discriminatory** access to such networks **and digital inclusion, bearing in mind that the more sparsely populated and less developed regions must be included in and served with connections. In order to complete the single digital market, close cooperation and coordination of activities under the Connecting Europe Facility programme with the national and regional broadband actions shall be ensured.**

Or. en

Amendment 27
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) meeting legal obligations under EU law and/or developing or providing building blocks, with a potential high impact on the development of pan-European public services, so as to support multiple digital service infrastructures and over time gradually build up a European interoperability ecosystem.

Or. ro

Amendment 28
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Projects of common interest may encompass their entire cycle, including feasibility studies, implementation, continuous operation, coordination and evaluation.

Projects of common interest may encompass their entire cycle, including feasibility studies, implementation, continuous operation ***and development***, coordination and evaluation.

Or. ro

Amendment 29
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Projects of common interest **may** be supported through horizontal actions.

Amendment

3. Projects of common interest **shall, as far as possible,** be supported through horizontal actions.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Projects of common interest may be supported through **horizontal** actions.

Amendment

3. Projects of common interest may be supported through **programme support** actions.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Actions contributing to projects of common interest in the field of digital service infrastructure can be supported by:

- (a)** procurement **and/or**
- (b)** **grants.**

Amendment

(a) Actions contributing to projects of common interest in the field of digital service infrastructure can be supported by:

- procurement.

Amendment 32
Catherine Trautmann, Amelia Andersdotter

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) 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. en

Amendment 33
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) ***Horizontal*** actions shall be supported by

(c) ***Programme support*** actions shall be supported by

Or. en

Amendment 34
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) Horizontal actions shall be supported by:

(a) procurement ***and/or***

(c) Horizontal actions shall be supported by:

- procurement.

(b) grants.

Or. ro

Amendment 35

Ivo Belet, Doris Pack, Petra Kammerevert, Sabine Verheyen, Hannu Takkula, Helga Trüpel, Catherine Trautmann, Maria Badia i Cutchet, Angelika Niebler

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Building blocks **essential for, and** with demonstrable prospects of being used in, the development, deployment and operation of other digital service infrastructures as listed in the annex shall be given first priority for funding.

Amendment

2. Building blocks and **mature digital service infrastructures containing technical models (such as an interoperable data model, a standard for access rights or a networking model connecting all Member States)** with demonstrable prospects of being used in the development, deployment and operation of other digital service infrastructures listed in the annex shall be given first priority for funding.

Or. en

Justification

The proposed priority order for funding will not result in the best use of limited resources. It creates the risk of the wheel being reinvented many times over. The 1st category for funding leaves out mature digital service infrastructures, which developed and do deploy technical models (such as an interoperable data model, a standard for access rights, a networking model connecting all EU countries) that other services can use as building blocks. At the same time, some 'building blocks' listed in the 1st category are neither a 'pre-condition' nor 'essential' elements for operating other services. The distinction in the Guidelines between 1st category 'building blocks' and 2nd or 3rd category 'other digital service infrastructures' therefore is false and will not work towards the most effective spending of the limited budget available. The 1st category for funding should include both 'building blocks' and mature 'other digital services' providing models for others.

Amendment 36

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. **Second** priority shall be given to digital service infrastructures ***in support of specific provisions of EU legislation and based on existing building blocks.***

Amendment

3. Priority shall be given ***also to other*** digital service infrastructures ***as listed in the annex (Section 1.2.).***

Or. en

Amendment 37

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – point a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) As the core service platform is a precondition for establishing a digital service infrastructure, the support to core service platforms and their common building blocks shall take priority over generic services.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. On the basis of the objectives provided for in Article 3 and in function of the available budget, the work programmes may establish further eligibility and priority criteria in the field of digital service infrastructures.

4. On the basis of the objectives provided for in Article 3 and in function of the available budget, the work programmes ***as defined in Regulation (EU) No / establishing the Connecting Europe Facility ("work programmes")*** may establish further eligibility and priority criteria in the field of digital service

infrastructures.

Or. en

Amendment 39
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. On the basis of the objectives provided for in Article 3 and in function of the available budget, the work programmes may establish further eligibility and priority criteria in the field of digital service infrastructures.

Amendment

4. On the basis of the objectives provided for in Article 3 **and in the Annex to this Regulation** and in function of the available budget, the work programmes may establish further eligibility and priority criteria in the field of digital service infrastructures.

