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To all prospective bidders

## CLARIFICATION Note No. 2 (4 Questions)

### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF FREE WI-FI EQUIPMENT, CONFIGURATION, AND INSTALLATION THROUGH THE WIFI4EU SCHEME (LG01/2021)**

Reference is made to the above-captioned expression of interest for which the deadline for submission of offers is **Friday, 18th June 2021, at noon.**

Below please find a set of clarifications which are construed to form an integral part of the expression of interest document.

All other EOI documents, conditions, and requirements, which are not superseded by this Clarification, remain in place.

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*Question 1 Title of this EOI indicates – Provision of Free-Wi-fi Equipment, Configuration and Installation through the Wifi4EU scheme – Can you please advise if you are also after internet connectivity on AP's or just the installation of the AP's themselves? If no internet is required, could you kindly indicate when the chosen operator is to perform the speed test required in Section 02 – Background.*

**Answer 1** Internet Connectivity is required in order to ensure that the setup would be operational as per WIFI4EU requirements. This means that, for example, if a number of AP's will be installed in a local council building, if the local council has already internet connectivity, the existing connection may be used. In this regard, proposals however may also include internet connections which may be availed of by the respective local councils as part of the project. Please refer to "Post Installation, Recurrent Costs and Maintenance and Support" section of the EOI.

*Question 2* Will each local council provide electric power to the Outdoor sites, or does each operator need to apply with Enemalta for an outdoor meter and a permit to install an outdoor distribution box per Outdoor location? Who will be responsible for the Enemalta installation costs, as well as recurring power costs?

Answer 2 For AP's that will be close to a public building (or for example served through POE as part of the setup), electricity will be provided through the local council. For any AP's that would require an application with Enemalta, the economic operator is expected to handle the requirements on behalf of the local council. The provision of the required equipment, such as meter and any installation costs, are considered to be part of the capital cost to make the setup operational and are expected to be handled by the economic operator, as part of the voucher. All recurrent costs such as power, will be the responsibility of the respective local council.

*Question 3* Is there an Appendix for pricing? We're noting that Annex III is missing from the provided document.

Answer 3 Appendix III (referred to as Annex III in the clarification) does not exist. This is just a numbering oversight. Economic operators are expected to submit a proposal (in line with what is being requested) that meets the EOI and WIFI4EU requirements. I.e. There is not a pre-established form, due to the various implementation options that may be suggested by economic operators.

*Question 4* What are the internet connection specifications? Are you after 1 internet connection per AP or per group of APs located in the same area?  
If the latter, kindly advise the amount of connections you are after.

*Answer 4* As per section 04: Eligibility Requirements and Responsibilities of the EOI – “Bidders who provide proposals that will maximise the benefits of the installations and ensuring the minimum recurrent costs (such as number of internet connections, electricity and maintenance) will be given preference. The main requirement is the number of access points in line with all obligations fulfilled. The voucher will also cover any networking equipment required (switch, repeaters, antennas, cabling etc).” I.e. Bidders who provide a setup where 1 (or minimum) internet connection/s to serve a group of AP’s (indoor/outdoor) as per grid provided in section 04 of the EOI.

As per Section 04, Page 9 - “For installations to be considered conformant bidders must ensure that all obligations which are available through the model grant agreement are fulfilled -

[https://ec.europa.eu/inea/sites/inea/files/en\\_grant\\_agreement\\_0.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/inea/sites/inea/files/en_grant_agreement_0.pdf)”

As per Wifi4EU reference links provided in the EOI, one is to note the updated Wifi4EU FAQs (<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/wifi4eu-questions-and-answers>).

In this regard, FAQ 5.6 specifies that "5.6. What is meant by the “minimum 30Mbps download speed” that the WiFi4EU networks should provide?

The WiFi4EU networks should be capable of providing a high-quality experience for all end users. Therefore, all winning municipalities must respect the conditions as indicated in section I.3 of the Grant Agreement: “the beneficiary shall subscribe to an offer equivalent to the highest speed available mass-market Internet connection in the area and in any event to one offering at least 30 Mbps download. The beneficiary shall also ensure that this backhaul speed is at least equivalent to that – if any – which is used by the beneficiary for its internal connectivity needs.

In order to check the compliance with the above contractual requirement, Phase II of the WiFi4EU implementation (see FAQ 9.4) will allow monitoring of the quality of service requirements of WiFi4EU Access Points, pursuant to article I.3 of the Model Grant Agreement. For each network, the total cumulative speed of all Access Points (minimum 10) must be at least 30 Mbps. Municipalities are encouraged to ensure the highest speed possible in the interest of the end-users and in line with the connectivity targets set by the European Commission in Recital of Regulation (EU) 2017/1953.”