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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
Carlos Zorrinho
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Promotion of Internet connectivity in local communities

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2016)0589 – C8-0378/2016 – 2016/0287(COD))

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Amendment 19
Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Draft legislative resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft legislative resolution

Amendment

1. ***Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;***

1. ***Rejects the Commission proposal;***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Lorenzo Fontana, Angelo Ciocca, Barbara Kappel

Proposal for a regulation
Citation 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular **Articles 170 and 172** thereof,

Or. it

Justification

The clarification is related to the citation of the development of trans-European networks in the telecommunications sector.

Amendment 21
Lorenzo Fontana, Angelo Ciocca, Barbara Kappel

Proposal for a regulation
Citation 3 a(new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

having regard to the reasoned opinions of the national parliaments on the issue of subsidiarity;

Or. it

Justification

The amendment refers to the reasoned opinion of the Swedish Parliament on the proposed Regulation.

Amendment 22
Lefteris Christoforou

Proposal for a regulation
Citation 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

stressing that Internet access is a human right which must be guaranteed to all European citizens,

Or. el

Amendment 23
Lorenzo Fontana, Angelo Ciocca, Barbara Kappel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) The Commission Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for citizens and business in the Digital Single Market ¹⁴ describes a number of possible measures capable of enhancing connectivity in the European Union.

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¹⁴ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit society (COM(2016)587).

¹⁴ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit society (COM(2016)587).

Or. it

Amendment 24

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The Commission Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for citizens and business in the Digital Single Market¹⁴ describes a number of possible measures capable of enhancing connectivity in the European Union.

¹⁴ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit society (COM(2016)587).

Amendment

(1) The Commission Communication *of 14 September 2016 entitled “Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market – Towards a European Gigabit Society”*, setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for citizens and business in the Digital Single Market¹⁴, describes a number of possible measures capable of enhancing connectivity in the European Union.

¹⁴ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit society (COM(2016)587).

Or. fr

Amendment 25

Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The Commission Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for citizens and business in the Digital Single Market¹⁴ describes a number of possible measures capable of enhancing connectivity in the European Union.

¹⁴ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit society (COM(2016)587).

Amendment

(1) The Commission Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for citizens, **public institutions** and business in the Digital Single Market¹⁴ describes a number of possible measures capable of enhancing connectivity in the European Union.

¹⁴ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit society (COM(2016)587).

Or. en

Amendment 26

Anne Sander, Nadine Morano, Maria Spyraiki, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current and the deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs.

Amendment

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current and the deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs. ***These access points***

can form a network with a authentication system that is valid throughout the territory of the European Union, and other free local wireless connectivity networks can join the system. The network must not allow the data to be used for commercial purposes.

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Carlos Zorrinho

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points, including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current and the deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs.

Amendment

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points, including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current and the deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs. ***These access points may form part of a network with a single authentication system, valid across the whole Union. The system should be in line with Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 of the European Parliament and of the Council^{1a} concerning open internet access, and the use of data for advertising or other commercial uses should not be permitted.***

^{1a} ***Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 laying down***

measures concerning open internet access and amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services and Regulation (EU) No 531/2012 on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union (OJ L 310, 26.11.2015, p. 1).

Or. en

Amendment 28
José Blanco López

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points, including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current and the deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs.

Amendment

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points, including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current and the deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs. ***These access points can be integrated into a European network with a single authentication system in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and the European Council of 27 April 2016.***

Or. es

Amendment 29
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points, including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current and the deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs.

Amendment

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points, including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current and the deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs. ***Work on reducing technical disparities in terms of connectivity between regions and improving access for people with low income should also be dealt with.***

Or. en

Amendment 30

Pavel Telička, Dominique Riquet, Morten Helveg Petersen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points, including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current ***and*** the deployment of future generations

Amendment

(2) Amongst measures to support the vision of European connectivity, it promotes the deployment of local wireless access points through simplified planning procedures and reduced regulatory obstacles. Such access points, including those ancillary to the provision of other public services or non-commercial in character, can make an important contribution to the improvement of current ***but should especially contribute to*** the

of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs.

deployment of future generations of wireless communications networks by facilitating more granular coverage in line with evolving needs.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2 a) A competitive market and a future-proof legislative framework, which incentivises innovation, Trans-European networks and structures and new business models are the main driver for investments in very high capacity networks that can deliver connectivity to citizens throughout the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Sofia Sakorafa, Marisa Matias, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) Following the Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for the Digital Single Market and in order to promote digital inclusion, the Union should support the provision of free local wireless connectivity in the centres of local public life, including outdoor spaces accessible to the general public, through targeted support. Such support is so far not covered by

(3) Following the Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for the Digital Single Market and in order to promote digital inclusion, the Union should support the provision of free, ***high speed***, local wireless connectivity ***of high quality*** in the centres of local public life, including outdoor spaces accessible to the general public, through targeted support. Such support is

Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013¹⁵ and (EU) No 283/2014¹⁶.

