Council of the European Union

'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 as regards the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities (**First reading**)
	- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 September 2016 the Commission sent its proposal[1], based on Article 172 TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 26 January 2017[2]. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 8 February 2017[3].

3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 12 September 2017. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[4].

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[1]   12259/16.
[2]   OJ C 125, 21.4.2017, p. 69.
[3]   OJ C 207, 30.6.2017, p. 87.
[4]   12049/17.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:

- approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 28/17, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Swedish, Spanish and Netherlands delegations voting against;

- order that the statements in Addenda 1 and 2 to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting;

- decide to publish the statement set out in Addendum 1 in the Official Journal of the European Union together with the legislative act.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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