



WiFi4EU

Better connecting Europe to its citizens

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President Juncker's State of the Union (September 2016)

"Everyone benefiting from connectivity means that it should not matter where you live or how much you earn.

So we propose today to equip every European village and every city with free wireless internet access around the main centres of public life by 2020."



Promote free Wi-Fi connections in the main centres of community life

Support Wi-Fi equipment in public spaces (public administrations, libraries, parks, town squares, etc.) to

- allow all Europeans **experience the benefits of the Gigabit Society**, in line with the DSM connectivity objectives;
- encourage and promote **innovative digital services** developed locally: eGov, eHealth, eTourism, etc.



COMMISSION PRIORITY

Digital Single Market



Direct impact on EU citizens and communities



**Investing
€ 120 million by 2020**



**Connecting
6.000-8.000 communities**



**Providing a single authentication
system across Europe (2019
onwards)**

Making Europe visible and helpful



A response to local needs



Same branding across the EU



Quality user-experience



Simple & non-bureaucratic: an applicant-friendly scheme

- **Online applications**
- **Light decision making**
- **Payment by vouchers**
- **Remote and real-time monitoring**



***Fast deployment
on the ground***

Shared involvement in the project



European Commission

- Equipment and installation costs (CAPEX)
- Up to 100 % of total project cost
- € 15.000 max. / Municipality



Public Bodies

- Subscriptions to the ISP-Telecom operator (OPEX)
- At least 3 years in operation
- No commercial use of personal data



National Regulatory Authorities

- Removing regulatory obstacles to Wi-Fi deployment and quality of service

First call

(CEF Work Programme 2017)

- Budget: **€ 17,745 million;**
- Voucher value: **€ 15,000 per municipality**
 up to **1,183 vouchers**
- Applicants:
 - **Municipalities**
 - **Associations of municipalities *on behalf of their municipalities' members***

NB: Only municipalities can receive a voucher, associations of municipalities can register and apply on behalf of their members but cannot receive a voucher.

Current Registrations

(Tuesday 15/05/2018)

Over **18,300 municipalities** have registered across Europe, this is **21%** of all European municipalities.

4038 municipalities in Italy have registered

→ **51%** of all municipalities in Italy

Any question on WiFi4EU ?

- **DSM Website:**
<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/wifi4eu-free-wi-fi-europeans>
- **INEA Website:**
<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-telecom/wifi4eu>
- **European Direct Contact Center:**
https://europa.eu/european-union/contact/write-to-us_en
- **WiFi4EU Portal**
<https://wifi4eu.eu/>