¹⁵ Regulation (EU) No 1316/20136 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010, OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015, OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1.

¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC, OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14.

so far not covered by Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013¹⁵ and (EU) No 283/2014¹⁶.

Digital inclusion should not discriminate remote location and rural zones.

¹⁵ Regulation (EU) No 1316/20136 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010, OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015, OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1.

¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC, OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14.

Or. en

Amendment 33

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Following the Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for the Digital Single Market and in order to promote digital inclusion, the Union should support the provision of free local wireless connectivity in the centres of local public life, including outdoor spaces accessible to the general public, through targeted support. Such support is so far not covered by

Amendment

(3) Following the ***Commission Communication of 14 September 2016*** setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for the Digital Single Market and in order to promote digital inclusion, the Union should support the provision of free local wireless connectivity in the centres of local public life, including outdoor spaces accessible to the general public, through targeted support. Such support is so far not covered by

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¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC, OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14.

¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC, OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14.

Or. fr

Amendment 34

Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Following the Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for the Digital Single Market and in order to promote digital inclusion, the Union should support the provision of free local wireless connectivity in the centres of local public life, including outdoor spaces accessible to the general public, through targeted support. Such support is so far not covered by Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013¹⁵ and (EU) No 283/2014¹⁶ .

Amendment

(3) Following the Communication setting out a European vision of Internet connectivity for the Digital Single Market and in order to promote digital inclusion, the Union should support the provision of free local wireless connectivity ***without any restrictions*** in the centres of local public life, including outdoor spaces accessible to the general public, through targeted support. Such support is so far not covered by Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013¹⁵ and (EU) No 283/2014¹⁶ .

¹⁵ Regulation (EU) No 1316/20136 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010, OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015, OJ L 169, 1.7.2015, p. 1.

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¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC, OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14.

Or. en

Amendment 35

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Sofia Sakorafa, Marisa Matias, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission *so as* to ensure that local communities ***can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life***. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries and hospitals.

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission ***and thus help*** to ensure that local communities ***in the centres of public life are guaranteed access to information and involvement in (digital) public life, can improve their digital skills and can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband***. Such entities could include municipalities, ***public buildings, community centres, parks, town squares*** and other local public authorities, libraries,

universities and hospitals. The offer of high-speed free wireless connectivity should be also provided to freely accessible spaces of public transport.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer *free* local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries and hospitals.

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer local wireless connectivity *free of charge and free from restrictions* as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities, *companies owned by municipalities, not-for-profit co-operatives* and other local public authorities *and cultural spaces, such as libraries and museums, as well as schools, hospitals and health centres.*

Or. en

Amendment 37
Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage *entities with a public mission*

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage *public sector bodies* to offer

such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. *Such entities* could include municipalities and other local public authorities, *libraries and* hospitals.

free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life, *particularly in rural areas that do not benefit from any similar free public or private offers. Such bodies* could include municipalities, *a group of municipalities* and other local public authorities, *cultural spaces, museums, schools and universities, libraries, hospitals and health centres.*

Or. fr

Amendment 38

Pavel Telička, Dominique Riquet, Kaja Kallas, Morten Helveg Petersen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries *and hospitals.*

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries, *hospitals and other publicly accessible places with a certain cumulation of people.*

Or. en

Amendment 39

Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries and hospitals.

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, *public transport facilities*, libraries, *schools, universities* and hospitals.

Or. en

Amendment 40

Maria Spyraiki, Anne Sander

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries and hospitals.

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries, *ports, archaeological sites* and hospitals.

Or. en

Amendment 41

Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries and hospitals.

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity ***without any restrictions*** as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries and hospitals.

Or. en

Amendment 42

Olle Ludvigsson, Jens Nilsson

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries ***and*** hospitals.

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries, ***schools***, hospitals ***and retirement homes***.

Or. sv

Amendment 43

Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries and hospitals.

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities *and institutions*, libraries and hospitals.

Or. en

Amendment 44

Lorenzo Fontana, Angelo Ciocca, Barbara Kappel

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public authorities, libraries and hospitals.

Amendment

(4) Support of this kind should encourage entities with a public mission such as public authorities and providers of public services to offer free local wireless connectivity as an ancillary service to their public mission so as to ensure that local communities can experience the benefits of very high-speed broadband in the centres of public life. Such entities could include municipalities and other local public bodies, *schools*, libraries and hospitals.

