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## **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020  
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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Believes that the development of eGovernment is a key element of the Digital Single Market; welcomes the Commission Communication entitled ‘EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020’; supports the underlying principles of the Action Plan, which will make public administrations more inclusive, trustworthy and efficient, providing open and interlinked digital services; welcomes the fact that administrative burdens and costs will be reduced by adopting the once-only principle;
2. Stresses that adequate, reliable and high-performance infrastructure, such as ultrafast broadband and telecommunications networks, are essential for the functioning of eGovernment services; notes that the continuous adoption of innovative technologies, such as big data and the internet of things or the uptake of mobile services for eGovernment will be essential for keeping up with technological development;
3. Emphasises the importance of developing cross-border public services, such as the full deployment of highly secure eID and e-signatures; notes that there is still a lack of interoperability of different public services between Member States; welcomes in this regard the revision of the European Interoperability Framework and the swift implementation of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 (eIDAS);
4. Considers the re-use of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) technical building blocks across the public and private sector to be vital for the functioning of the Digital Service Infrastructure; underlines the need to guarantee the long-term sustainability of CEF technical building blocks as well as the results from ‘Large-Scale Pilot’ projects and ISA<sup>2</sup> beyond 2020; calls therefore on the Commission together with the Member States to develop a long-term governance structure;
5. Recalls that public administrations should have open data by default especially when the volume of data generated is very large, such as in the case of the INSPIRE programme; stresses the importance of making data and services securely available for re-use through third parties; highlights the vital role that public-private partnerships and the private sector can play in developing new and innovative services and solutions;
6. Believes the Commission can play a leading role in creating a more open and inclusive eGovernment approach; therefore calls for the Commission to accelerate its efforts in leading by example, and for other European institutions to follow swiftly; believes that adoption by the Commission of the provisions of the CEF building blocks can facilitate trust and a cultural shift towards the uptake of digital public services.