



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Innovation and Networks Executive Agency

Director

Brussels,
INEA/

**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF ROBERTO VIOLA
DIRECTOR GENERAL DG CNECT**

Subject: Decision of the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency to cancel the call for applications for the WiFi4EU initiative launched on 15 May 2018.

INEA has accepted the delegation of the WiFi4EU initiative from 1 May 2018¹ based on a readiness assessment highlighting that "*while the IT systems are not under the responsibility of INEA, the timely deployment of all its components is crucial to ensure the management of the initiative. At the time of writing this assessment, this aspect contains still considerable risks*". Both DG CNECT and DIGIT provided reassurance that all necessary developments were to be done on time, with the appropriate testing.

In the light of the technical issues encountered in the portal prepared for the European Commission, in the light of the political orientations by Commissioner Gabriel (as communicated to INEA by DG CNECT) and in the light of the advice from the Legal Service², please find in annex 1 the decision to cancel the call for applications for the WiFi4EU initiative launched on 15 May, in accordance with the provisions of Article 135(2) of the Financial Regulation. I kindly ask you to make the necessary arrangements for the publication of the relevant text in the Official Journal (in annex 2 of this note).

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¹ Ares(2018)2295910

² Notes from the Legal Service, Ares(2018)2982215, Ares(2018)3013596.

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