Or. it

Amendment 45

Pavel Telička, Dominique Riquet, Kaja Kallas, Morten Helveg Petersen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Free local wireless connectivity should contribute amongst other to higher territorial and social cohesion, especially in places with limited access to internet.

Or. en

Amendment 46

Pavel Telička, Morten Helveg Petersen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free ***of charge and free from restrictions*** where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data, ***and free from restrictions, subject to a nature of public premises. An applicant for funding should be permitted to consider limitation of the connection in order to ensure smooth functioning and fair-use of resources to all users.***

Or. en

Amendment 47

Lorenzo Fontana, Angelo Ciocca, Barbara Kappel

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Amendment

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data, ***which may be granted only in exceptional circumstances and justified in terms of public safety. In any case, the provision of personal data should not represent a remuneration for the service.***

Or. it

Justification

The provision of personal data should not represent a form of remuneration but may be requested in cases where there is a potential risk to public safety.

Amendment 48

Miroslav Poche

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Amendment

(5) Local ***unrestricted*** wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data, ***where it is free from restrictions with regard to the terms and conditions of its use, and where connectivity is for a limited period of time or with restrictions on speed or volume. Wireless connectivity should also be anonymous and secured against misuse.***

Or. cs

Amendment 49
Carlos Zorrinho

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Amendment

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free ***of charge and free from restrictions*** where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data, ***and free from restrictions where there is no limitation in the period of time a user can be connected or restrictions in the user speed or volume.***

Or. en

Amendment 50
David Borelli, Dario Tamburrano, Marco Zullo, Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Amendment

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data, ***in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council.***

Or. it

Amendment 51
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Amendment

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data. ***Access to the free local wireless connection should be subject only to the users agreement of the terms and conditions of use and a disclaimer.***

Or. en

Amendment 52
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Sofia Sakorafa, Marisa Matias, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Amendment

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data. ***Under no circumstances the wireless Internet co-financed by the Union can be made dependent on purchasing any goods or services.***

Or. en

Amendment 53

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Krišjānis Kariņš, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Amendment

(5) ***In the context of this Regulation,*** local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, ***commercial*** advertising and the provision of personal data ***for commercial purposes.***

Or. fr

Amendment 54

Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Local wireless connectivity should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Amendment

(5) Local wireless connectivity ***without any restrictions*** should only qualify as free where it is provided without corresponding remuneration, whether by direct payment or other types of consideration, including, but not limited to, advertising and the provision of personal data.

Or. en

Amendment 55

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Marisa Matias, Sofia Sakorafa, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Improving access to fast and ultra-fast broadband and ICT services, especially in remote areas, could increase the quality of peoples' life by facilitating access to services (e.g. e-Health and e-Government) and promote the development of local SMEs. The authorities should therefore ensure that nobody is left behind and that the Internet content and online services are accessible to all.

Or. en

Amendment 56
José Blanco López, Carlos Zorrinho

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) To guarantee the success of the initiative and to give prominence to Union action in this area, the Commission must ensure that the entities that are pursuing projects through this initiative provide end users with as much information as possible on the availability of the services and make prominent the fact that the EU has granted financing.

Or. es

Amendment 57
David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Marco Zullo, Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Due account should be taken of possible negative effects of

electromagnetic pollution on human health, so that a careful assessment can be carried out to determine where the wireless local access points should be located and how many and how powerful they should be.

Or. it

Amendment 58
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5 a) Considers that the European Unions values and benefits should be promoted through the disclaimer of the free local wireless connection.

Or. en

Amendment 59
José Blanco López

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6) Considering its specific purpose and targeted nature toward local needs, the intervention should be identified as a distinct project of common interest in the telecommunications sector within the meaning of Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014.

(6) Considering its specific purpose and targeted nature toward local needs, *especially less developed areas with a greater need for connectivity*, the intervention should be identified as a distinct project of common interest in the telecommunications sector within the meaning of Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014.

Or. es

Amendment 60
Francesc Gambús

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) The rural coverage provided by the new access networks remains significantly worse than urban coverage, and therefore focus needs to be given to improving connectivity in hilly and mountainous areas.

Or. es

Amendment 61
Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Rural coverage of the new access networks (NAN) is still significantly lower than urban coverage, and only 28% of rural homes are covered by a fast fixed internet connection.

