

Report  
Of Regional ITU Forum on  
Topical Matters of Telecommunication Regulation  
and Radio Frequency Spectrum Use  
for CIS and Europe  
Kiev, Ukraine, 11-13 September 2012

The Regional ITU Forum on Topical Matters of Telecommunication Regulation and Radio Frequency Spectrum Use for CIS and Europe organized in collaboration with the National Commission for the State Regulation of Communications and Informatization (NCCIR), Ukraine was held in Kiev, Ukraine from 11-13 September 2012.

The Forum was attended by delegates of 15 countries of Europe (1 from Austria, 3 from Bulgaria, 1 from Finland, 1 from Latvia, 1 from Estonia, 2 from Sweden, 2 from the UK, ) and of the CIS (3 from Armenia, 5 from Kazakhstan, 2 from Kyrgyzstan, 3 from Moldova, 8 from Russia, 1 from Tajikistan, 2 from Uzbekistan and Ukraine), who represented Communication Administrations, national regulatory bodies of the ITU Member States, universities, public



organizations, and private companies. The Forum was also attended by representatives of regional (the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications) and international organizations (the International Telecommunication Union) and the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development).

In his welcome address to the host organization and the Forum delegates, given on behalf of the **President of Ukraine, Mr. Viktor Yanukovich** it was said, that the Forum is one of the most significant representative events, which unites specialists in the field of information, the “conductors” of new ideas and technologies in the ICT and which will further activation of the international cooperation, exchange of experience between the national regulators of the ITU Member States and leading experts and improve efficiency of the regulators’ influence on communications and informatization.

A welcome speech was also given on behalf of the Prime-Minister of Ukraine, Mr. Nikolay Azarov. The Forum participants were also welcomed by: the Chairman of the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine, Mr. Gennady Reznikov, the Director General of the RCC Executive Committee, Mr. Nurudin Mukhitdinov, and the Chairman of the National Commission for State Regulation in the field of Communications and Informatization, Mr. Petr Yatsuk.

The Forum participants were also welcomed by the **ITU Secretary-Genera, Dr. Hamadoun Toure** through his **video message**. When addressing to the Forum participants, Dr. Toure said, that an effective regulatory practice, rules and regulations, which allow to create new conditions for investment generation in the ICT infrastructure, are a real source of accomplishment of the ITU's action plan. Dr. Toure highly appreciated achievements of Ukraine in the ICT development, having noticed great innovation growth in the ICT, which has become a significant segment of the national economy, and an impressive progress in development of high-speed broad band access. According to the Secretary-General, the ITU have good reason to expect some new achievements in the ICT of Ukraine in the future.

Within the 3 days of the Forum, which was attended by more than 200 people, 34 presentations were given. The Forum participants considered different issues of telecommunication regulation: aspects of access to the electronic communications market, ways to reduce digital divide, improvement of legislation in the field of radio frequency resource and state monitoring, as well as ways to engage the ICT into reforming of economy



and society.

In the conclusion of the Forum, a roundtable was held, chaired by the Chairman of the National Commission for State Regulation in the field of Communications and Informatization, Mr. Petr Yatsuk. Several topical issues were offered for the participants consideration: aspects of “smart” regulations – evidence from the participating countries; practice of use of universal service funds as one of methods to reduce digital divide; harmonization of frequency spectrum for communication technologies of different generations; novations in electronic communication development strategy and issues of cybersecurity.

The participants expressed their interest in discussion on necessity to extend the term of universal service and practical steps for providing additional mobile communication service, in particular, through number porting. Best practices in the public control of the universal service providing infrastructure were presented by the ITU expert, Mr. Alexandre Vassiliev, independent consultant to the EBRD, Mr. Peter Lundy, the Technical Policy Manger to the Intel

Corporation, Mr. Dmitry Laryushin, as well as by delegates from Austria, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, and Russia.

Based on the Forum results, **Recommendations of the Forum** were adopted by the participants. The Recommendations stress significance and topicality of the issues considered by the Forum and support five ITU priorities in the ICT/telecommunication development: improving the access to the ICT and coverage of the broad band access services, the Internet safety and transparency, broad e-service implementation, stimulation of innovations and business activity in the ICT/telecommunication, e-government, “cloud” services.

The Forum participants also noted in the Recommendations, that best practices of leading countries should be recommended for use to the participating countries when elaboration of proposals for improvement of the acting legislation regulating electronic communication market and that special attention should be given to financing of state programmes on the ICT implementation and socially important projects.

The Recommendations also support use of universal services funds and other specialized funds as an effective mechanism to provide the population with universal services, in particular, generally accessible communication service and access to the ICT for consumers in remote and depressed regions.

The Forum participants expressed their gratitude to the NCCIR Ukraine, the ITU Secretariat, and the ITU Area Office for the CIS for the excellent organizational arrangements and successful carrying out of the Forum.