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to the Commission**

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Subject: Digital service infrastructures (DSI)

The initial draft document submitted by the Commission to the Council stated that digital service infrastructures (DSI) were to be funded at a rate of 100% from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).

However, the recent agreement on the MFF (which provides for cuts of EUR 63 600 million) reduces the budget for the CEF by EUR 10 700 million, of which EUR 9 200 million (some 90%) comes from direct cuts to CEF Digital.

The original draft provided for a budget of EUR 1 900 million for DSI, whereas under the MFF agreement no more than EUR 1 000 million may be allocated.

How will these cuts affect the funding initially earmarked for DSI?

Will they affect all DSI equally, or will a system of positive/negative discrimination be used?

If so, how will such a system work?

Is there any procedure whereby DSI projects that were to be wholly funded from the CEF in the initial draft will be kept alive by partial funding?

If so, are there plans to change the rate of financing applied to projects? If so, what are they? From what point and according to what rules will such changes be made?

If there are no such plans, will it be possible to implement DSI projects?

If not, why not? Please list the DSI projects that will receive neither full nor partial funding.

Why will these projects not be financed?