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7) To provide this intervention with appropriate financing, the financial

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envelope for the implementation of the CEF in the telecommunications sector should be increased by an amount of EUR 50 000 000 *that shall be used in order to ensure the geographical balance in implementing this initiative.*

Or. en

Amendment 63

David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Marco Zullo, Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) To provide this intervention with appropriate financing, the financial envelope for the implementation of the CEF in the telecommunications sector should be increased by an amount of EUR **50 000 000**.

Amendment

(7) To provide this intervention with appropriate financing, the financial framework for the implementation of the mechanism for connecting Europe in the telecommunications sector should be increased by an amount of EUR **150 000 000**.

Or. it

Amendment 64

Gunnar Hökmark

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7 a) Delivering 5G by 2020 should be the main priority for the digital single market, given its decisiveness for the global competitiveness, growth, innovation and research potential of the Union. Union funds need to be used effectively and appropriately in order to deliver on key issues. This initiative or similar investments should be financed by

the existing budget of the Connecting Europe Facility and, when appropriate, by the European Structural and Investments funds, rather than by additional funds.

Or. en

Amendment 65

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Krišjānis Kariņš, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Given the non-commercial nature of this intervention and the small scale of individual projects foreseen, the administrative burden should be limited to a minimum. Therefore, the intervention should be implemented by the most appropriate forms of financial assistance, notably grants, available under the Financial Regulation, now or in future. The intervention should not rely on financial instruments.

Amendment

(8) Given the non-commercial nature of this intervention and the small scale of individual projects foreseen, the administrative burden should be limited to a minimum. Therefore, the intervention should be implemented by the most appropriate forms of financial assistance, notably grants, *for example in the form of vouchers or loans*, available under the Financial Regulation, now or in future. The intervention should not rely on financial instruments.

Or. fr

Amendment 66

Pavel Telička, Dominique Riquet, Kaja Kallas, Morten Helveg Petersen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 67

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraki, Nadine Morano, Krišjānis Kariņš, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) Given that the amount of financial assistance awarded to each applicant is small, but that the total number of potential applicants is large, administrative procedures should be streamlined so that decision-making is quick and effective. The CEF Regulation should therefore be amended in order to enable Member States to approve categories of proposals under this Regulation, in accordance with the criteria set out in Section 4, rather than having to give their agreement to individual applicants, and to stipulate that certification of the expenditure and the annual forwarding of information to the Commission are not mandatory for grants awarded pursuant to this Regulation.

Or. fr

Amendment 68

Pavel Telička, Dominique Riquet, Kaja Kallas, Morten Helveg Petersen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8 a) *The Commission and the relevant authorities in the Member States should do their utmost as concerns creating necessary awareness of this programme.*

Or. en

Amendment 69
José Blanco López

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) Due to the limited reach of any single local wireless access point and the small value of individual projects covered, access points benefitting from financial assistance under this Regulation are not expected to challenge commercial offers. In order to further ensure that such financial assistance does not unduly distort competition, crowd out private investments or create disincentives for private operators to invest, the intervention should be limited to projects that do not duplicate already existing private or public offers of similar characteristics in the same area. This should not exclude additional support to deployments under this initiative from public or private sources of funding.

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Or. es

Amendment 70

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 71

Pavel Telička, Dominique Riquet, Kaja Kallas, Morten Helveg Petersen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 72 **Henna Virkkunen**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 9**

Text proposed by the Commission

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characteristics in the same area. This should not exclude additional support to deployments under this initiative from public or private sources of funding.

characteristics in the same area. ***The projects should be assessed in a technology-neutral way and take into account the coverage of mobile networks and the opportunities to develop them in the area.*** This should not exclude additional support to deployments under this initiative from public or private sources of funding.

Or. fi

Amendment 73

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Due to the limited reach of any single local wireless access point and the small value of individual projects covered, access points benefitting from financial assistance under this Regulation are not expected to challenge commercial offers. In order to further ensure that such financial assistance does not unduly distort competition, crowd out private investments or create disincentives for private operators to invest, the intervention should be limited to projects that do not duplicate already existing private or public offers of similar characteristics in the same area. This should not exclude additional support to deployments under this initiative from public or private sources of funding.

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Or. en

Justification

The Commission Communication on Connectivity has once again identified the digital divide generated by lack of connectivity and low digital literacy as a negative factor. The addition to the recital brings focus to the measures to tackle this and ensure that the regulation does not contribute to deepening it.

Amendment 74

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 75

Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) Due to the limited reach of any single local wireless access point and the small value of individual projects covered, access points benefitting from financial assistance under this Regulation are not expected to challenge commercial offers. In order to further ensure that such financial assistance does not unduly distort competition, crowd out private investments or create disincentives for private operators to invest, the intervention should be limited to projects that do not duplicate already existing private or public offers of *similar characteristics* in the same area. This should not exclude additional support to deployments under this initiative from public or private sources of funding.

