

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.

Four calls for proposals (one in 2018, two in 2019 and one in 2020) were open 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 continued thus until Q1 2023 which is the ultimate deadline for the installation of WiFi4EU networks. According to the Grant Agreement 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 Q1 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

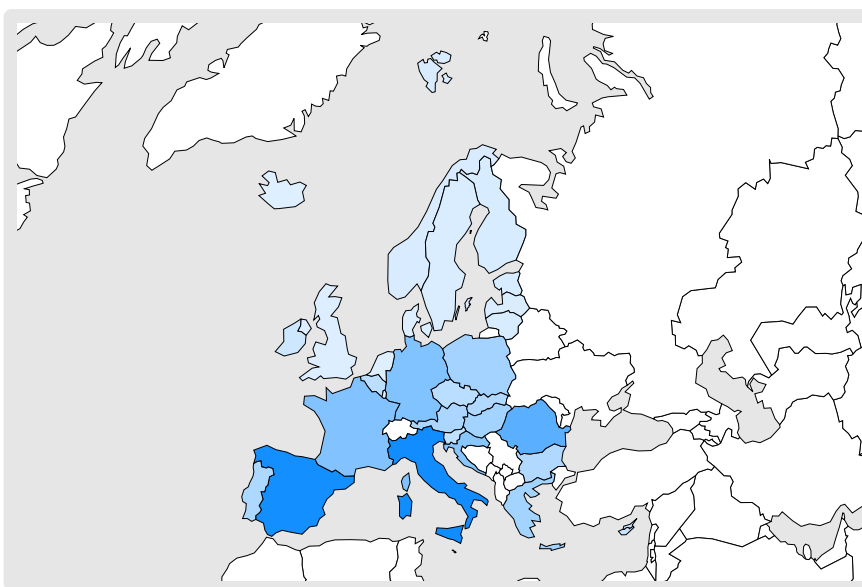


Deployment

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
	Total		€ 106.8



Indicators

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

Uptake

7,121

municipalities received a 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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Indicators



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.