Or. en *Justification*

It should be underlined that the Annex also forms part of basis for project selection and can therefore not be ignored.

Amendment 40
Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 5 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) make a significant contribution to the realisation of the targets of ***the Digital Agenda for Europe***.

Amendment

(a) make a significant contribution to the realisation of broadband targets of ***100Mbps and 1Gbps where possible and above***.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 5 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) use the technology which is deemed most suitable to address the needs of the area in question taking into account geographic, social and economic factors based on objective criteria and in line with technological neutrality.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 42
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 5 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) deploy state of the art technology and/or be based on innovative business models, and have a high potential for replicability.

(f) propose the best balance between state of the art technologies in terms of data flow capacity, transmission security, network resilience, and cost efficiency.

Or. en

Amendment 43
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. The criteria mentioned in point (f) of the preceding paragraph shall not be required for project funded from additional ring-fenced contributions provided in accordance with Article 15.2 of Regulation (EU) No xxx/2012 [CEF regulation]

deleted

Amendment 44
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Eligibility criteria for *horizontal* programme support actions shall be set out in the work programmes

Amendment

7. Eligibility criteria for *programme support* actions shall be set out in the work programmes

Or. en

Amendment 45
Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7

Text proposed by the Commission

The Union may establish contacts, discuss, exchange information and cooperate with public authorities or any other organisations in third countries to achieve any objective pursued by these guidelines. Among other objectives, this cooperation shall seek to promote the interoperability between *telecommunications* networks in the Union and *telecommunications* networks of third countries.

Amendment

The Union may establish contacts, discuss, exchange information and cooperate with public authorities or any other organisations in third countries to achieve any objective pursued by these guidelines. Among other objectives, this cooperation shall seek to promote the interoperability between *digital* networks in the Union and *digital* networks of third countries.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. On the basis of information received under Article 21 of the Regulation XXX establishing the CEF, 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 CEF, Member States, the Commission shall exchange information ***and best practices*** about the progress made with the implementation of these guidelines. ***A yearly overview of that information shall be sent to the European Parliament. Member States shall involve local regional authorities in the process.***

Or. en

Amendment 47

Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall consult and be assisted by an Expert Group, composed of a representative of each Member State. In particular, the Expert Group shall assist the Commission in:

- (a) monitoring the implementation of these guidelines;
- (b) planning national plans or national strategies, where applicable;
- (c) undertaking measures to evaluate the implementation of the work programmes on a financial and technical level;
- (d) addressing existing or emerging project implementation problems.

The Expert Group may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European telecommunications networks.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall consult and be assisted by an Expert Group composed of a representative of each member State. In particular, the Expert Group shall assist the Commission in :

- a) monitoring the implementation of these guidelines;
- (b) planning national plans or national strategies, where applicable;
- (c) undertaking measures to evaluate the implementation of the work programmes on a financial and technical level;
- (d) addressing existing or emerging project implementation problems;

(e) mapping 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 Regulation (EU) No xxxx/xxxx establishing the Connecting Europe Facility.

To that end, 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.

The Commission and the European Investment Bank shall pay particular attention to the Expert Group's observations and shall publicly justify any instances where such observations are not taken into account. The Commission shall inform the Expert Group, at each of its meetings, of the progress made in implementing the work programme.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) *planning* national plans or national

Amendment

(b) *coordinating* national plans or national

strategies, where applicable;

strategies, where applicable;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – last paragraph

Text proposed by the Commission

The Expert Group may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European *telecommunications* networks.

Amendment

The Expert Group may also consider any other issue relating to the development of the trans-European *digital* networks.

Or. en

Amendment 50

Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) That report shall provide an evaluation of:

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

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

Amendment 51

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation**Annex – Section 1 – first paragraph***Text proposed by the Commission*

Interventions in the area of digital service infrastructure generally rely on a two-layer architecture approach: core service platforms and generic services. ***As the core service platform is a pre-condition for establishing a digital service infrastructure, the support to core service platforms and their common building blocks shall take priority over generic services.***

Amendment

Interventions in the area of digital service infrastructure generally rely on a two-layer architecture approach: core service platforms and generic services.