(9) Due to the limited reach of any single local wireless access point and the small value of individual projects covered, access points benefitting from financial assistance under this Regulation are not expected to challenge commercial offers. In order to further ensure that such financial assistance does not unduly distort competition, crowd out private investments or create disincentives for private operators to invest, the intervention should be limited to projects that do not duplicate already existing private or public offers of *free wireless access* in the same area. This should not exclude additional support to deployments under this initiative from public or private sources of funding.

Or. en

Amendment 76

David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Marco Zullo, Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) The available budget should be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects in all the Member States, focusing on areas where the digital divide is likely to remain a problem in the long term, with a minimum number of vouchers appropriate to each Member State. This principle, intended to ensure geographical balance, should form part of the relevant work programmes implemented under Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 and it should also be spelt out in the calls for proposals, if necessary, for example with a view to attracting more applicants from Member States whose allocation has not yet been exhausted.

Or. it

Amendment 77
Miroslav Poche

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) The available budget should be allocated in a geographically balanced manner so that projects can be covered in all the Member States. This principle, the aim of which is to guarantee geographical balance, should be included in the relevant work programmes adopted in accordance with the CEF Regulation, be specified in the calls for projects and, if necessary, should allow increased participation for applicants from Member States where participation has been low. The criteria for selecting applications should not result in a situation where areas that are already digitalised are favoured, to the detriment of regions that are most in need of connectivity. Areas in need of connectivity should take priority.

Or. cs

Amendment 78
Anne Sander, Krišjānis Kariņš, Maria Spyrali, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) The available budget should be allocated to projects in a geographically balanced manner among the Member States and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis. The mechanism designed to ensure geographical balance should be included in the relevant Work Programmes adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, and be

spelt out in calls for proposals, if necessary, for example in order to facilitate greater participation by applicants from Member States in which take-up of vouchers has been comparatively low.

Or. fr

Amendment 79

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Marisa Matias, Sofia Sakorafa, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 a) Giving local SMEs priority in the context of the procurement and installation of equipment with a view to the provision of WLAN in accordance with this Regulation could safeguard the potential for innovation and creation of quality jobs in municipalities.

Or. en

Amendment 80

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Marisa Matias, Sofia Sakorafa, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) To ensure that connectivity in accordance with this Regulation is provided quickly, financial assistance should be implemented using to the fullest extent possible on-line tools that allow for the swift submission and handling of applications and support the implementation, monitoring and auditing of the local wireless access points installed.

(10) To ensure that connectivity in accordance with this Regulation is provided quickly, *local authorities should be informed promptly and in an appropriate manner about the availability of this support, and where necessary helped to apply for it*, and financial assistance should be implemented using to the fullest extent possible on-line tools that

allow for the swift submission and handling of applications and support the implementation, monitoring and auditing of the local wireless access points installed.

Or. en

Amendment 81

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Marisa Matias, Sofia Sakorafa, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10 a) Given the problems and difficulties that rural, remote and sparsely populated areas are facing, there should be guarantees that these areas also benefit from free, high speed local wireless connectivity of high quality.

Or. en

Amendment 82

José Blanco López

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution.

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, ***as defined in the Commission Communication entitled ‘Connectivity for a Digital Single Market - towards a European Gigabit Society’, which sets a target for 2025 of ensuring that all European households have an internet connection speed of at***

least 100 Mbps, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution.

Or. es

Amendment 83
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution *to reach the same average share of internet connections in Member States across the Union taking into consideration that 97% of households have internet access in The Netherlands and Luxembourg whilst in Bulgaria, Greece and Romania only an average of 68% of households have access to the internet.*

Or. en

Amendment 84
Lorenzo Fontana, Angelo Ciocca, Barbara Kappel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution. ***With that aim in view, and given that the proposal is time-limited, the Commission should provide an assessment of the long-term impact of the proposed measures.***

Or. it

Amendment 85
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution.

Amendment

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution. ***Building on the experience of the distribution on EFSI funds, the geographically balanced selection criteria should drive the allocation of funds to enhance internet connectivity needs.***

Or. en

Amendment 86
Anne Sander, Krišjānis Kariņš, Nadine Morano, Maria Spyraiki, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on *very* high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution.

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on high-speed broadband services, *and at the same time contribute to achieving the objectives of the European Gigabit Society*, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution *and help to address the digital divide*.

