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to the Commission**

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Subject: 5G participatory broadband platform

In its communication of September 2016 entitled 'Connectivity for a competitive Digital Single Market – Towards a European Gigabit Society', the Commission pledged to set up a participatory broadband platform in conjunction with the European Committee of the Regions in order to bring about a high level of engagement and cooperation between the relevant public and private entities for broadband investment. Parliament, for its part, in its report on a European gigabit society and 5G action plan, called on the Commission to outline its action plans to facilitate the participation of SMEs and start-ups in testing out 5G technologies and to guarantee them access to the 5G participatory broadband platform.

When will the Commission launch the participatory broadband platform?