Amendment 52

Ivo Belet, Doris Pack, Petra Kammerevert, Sabine Verheyen, Hannu Takkula, Helga Trüpel, Catherine Trautmann, Maria Badia i Cutchet, Angelika Niebler

Proposal for a regulation**Annex – Section 1 – second paragraph***Text proposed by the Commission*

The core service platforms ***and their common building blocks*** address interoperability and security needs of projects of common interest. They are intended to enable digital interactions between public authorities and citizens, public authorities and businesses and organisations, or among public authorities of different Member States through standardised, cross-border, and user-friendly interaction platforms. ***Building block*** digital service infrastructures shall take priority over other digital service

Amendment

The core service platforms address interoperability and security needs of projects of common interest. They are intended to enable digital interactions between public authorities and citizens, public authorities and businesses and organisations, or among public authorities of different Member States through standardised, cross-border, and user-friendly interaction platforms. Digital service infrastructures ***that provide an integral part of other digital service infrastructures, or that can serve as a***

infrastructures, *since the former are a pre-condition for the latter*. The generic services provide the connection to the core service platforms and enable the national added value services to use the core service platforms. They provide gateways between national services and core service platforms and allow national public authorities and organisations, businesses and/or citizens to access the core service platform for their cross-border transactions. The quality of the services and the support for stakeholders involved in cross-border transactions shall be assured. They shall support and stimulate take-up of core service platforms.

model for new platforms, shall take priority over other digital service infrastructures. The generic services provide the connection to the core service platforms and enable the national added value services to use the core service platforms. They provide gateways between national services and core service platforms and allow national public authorities and organisations, businesses and/or citizens to access the core service platform for their cross-border transactions. The quality of the services and the support for stakeholders involved in cross-border transactions shall be assured. They shall support and stimulate take-up of core service platforms.

Or. en

Justification

The proposed priority order for funding will not result in the best use of limited resources. It creates the risk of the wheel being reinvented many times over. The 1st category for funding leaves out mature digital service infrastructures, which developed and do deploy technical models (such as an interoperable data model, a standard for access rights, a networking model connecting all EU countries) that other services can use as building blocks. At the same time, some 'building blocks' listed in the 1st category are neither a 'pre-condition' nor 'essential' elements for operating other services. The distinction in the Guidelines between 1st category 'building blocks' and 2nd or 3rd category 'other digital service infrastructures' therefore is false and will not work towards the most effective spending of the limited budget available. The 1st category for funding should include both 'building blocks' and mature 'other digital services' providing models for others.

Amendment 53 **Jürgen Creutzmann**

Proposal for a regulation **Annex – section 1 – point 2 – introductory part**

Text proposed by the Commission

2. **Other digital** service **infrastructures** a priori identified as eligible in accordance with Article 6.1:

Amendment

2. **Core** service **platforms** a priori identified as eligible in accordance with Article 6.1:

Justification

It is from the original wording unclear where the category of “core service platforms as defined in article 2 comes into play as only point (f) explicitly appears to name a core service platform. Thus either all these services here are core service platforms or the definition finds no corresponding section in the text.

Amendment 54

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 1 – point 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Other digital service infrastructures a priori identified as eligible in accordance with Article 6.1:

Amendment

2. Other digital service infrastructures a priori identified as eligible in accordance with Article 6.1 **and 6.3**:

Or. en

Amendment 55

Ivo Belet, Doris Pack, Petra Kammerevert, Sabine Verheyen, Hannu Takkula, Helga Trüpel, Catherine Trautmann, Maria Badia i Cutchet, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Angelika Niebler

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) Access to digital resources of European heritage: This refers to the core service platform based on the current Europeana portal. The platform **will provide a single** access point to Europeana 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

Amendment

(f) Access to digital resources of European heritage: This refers to the core service platform based on the current Europeana portal. The platform **provides the central** access point to Europeana 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.

infrastructure.

Or. en

Justification

Europeana already provides this access. In fact Europeana is very advanced with its interoperable data model and rights standardisation being copied by the public digital libraries in North America, Africa and Korea. It is also not a single access point, because via the API it aims to distribute access to wherever the user is and whenever they want it.

Amendment 56

Jürgen Creutzmann, Graham Watson

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. Operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content, including the provision at national level of hotlines to report abuse, helplines and awareness raising activities, are also included as well as the link with police 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 and generic services such as:

(a) platforms for training and development of best practices for the SICs in the Member States.

(b) National 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.

(c) National hotlines for reporting on child sex-abuse content on the Internet

(d) National awareness raising campaigns,

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

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

(g) 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

Justification

The Safer Internet Centres (SIC) have been praised for their work in the last years, which is why this work should be continued. The original wording did not ensure sufficient funding for all operations including awareness campaigns which are currently EU-funded. Therefore, the safer internet platform is moved to the core building blocks to reflect its importance and ensure priority funding. Also, it should be stressed that for better cooperation with national enforcement authorities, hotlines and helplines should be provided at national level instead of a centralized EU service.

