

# WiFi4EU

The **WiFi4EU initiative** promotes free access to Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens in public spaces including parks, squares, public buildings, libraries, health centres and museums in municipalities throughout Europe. It was built as a first-come, first-served voucher scheme whereby participating municipalities have been awarded €15,000 vouchers in order to implement open Wi-Fi networks. Following four calls for proposals (one call in 2018, 2 calls in 2019 and one call in 2020) a total amount of 8,802 vouchers has been awarded to provide financial assistance to municipalities across Europe to promote internet connectivity.

Municipalities that won a voucher had 18 months to deploy the networks deadline which was extended to 32 months (for the calls in 2018 and 2019) and 24 months (for the call in 2020) in order to help municipalities strongly hit by the Covid pandemic. The implementation of open networks will continue up to Q2 2023 which is the ultimate deadline for the installation of WiFi4EU networks. According to the Grant Agreement, the municipalities have the obligation to keep the networks up and running for at least 3 years. The implementation is followed by a 3-year mandatory monitoring period which will come to an end in Q2 2026.

More than 7,100 European municipalities in 30 European countries were awarded a voucher of €15,000 to install WiFi4EU hotspots within their territories, corresponding to a total amount of **€106.8 million** of CEF Telecom funding.

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## Highlights

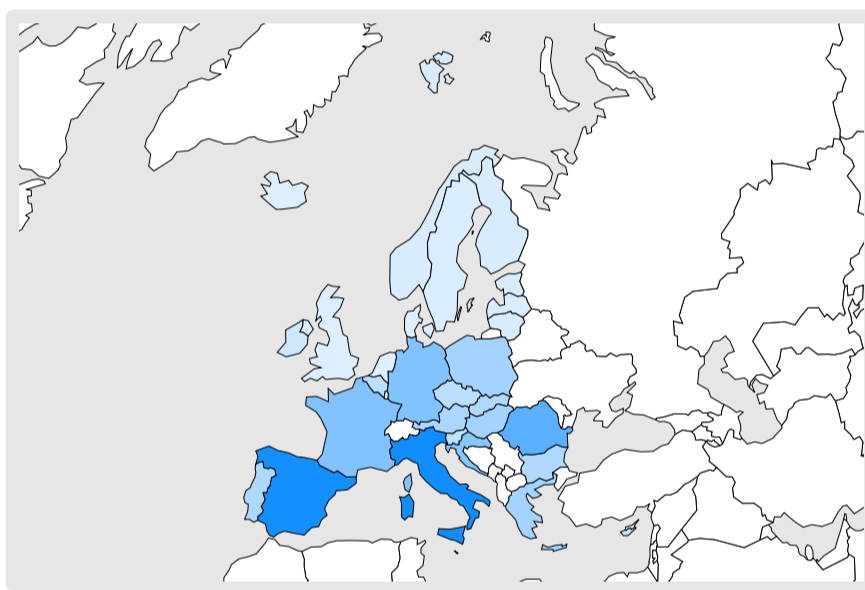


### Deployment

**8,802 European municipalities** were awarded a WiFi4EU voucher worth €15,000. Out of these 8,802 implementations, **7,121** were completed, **124** are still ongoing and **1,557** were terminated.

### EU Funding per country (million €)

€ 4.10	Austria	Italy	€ 15.87
€ 2.67	Belgium	Latvia	€ 0.33
€ 3.54	Bulgaria	Lithuania	€ 0.60
€ 6.74	Croatia	Luxembourg	€ 0.15
€ 1.76	Cyprus	Malta	€ 0.78
€ 2.85	Czechia	Netherlands	€ 0.06
€ 0.12	Denmark	Norway	€ 0.48
€ 0.56	Estonia	Poland	€ 4.52
€ 0.53	Finland	Portugal	€ 3.81
€ 7.14	France	Romania	€ 10.26
€ 7.22	Germany	Slovakia	€ 3.54
€ 4.64	Greece	Slovenia	€ 2.36
€ 4.61	Hungary	Spain	€ 15.62
€ 0.06	Iceland	Sweden	€ 0.39
€ 1.37	Ireland	United Kingdom	€ 0.20
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 106.8</b>



## Indicators

All monitoring activities displayed on the dashboard present the state of play by **Q4 2022**.

