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Administrations of ITU Member States,
Ministries and Regulators from Europe Region

Subject: **ITU Regional Workshop for Europe on "National Cybersecurity Strategies", 26-28 June 2019, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Workshop for Europe on **"National Cybersecurity Strategies"** to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) at the kind invitation of the Ministry of Information Society and Administration of the Republic of North Macedonia. The Workshop will take place in **Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia, from 26 to 28 June 2019**.

This workshop is being organized within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies adopted by the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17), that amongst others aims at elaboration or review of national cybersecurity strategies and sharing country and regional best practices and case studies. After the workshop an assessment report will be prepared containing the key findings and recommendations on the way forward for the establishment/enhancement of the National Cybersecurity Strategy of each participating economy.

Taking into account ongoing digital integration process in Western Balkans, special attention of this event will be dedicated to the Western Balkan economies and the outcomes of this event will simultaneously contribute to the Multiyear Digital Integration Plan 2018-2020.

Please note that this workshop will be paperless. Documents related to this event, including the venue of the meeting, practical information, agenda and presentations, will be available on the ITU website at https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2019/NCS/NationalCybersecurityStrategies.aspx. The Forum will be conducted in English only.

To participate, please register online using the link available at http://www.itu.int/go/regitud no later than **20 June 2019**.

There is no participation fee for this event, however, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of experts should be covered by your Administration / Organization / Company.

Given the direct relevance of this seminar to the objectives of DCAF's project "Enhancing Cybersecurity Governance in the Western Balkans (2018-2021)", funded by the United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Office's CSSF, DCAF offers fellowships for two representatives from each Western Balkans economy. The fellowship includes transport and accommodation in Skopje during the workshop. Nominated representatives from the Western Balkans are kindly asked to contact DCAF for all logistical issues after completing their online registration for the event, no later than **7 June 2019** (Contact person: Franziska Klopfer, e-mail: f.klopfer@dcaf.ch).

Those participants requiring an entry visa to North Macedonia are requested to contact their local Embassy of the Republic of North Macedonia for information well in advance.

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (tel: +41 22 730 6065, e-mail: eurregion@itu.int) and Ms Jovana Gjorgjioska (tel: +389 71 249639, e-mail: jovana.gjorgjioska@mioa.gov.mk) are at your full disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director

ANNEX 1

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ITU Workshop for Europe on National Cybersecurity Strategies

Building Confidence and Safety in the Use of ICTs

organized by the International Telecommunication Union at the kind invitation of the the Ministry of Information Society and Administration of Republic of North Macedonia

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DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday 26 June

[8:30 – 9:00]	**Registration**
[9:00– 9:15]	**Opening Ceremony**
[9:15 – 9:30]	Group Photo
[9:30 – 10:15]	**Introductory session** • Introduction of the ITU team and the participants • Short introduction to the Assessment Exercise - Methodology, Objectives, Outcomes
[10:15 – 11:30]	**Training Session 1** • Overview of the cyberthreat landscape • Overview of most common cyberthreats
[11:30 – 11:45]	Coffee Break
[11:45 – 13:00]	**Training Session 2** • General principles for National Strategies (what it is, mission, vision, etc)
[13:00 – 14:00]	Lunch Break
[14:00 – 15:30]	**Training Session 2 (continued)** • National Cybersecurity Strategies worldwide. Approaches, comparative analysis
[15:30 – 15:45]	Coffee Break
[15:45 – 17:00]	**Hands-on exercise**

Thursday 27 June

[**9:00** – 9:30]	**Assessment session – Lifecycle of National Cybersecurity Strategy** • Introductory presentation
[**9:**30 – 11:00]	**Phase I – Initiation** **Phase II – Stocktaking and analysis**
[11:00 – 11:15]	Coffee Break
[11:15 – 12:45]	**Phase III – Production of the National Cybersecurity Strategy** **Phase IV – Implementation**
[12:45 – 14:00]	Lunch Break
[14:00 – 15:30]	**Phase IV – Implementation (continued)** **Phase V – Monitoring and Evaluation**
[15:30 – 15:45]	Coffee Break
[15:45 – 17:30]	**Hands-on exercises**

Friday 28 June

[**9:00** – 11:00]	**Overarching principles** • Vision • Comprehensive approach and tailored priorities • Inclusiveness • Economic and social prosperity • Fundamental human rights • Risk management and resilience • Appropriate set of policy Instruments • Clear leadership, roles and resource allocation • Trust environment **Interactive Discussion**
[11:00 – 11:15]	Coffee Break
[11:15 – 12:45]	**Hands-on exercises**
[12:45 – 13:45]	Lunch Break
[13:45 – 15:15]	**National Cybersecurity Strategy Good practices** • Focus area 1 – Governance • Focus area 2 – Risk management in National cybersecurity • Focus area 3 – Preparedness and resilience • Focus area 4 – Critical infrastructure services and essential services • Focus area 5 – Capability and capacity building and awareness raising • Focus area 6 – Legislation and regulation • Focus area 7 – International cooperation

	Interactive discussion
[15:15 – 15:30]	Coffee Break
[15:30 – 17:30]	**Hands-on exercises** **Wrap-up**