Dear Mr Teffer,

We refer to your request for access to documents submitted to the Secretariat General (SG) of the European Commission on 12 January 2024 concerning the WiFi4EU initiative.

Since this initiative is managed by the Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA), the SG has reattributed your request to our Agency. Your request has thus been registered by our services on 1 February 2024 under the above reference number.

In your application you are requesting:

"- all documents with an overview of municipalities that have received financial support in the form of the WiFi4EU voucher, and which of these municipalities maintained their WiFi network over the course of time.

- all documents related to non-compliance of municipalities with the WiFi4EU conditions."

Please note that your application has been treated as a request for information.

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1 WiFi4EU | Shaping Europe’s digital future (europa.eu)

2 When the information requested are publicly available or not contained in any existing document, the request is processed in accordance with the Code of Good Administrative Behavior.
The WiFi4EU voucher scheme is managed through a dedicated IT platform (WiFi4EU Portal) and the monitoring of the participating municipalities and Wi-Fi installation companies is done through dashboards updating data on a daily basis. In this regard, we would like to inform you that the list of 7,237 municipalities that were financially supported - after having set up their WiFi4EU networks and fully met the requirements of the Grant Agreement - is publicly accessible on the European Commission website dedicated to the WiFi4EU initiative, where the list of municipalities can be downloaded. For your convenience we enclose a copy of the list of all the municipalities that received a voucher and implemented WiFi4EU networks.

Only one municipality decided not to maintain its WiFi4EU network during the 3-year monitoring period after receiving our payment. The voucher amount has therefore been recovered from the said municipality on 27 December 2023.

All the other municipalities have been maintaining their Wi-Fi network over a period of 3 years after payment as per the provisions of the Grant Agreement, even if some municipalities had temporary malfunctions, e.g. reporting no connections or non-conformity of visual identity. In such cases, HaDEA provides technical support to these municipalities to help them solve these issues.

It is also noteworthy that, in November 2023, HaDEA estimated that 85% of the municipalities that had reached the end of their 3-year legal obligation were continuing to provide this connectivity service to their citizens and visitors, as reported in Agency’s remote monitoring system.

Finally, we invite you to consult the following European Commission’s webpages where you can find additional information on the initiative, the implementation details, the maps of the beneficiaries and networks:

WiFi4EU | Shaping Europe’s digital future (europa.eu)

WiFi4EU – European Commission (europa.eu)

Should you need further information, we remain at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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Enclosure: List of municipalities that received a voucher and implemented WiFi4EU networks.