Amendment 57

Jürgen Creutzmann, Graham Watson

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. Back-office operations to handle

deleted

reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police 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.

Or. en

Justification

The Safer Internet Centres (SIC) have been praised for their work in the last years, which is why this work should be continued. The original wording did not ensure sufficient funding for all operations including awareness campaigns which are currently EU-funded. Therefore, the safer internet platform is moved to the core building blocks to reflect its importance and ensure priority funding. Also, it should be stressed that for better cooperation with national enforcement authorities, hotlines and helplines should be provided at national level instead of a centralized EU service.

Amendment 58 **Erik Bánki**

Proposal for a regulation **Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point g**

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. Back-office operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police 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

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. ***SICs in the Member states are the key element of the safer internet service infrastructure, of which helplines, hotlines and awareness raising activities are of particular importance. Therefore, the awareness nodes, helpline and hotline activities of SICs need a guaranteed annual funding of at least 15 million euros.*** Back-office operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police

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.

Or. en

Amendment 59
Vicky Ford, Erik Bánki

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. Back-office operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police 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

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. ***SICs in the Member states are the key element of the safer internet service infrastructure, of which helplines, hotlines and awareness raising activities are of particular importance.*** Back-office operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police 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.

Or. en

Amendment 60
Claudette Abela Baldacchino

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. Back-office operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police 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

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. ***SICs in the Member states are the constituting element of the safer internet service infrastructure. Only SICs as part of Union core service guarantee the Union added value.*** Back-office operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police 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.

Or. en

Amendment 61 Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs) in the Member States. Back-office operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police 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

Amendment

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure: This refers to the platform for acquiring, operating and maintaining shared computing facilities, databases and software tools for the Safer Internet Centres (SICs), ***including awareness nodes, helplines and hotlines,*** in the Member States. Back-office operations to handle reporting of sex abuse content are also included as well as the link with police authorities including international organisations such as Interpol, and when appropriate, the handling of the take down

supported by common databases.

of this content by the relevant web sites.
This will be supported by common
databases.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Angelika Niebler

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure:
This refers to the platform for acquiring,
operating and maintaining shared
computing facilities, databases and
software tools for the Safer Internet
Centres (SICs) in the Member States.
Back-office operations to handle reporting
of sex abuse content are also included as
well as the link with police 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

(g) Safer internet service infrastructure:
This refers to the platform for acquiring,
operating and maintaining shared
computing facilities, databases and
software tools for the Safer Internet
Centres (SICs) in the Member States.
Back-office operations and ***national
helplines*** to handle reporting of sex abuse
content are also included as well as the link
with police 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.

Or. en

Justification

*The network of national helplines which has existed since 1999 has proved its value and
should therefore be continued.*

Amendment 63
Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ha) Deployment of infrastructures in public transport allowing the use of secure and interoperable mobile proximity services: the deployment of infrastructures in public transport 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.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ha) Electronic registers and/or specialised national IT systems, the creation and interconnection of which has become compulsory at European level under the terms of a number of regulations, directives and decisions.

Or. ro

Amendment 65
Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter, Catherine Trautmann

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point h b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(hb) 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 shared 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 students and in the academic world. It would serve as a backbone for cooperation between educational institutions facilitating the implementation of other Union programmes such as "Erasmus for All". It would improve access to education and enhance the position of the Union in the global academic realm.

Or. en

Amendment 66

Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 1 – point 2 – point h b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(hb) Interoperable cross-border eGovernment services.

Or. ro

Amendment 67

Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 2 – point 2 – introductory part – paragraph 2 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where possible, potential synergies shall be exploited between the roll-out of broadband networks and other utilities networks (energy, transport, water, sewerage, etc.), in particular those related to smart electricity distribution.

Or. en

Justification

While the above two points consist in concrete actions, point number three seems rather like a pre-condition or an objective and should thus systematically not be part of the enumeration.

Amendment 68

Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 2 – point 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) Assistance in reducing the digital divide.

Or. ro

Amendment 69

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 2 – point 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

All projects financially supported under this Regulation shall significantly contribute to the achievement of ***the targets of the Digital Agenda for Europe.***

All projects financially supported under this Regulation shall significantly contribute to the achievement of ***100Mbps and 1Gbps and above where possible.***

Amendment 70
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – section 2 – point 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

All projects financially supported under this **Regulation** shall significantly contribute to the achievement of the targets of the Digital Agenda for Europe.