Or. fr

Amendment 87
Nadine Morano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution, *focussing on the most isolated and the least developed areas in terms of connectivity*.

Or. fr

Amendment 88
Esther de Lange

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution.

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution *and prioritise areas with relatively low levels of high-speed broadband connectivity.*

Or. en

Amendment 89

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution.

Amendment

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution *within the constraints of eligibility criteria designed to reduce the digital divide.*

Or. en

Justification

Several factors can be identified for the recitals as being eligibility criteria. In order to achieve the policy objective of reducing the digital divide the geographical criteria needs to be defined in conjunction with the identified needs and aimed at achieving the best result.

Amendment 90

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Sofia Sakorafa, Marisa Matias, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution.

Amendment

(11) Given Internet connectivity needs within the Union and the urgency of promoting access networks that can deliver, throughout the EU, an Internet experience of high quality based on very high-speed broadband services, financial assistance should seek to attain a geographically balanced distribution **by taking particular account of the needs of local communities.**

Or. en

Amendment 91
Lefteris Christoforou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Unfortunately, small, isolated countries and island areas pay high Internet costs, even for low-quality and slow services. In view of that fact, isolated and island areas should, with the financial support of the EU, become Free Internet Access areas.

Or. el

Amendment 92
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Marisa Matias, Sofia Sakorafa, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11 a) Information about the planned action and the relevant conditions should

reach the local authorities as early as possible in order to initiate preparations and be able to apply when calls for proposals are issued.

Or. en

Amendment 93
José Blanco López, Carlos Zorrinho

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Furthermore, beneficiary entities should be required to provide a free WiFi connection for not less than three years.

Or. es

Amendment 94
José Blanco López

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11b) Similarly, given the non-commercial nature of the intervention, the Commission and the Member States must make sure that the infrastructure developed is not used commercially once the funding period has come to an end.

Or. es

Amendment 95
Anne Sander, Krišjānis Kariņš, Maria Spyrali, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013

Article 9 – paragraph 1 a

Text proposed by the Commission

(1a) Where justified by the need to avoid undue administrative burden, in particular in case of low value grants within the meaning of Article 185 of Regulation (EU) No 1286/2012, Member States' agreement may be given to a certain category of proposals under the work programmes pursuant to Article 17, without indicating individual applicants.

Amendment

(1a) Where justified by the need to avoid undue administrative burden, in particular in case of low value grants within the meaning of Article 185 of Regulation (EU) No 1286/2012, Member States' agreement may be given to a certain category of proposals under the work programmes pursuant to Article 17, without indicating individual applicants. ***An agreement of that type obviates the need for Member States to approve the proposal made by each individual applicant.***

Or. fr

Amendment 96

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013

Article 10 – point 4 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Actions in the field of providing free local wireless connectivity in local communities shall be funded by Union financial assistance up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the co-financing principle.

Amendment

Actions in the field of providing free local wireless connectivity in local communities ***by entities with a public mission, such as by companies owned by municipalities and not-for-profit co-operatives***, shall be funded by Union financial assistance up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the co-financing principle.

Or. en

Amendment 97

Carlos Zorrinho, Clare Moody

Proposal for a regulation

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

Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013

Article 22 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. In Article 22, the following paragraph is added:

'The certification of the expenditure and annual information of the Commission referred to in the second and third paragraph of this Article respectively are not mandatory for grants awarded pursuant to point (c) of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) No 283/2014.'

Or. en

Amendment 98

Kaja Kallas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) 'local wireless access point' means a low power equipment of small size operating within a small range, using on a non-exclusive basis radio spectrum for which the conditions of availability and efficient use for this purpose are harmonised at Union level, and which allows wireless access by users to an electronic communications network.

(h) 'local wireless access point' means a low power equipment of small size operating within a small range, using on a non-exclusive basis radio, ***infrared or visible light*** spectrum for which the conditions of availability and efficient use for this purpose are harmonised at Union level, and which allows wireless access by users to an electronic communications network.

Or. en

Justification

New emerging technologies such as Lifi, as acknowledged in the European Electronic Communications Code, should be included in particular in light of the potential of such technologies, not using radio waves but light, for public spaces such as hospitals, where radio waves might not be the most appropriate

Amendment 99
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1
Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'local wireless access point' means a low power equipment of small size operating within a small range, using on a non-exclusive basis radio spectrum for which the conditions of availability and efficient use for this purpose are harmonised at Union level, and which allows wireless access by users to an electronic communications network.

Amendment

(h) 'local wireless access point' means a low power equipment of small size operating within a small range **but with high bandwidth**, using on a non-exclusive basis radio spectrum for which the conditions of availability and efficient use for this purpose are harmonised at Union level, and which allows wireless access by users to an electronic communications network.

