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Closure of the WiFi4EU initiative

Dear representatives of municipalities,

Dear representatives of Wi-Fi installation companies,

The WiFi4EU initiative will come to an end in September 2026. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your participation and support, which have made WiFi4EU such a great success across Europe!

Since its launch in 2018, WiFi4EU has been one of the European Union's flagship initiatives for promoting connectivity of citizens and visitors at local level. Thanks to the commitment and engagement of over 7,200 municipalities and 1,700 Wi-Fi installation companies throughout Europe, millions of citizens and visitors have benefited from free and accessible internet connectivity, helping to bridge the digital divide and strengthen local communities.

Programme achievements

You have been an important part of this success by setting up a WiFi4EU network. We would therefore like to thank you for your trust, collaboration and dedication in keeping the networks active over the years.

Together, we have achieved remarkable results:

- The WiFi4EU networks have generated more than **247 million** connections to date with an average of 95,000 daily connections.
- More than **93,000 Wi-Fi hotspots** have been installed in public spaces, providing internet access in locations such as town halls, libraries, cultural centres, parks, public squares, sports facilities and other community spaces.
- The WiFi4EU mobile app has been downloaded more than **146,000 times**, confirming the strong demand for free and accessible wireless internet access.
- More than **7,200 municipalities** across Europe have deployed their WiFi4EU networks, ensuring their operation for at least three years and, in the vast majority of cases, for much longer, with many networks still active today.

- These municipalities from **30 countries** helped make public digital connectivity more widely available across the European Union, as well as in the United Kingdom, Norway and Iceland.

These achievements reflect the collective efforts of local authorities, Wi-Fi installation companies, the European Commission and our Executive Agency in support of a more connected and digitally inclusive Europe.

Closure steps

The WiFi4EU initiative will be permanently discontinued in September 2026. To ensure a smooth transition, the following timeline will apply:

Until 16 August 2026

- Municipalities and Wi-Fi installation companies will continue to have access to the [WiFi4EU Portal](#). Available statistics, reports and historical data may be consulted.
- If you wish to keep a copy of WiFi4EU statistics or historical data, please ensure that you download all relevant information before 16 August 2026.
- No further action is required in relation to the closure of the service itself.

From 17 August 2026 onwards

- Access to the [WiFi4EU Portal](#) will be closed, therefore WiFi4EU data and statistics will no longer be available online.
- Upon logging in to the WiFi4EU Portal, users will be automatically redirected to a dedicated static landing page.
- Related WiFi4EU services, such as the functional mailbox, will be gradually decommissioned.
- The [WiFi4EU mobile application](#) will be removed from the App Store and the Google Play Store, therefore no longer available for download and updates.

You may continue to provide free public Wi-Fi for your local community in public spaces, so that the benefits of the initiative endure. While you may keep the WiFi4EU SSID and landing page, the choice is ultimately yours.

Once again, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your participation and commitment to the WiFi4EU initiative. Your contribution has helped to improve digital connectivity and access to public internet services for communities across Europe.

Kind regards,
The WiFi4EU team

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