## Uptake

# 7,121

municipalities benefited from the voucher of €15,000 to install a WiFi4EU network

## Financial Monitoring

# € 106,815,000

of CEF funding through vouchers (lump sums)

## CEF Building Blocks reused by WiFi4EU

WiFi4EU is reusing eID, eSignature and eTranslation CEF Building Blocks

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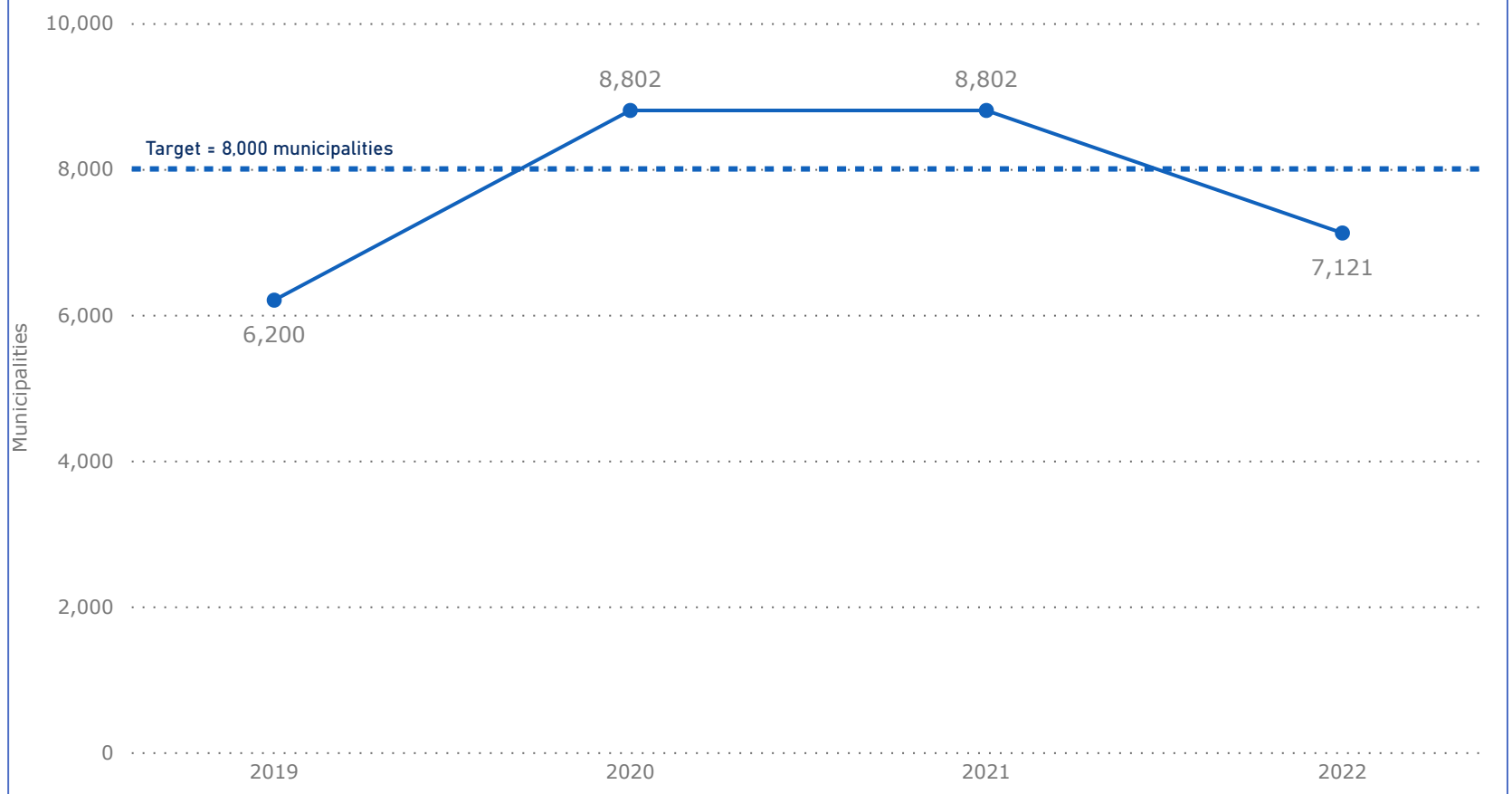


## WiFi4EU > Uptake > Municipalities which received a €15,000 voucher to install WiFi4EU hotspots

This indicator measures the **number of municipalities joining the WiFi4EU initiative** measured as the number of grant agreements countersigned at the time of data collection, i.e. the number of **municipalities which received a voucher of €15,000 to install WiFi4EU hotspots.**

### Target

**8,000 municipalities** joining the WiFi4EU initiative, by the end of 2020.



# WiFi4EU Milestones

All the **WiFi4EU** milestones defined within the CEF Monitoring framework were successfully achieved. A detailed overview of the milestones can be found in the table below.

Milestone title	Start date	End date	% complete	Status
WiFi4EU call 1	07 November 2018	09 November 2018	100	Completed
WiFi4EU call 2	04 April 2019	05 April 2019	100	Completed
WiFi4EU call 3	19 September 2019	20 September 2019	100	Completed
WiFi4EU call 4	03 June 2020	04 June 2020	100	Completed