Or. en

Justification

The transfer rate should not be affected taking into consideration that at some times there will be a large number of users connected to the access point.

Amendment 100
José Blanco López

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

c) support the provision of free local wireless connectivity in local communities.

c) support the provision of free local wireless connectivity in local communities **and guarantee a minimum connection speed of 100 Mbps, or, failing that, the maximum connection speed available on the market.**

Or. es

Amendment 101

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Marisa Matias, Sofia Sakorafa, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) support the provision of free local wireless connectivity in local communities.

(c) support the provision of free, **high speed**, local wireless connectivity in local communities.

Or. en

Amendment 102

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Marisa Matias, Sofia Sakorafa, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 4

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Article 6 – paragraph 8a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8a. Actions contributing to projects of common interest in the field of providing free local wireless connectivity in local communities shall meet conditions set out in Section 4 in the Annex.

8a. Actions contributing to projects of common interest in the field of providing free, **high speed**, local wireless connectivity in local communities shall meet conditions set out in Section 4 in the Annex.

Or. en

Amendment 103
Henna Virkkunen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5 a (new)
Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex – section 2 – paragraph 3 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. the following point shall be added to the Annex, section 2, paragraph 3:

"(ba) exploits optimal technological solutions."

Or. fi

Amendment 104.
David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Marco Zullo, Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2-paragraph 1-point 6
Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex-section 4-paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Actions aiming at the provision of free local wireless connectivity in the centres of local public life, including outdoor spaces accessible to the general public that play a major role in the public life of local communities, shall be eligible for financial assistance.

Actions aiming at the provision of free local wireless connectivity in the centres of local public life, including outdoor spaces accessible to the general public that play a major role in the public life of local communities, shall be eligible for financial assistance. ***In order for it to be fully used by the general public, potential linguistic barriers should be avoided. This means that it is recommended for the whole connection system to be available both in English and in the national language of the country concerned.***

Or. it

Amendment 105

Anne Sander, Krišjānis Kariņš, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Financial assistance shall be available to *entities with a public mission such as local authorities and providers of public services* undertaking to provide free local wireless connectivity through the installation of local wireless access points.

Amendment

Financial assistance shall be available to *public sector bodies, as defined in Article 3(1) of the Directive on the accessibility of the websites and mobile applications of public sector bodies*, undertaking to provide free local wireless connectivity through the installation of local wireless access points.

Or. fr

Amendment 106

Clare Moody

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Eligible institutions may use financial assistance to establish free local wireless connectivity in locations that are most suitable and accessible for community usage, including on non-publicly owned property.

Or. en

Amendment 107

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex – section 4 – paragraph 3 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1) are implemented by an entity with a public mission capable of planning and supervising the installation of indoor or outdoor local wireless access points in public spaces;

Amendment

1) are implemented by an entity with a public mission capable of planning and supervising the installation, ***as well as ensuring the financing of operating costs for minimum of three years***, of indoor or outdoor local wireless access points in public spaces;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex – section 4 – paragraph 3 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) are implemented by ***an entity with a public mission*** capable of planning and supervising the installation of indoor or outdoor local wireless access points in public spaces;

Amendment

(1) are implemented by ***a public sector body*** capable of planning and supervising the installation, ***and of ensuring the financing of operating costs***, of indoor or outdoor local wireless access points in public spaces;

Or. fr

Amendment 109

David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Marco Zullo, Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2-paragraph 1-point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex-section 4-paragraph 3-point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) are implemented by an entity with a public mission capable of planning and supervising the installation of indoor or outdoor local wireless access points in public spaces;

(1) are implemented by an entity with a public mission capable of planning and supervising the installation of indoor or outdoor local wireless access points in public spaces *by carrying out specific quality control measures*;

Or. it

Amendment 110

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 3 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) build on *very* high-speed broadband connectivity enabling delivery of high quality Internet experience to users that

Amendment

(2) build on high-speed broadband connectivity enabling delivery of high quality Internet experience to users that

Or. fr

Amendment 111

David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Marco Zullo, Rosa D’Amato

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2-paragraph 1-point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex-section 4-paragraph 3-point 2-point a

Text proposed by the Commission

a. is free, easy to access, *and* uses state-of-the-art equipment;

Amendment

a. is free and easy to access, uses state of the art equipment *and meets the highest data security standards*;

Or. it

Amendment 112

Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 3 – point 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a) commit to procure the necessary equipment and/or related installation services in accordance with applicable law to ensure that projects do not unduly distort competition.

