



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Innovation and Networks Executive Agency

Director

**Decision of the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency
of 13 June 2018**

cancelling the Call for Applications for the WiFi4EU initiative of 15 May 2018

Having regard to the Commission Decision of 27.2.2018 on amending Decision C(2013)9235 delegating powers to the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency¹, as regards promotion of internet connectivity in local communities and

Having regard to the advice of the Legal Service of the European Commission²,

Whereas:

(1) The European Commission launched on 15 May 2018 a call for applications for the WiFi4EU initiative in order to award grants to projects in accordance with the priorities and objectives defined in the amended 2017 Work Programme in the field of the trans-European telecommunication networks under the Connecting Europe Facility³.

(2) The Call for Applications specifies that the allocation of vouchers will be done on a ‘first come, first served’ basis using the timestamp of the application as provided by the clock of the server hosting the WiFi4EU portal.

(3) The IT tool prepared for the European Commission to receive the applications for funding has encountered technical issues that affect the allocation of vouchers and prevented the respect of the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

Has adopted the following Decision:

Article 1

The call for applications for the WiFi4EU initiative (promotion of internet connectivity in local communities), under the Connecting Europe Facility in the field of the trans-European telecommunication networks (Amended 2017 CEF Telecom Work Programme — Commission Implementing Decision C(2017) 7732) launched on 15 May 2018, is hereby cancelled.

[e-signed]

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¹ C(2018) 1281 final

² ARES(2018)2982215

³ Official Journal of the European Union, C 168, 15 May 2018