



# Creating a Digital Single Market Bringing down barriers to unlock online opportunities

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## **WIFI4EU – FREE WI-FI FOR EUROPEANS**

**Internet is a public good to which everybody should have access.  
The EU is bringing Wi-Fi to you, in parks, squares, libraries, public buildings.**

- €120 million of EU investment
- ➔ at least **6000 to 8000 local communities**
- ➔ **40-50 million connections per day**

### Who will benefit?



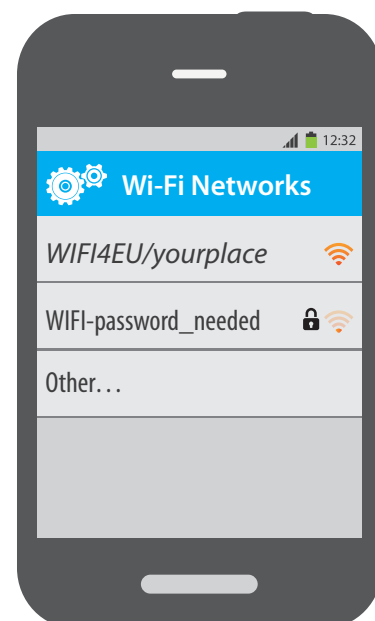
**All Europeans have the right to be connected.**

WIFI4EU access points will reach both local residents and visitors across the EU.



**Public administrations, hospitals, libraries and other bodies with a public mission.**

The EU will fund the equipment and installation costs with vouchers, while public bodies will need to pay the monthly subscription costs and maintain the equipment in good order. These bodies can take advantage of the access points to develop and promote their own new digital services, such as **e-government**, **e-health** or **e-tourism**.



### Who can apply?

Local communities will need to show that they commit to providing **very high speed internet** via WIFI4EU, and that they are not competing with a similar, existing private or public Wi-Fi offer. The initiative will help cover areas which otherwise would not offer such connectivity.