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Promotion of internet connectivity in local communities *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 12 September 2017 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 as regards the promotion of Internet connectivity in local communities (COM(2016)0589 — C8-0378/2016 — 2016/0287(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

(2018/C 337/26)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2016)0589),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 172 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0378/2016),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the reasoned opinion submitted, within the framework of Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, by the Swedish Parliament, asserting that the draft legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity,
 - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 26 January 2017 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 8 February 2017 ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 69f(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 7 June 2017 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Transport and Tourism and the Committee on Regional Development (A8-0181/2017),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Approves the joint statement by Parliament, the Council and the Commission annexed to this resolution;
 3. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 125, 21.4.2017, p. 69.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 207, 30.6.2017, p. 87.

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 12 September 2017 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2017/... of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 as regards the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) 2017/1953.)

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ANNEX TO THE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION**JOINT STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION**

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agree that the WiFi4EU initiative should have meaningful impact and scalability. To this end, they note that if an increase of EUR 25 000 000 to EUR 50 000 000 of the financial envelope for the implementation of CEF in the telecommunications sector cannot be secured in full, the Commission might propose reallocations within that envelope in order to facilitate overall funding for the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities of EUR 120 000 000.
