

**Question for written answer E-003654/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Wifi4EU

Ireland has made 31 applications for the promotion and development of free Wifi zones under the new Wifi4EU scheme. These applications were made by 31 local authorities.

These local authorities cover 95 municipal districts. In the Irish system, municipal districts are the secondary level of administration, while the local authorities make up larger units.

In contrast to Ireland, most other Member States have applied for Wifi4EU funding via their municipalities.

For example, Malta has made 68 applications through its municipalities and Slovenia has similarly made over 200 applications.

Can Ireland also apply for additional funding at municipal level (if so, then all 95 municipal districts can apply for the Wifi4EU scheme and not just the 31 local authorities)?