Or. en

Amendment 113

Anneleen Van Bossuyt

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Projects duplicating already existing private or public offers of similar characteristics, including quality, in the same area shall not be covered.

Projects duplicating already existing private or public offers of similar characteristics, including quality, in the same area shall not be covered. **Such duplication may be avoided by ensuring that the range of the access points funded under this Regulation is designed so as to cover primarily public spaces and not to significantly overlap with that of existing private or public offers of similar characteristics.**

Or. en

Amendment 114

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex – section 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Projects duplicating already existing private or public offers of similar characteristics, including quality, in the same area shall not be covered.

Amendment

Projects duplicating already existing **free** private or public offers of similar characteristics, including quality, in the same area shall not be covered.

Or. fr

Amendment 115
Neoklis Sylikiotis, Marisa Matias, Sofia Sakorafa, João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner **to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.**

Amendment

The available budget shall be allocated **to projects** in a geographically balanced manner **by taking particular account of the needs of the people and keeping with the objectives of bringing about economic, social and territorial cohesion and offsetting regional differences in the provision of fast internet access across the Union. At least 20% of the budget should be allocated to areas that are less developed economically and digitally, with particular emphasis on islands and on mountainous, border and peripheral areas, in order to invest the resources where they are most needed.**

Or. en

Amendment 116
David Borrelli, Dario Tamburrano, Marco Zullo, Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2-paragraph 1-point 6
Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex-section 4- paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.'

Amendment

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced way to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis, **and taking account of areas in which the digital divide is likely to continue to be a problem in the long term, in accordance with the work programmes implemented under Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.**

Or. it

Amendment 117
José Blanco López

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6
Regulation (EU) No 283/2014
Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received **and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.'**

Amendment

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner **in the Member States** to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received **and which guarantee that less developed and transition regions will be integrated, as that will, in turn, improve social and territorial cohesion in the Union and help to address the digital divide.**

Or. es

Amendment 118

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the *above conditions in view of the proposals received* and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Amendment

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner *with priority being given* to projects *in areas identified as lagging behind in connectivity and digital literacy*, meeting the *eligibility criteria detailed in the Work Programme* and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Or. en

Justification

This AM is necessary in order to ensure the correct focussing of funds spent in the areas that need them the most and create a clear framework for eligibility

Amendment 119

Esther de Lange

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Amendment

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the above conditions, *prioritizing areas with relatively low levels of high-speed broadband connectivity*, in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Or. en

Amendment 120.

Barbara Kappel, Lorenzo Fontana, Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2-paragraph 1-point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex-section 4-paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received ***and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.'***

Amendment

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received.

Or. it

Justification

The principle of allocation in chronological order conflicts with the priorities that should be given to projects that meet the guidelines established by the Commission.

Amendment 121

Francesc Gambús

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.'

Amendment

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner, ***including in the Member States***, to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.'

Or. es

Amendment 122

Anne Sander, Krišjānis Kariņš, Maria Spyraiki, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.'

Amendment

The available budget shall be allocated in a geographically balanced manner ***across Member States*** to projects meeting the above conditions in view of the proposals received and, in principle, on a 'first come, first served' basis.'

Or. fr

Amendment 123

Anne Sander, Maria Spyraiki, Nadine Morano, Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States may allocate their own resources or resources from the European Structural and Investment Funds to develop complementary and similar services and offers that boost the number and sustainability of projects;

Or. fr

Amendment 124

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

By 15 July 2017, the Commission shall issue the Work Programme further detailing, in particular, the geographical eligibility criteria, the list of eligible entities, administrative set-up and financial flows and initiate its approval through a delegated act.

Or. en

Justification

Article 290 of the TFEU allows the EU legislator to delegate to the Commission the power to adopt non-legislative acts of general application that supplement or amend certain non-essential elements of the legislative act, like detailing the rules and certain aspects. The current text does not contain details on how the geographical balance is achieved, who are the entities with a public mission and how the allocated amounts will be spent

Amendment 125

Pavel Telička, Dominique Riquet, Kaja Kallas, Morten Helveg Petersen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) No 283/2014

Annex – section 4 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Projects financed under this section shall be in operation and closely monitored by the European Commission for at least 3 years. The monitoring of the project by the European Commission should continue beyond the operational period to provide an overview of functionality of this project and possible input for future initiatives.

Or. en

Amendment 126

Michel Reimon

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Amendment

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union ***except in the event that the legislative act to be adopted following the proposal referred to in Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6 a (new) of Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 is applicable later than 15 July 2017, then shall apply from that date.***

Or. en