All projects financially supported under this **section** shall significantly contribute to the achievement of the targets of the Digital Agenda for Europe.

Or. en

Justification

Either this refers specifically to the broadband section or it should be placed in at the beginning of the Annex. As not every of the digital service infrastructures might have a direct link to the digital agenda targets, it should be clarified that this requirement applies only to the broadband section.

Amendment 71
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – section 2 – point 2 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) Actions funded directly by the Union shall:

(a) Actions funded directly by the Union shall **have a high potential for replicability, thus allowing achieving broader impact on the market due to their demonstration effect. Furthermore actions shall:**

Or. en

Justification

All projects should have a high potential for replicability. Public funds should not be used in

projects that require specific solutions that only work under special conditions but projects that can potentially be implemented on a broader scale. This reflects also Art. 6. Para 5 point (f) where replicability is a cumulative element instead of an alternative one.

Amendment 72

Gunnar Hökmark, Evžen Tošenovský, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 2 – point 2 – point a – subparagraph a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) be based on state-of-the art technology, either wired or wireless, capable of delivering very high-speed broadband services, thus meeting demand for applications which require high bandwidth, or

(a) be based on state-of-the art technology, either wired or wireless, capable of delivering very high-speed broadband services ***of speeds to at least 100 Mbps***, thus meeting demand for applications which require high bandwidth, or

Or. en

Amendment 73

Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 2 – point 2 – point a – subparagraph c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) have a high potential for replicability, thus allowing achieving broader impact on the market due to their demonstration effect.

deleted

Or. en

Justification

All projects should have a high potential for replicability. Public funds should not be used in projects that require specific solutions that only work under special conditions but projects that can potentially be implemented on a broader scale. This reflects also Art. 6. Para 5 point (f) where replicability is a cumulative element instead of an alternative one.

Amendment 74
Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – section 2 – point 2 – point a – subparagraph c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) Comply with applicable law, in particular with competition law and with the obligation to ensure access. Only networks open to competition should be eligible for public funding as set out in this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 75
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – section 2 – point 2 – point a – subparagraph c b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(cb) 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 congestion 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 76
Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 2 – point 2 – point a – subparagraph c b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(cb) Support the open character of the internet by ensuring that blocking of services on telecommunications networks funded via this Regulation is prohibited, while allowing for reasonable traffic management at time of network congestion 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 77

Evžen Tošenovský, Gunnar Hökmark, Amelia Andersdotter

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – section 2 – point 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

b) Actions funded from additional ring-fenced contributions provided in accordance with Article 15.2 of Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 [CEF regulation] shall bring significant new capabilities to the market in terms of broadband service availability, speeds and capacity. Projects which provide speeds of data transmission of less than **30** Mbps should ensure the increase of speeds to at least **30** Mbps over time.

b) Actions funded from additional ring-fenced contributions provided in accordance with Article 15.2 of Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 [CEF regulation] shall bring significant new capabilities to the market in terms of broadband service availability, speeds and capacity. Projects which provide speeds of data transmission of less than **100** Mbps should ensure the increase of speeds to at least **100** Mbps over time.

Or. en

Amendment 78
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – section 2 – point 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Actions: funded from additional ring-fenced contributions provided in accordance with Article 15.2 of Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 [CEF regulation] shall bring significant new capabilities to the market in terms of broadband service availability, speeds and capacity. Projects **which provide speeds of data transmission of less than 30 Mbps should** ensure the increase of speeds **to at least 30 Mbps** over time.

Amendment

(b) Actions funded from additional ring-fenced contributions provided in accordance with Article 15.2 of Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012 [CEF regulation] shall bring significant new capabilities to the market in terms of broadband service availability, speeds and capacity. Projects shall ensure the increase of speeds to **the Digital Agenda targets** over time.

Or. en

Justification

There reference point should be the digital agenda targets.

Amendment 79
Evžen Tošenovský

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – section 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Section 3. **Horizontal** actions
The deployment of trans-European **telecommunications** networks that will help to remove the bottlenecks existing in the digital single market shall be accompanied by **studies and** programme support actions. These actions may consist of:

Amendment

Section 3. **Programme support** actions
The deployment of trans-European **digital** networks that will help to remove the bottlenecks existing in the digital single market shall be accompanied by programme support actions. These actions may consist of:

Or. en