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Subject: Regional Innovation Forum for Europe on Fostering Digital Entrepreneurship and Start-up Ecosystems, 29-30 April 2020, Limassol, Cyprus

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the **ITU Regional Innovation Forum for Europe on Fostering Digital Entrepreneurship and Start-up Ecosystems** will be held from **29 to 30 April 2020** in **Limassol, Cyprus**.

Within the framework of the **ITU European Regional Initiative on ICT-Centric innovation ecosystems** adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17), Buenos Aires, the Conference is co-organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Office of the Commissioner of Communications of Cyprus.

The two-day Regional Forum aims at building regional and national capacities and skills in developing digital ecosystems, including designing policies, implementation programmes and projects. This forum targets all stakeholders involved in nurturing digital innovation in the Tourism, Maritime, Digital Inclusion and e-Services sectors. Particularly, this agenda has been customized for the needs of the ICT policy makers, regulators, tech incubators, national innovation agencies, development agencies, entrepreneurs, ecosystem builders and academia as well as institutions willing to undertake national reviews on the ICT centric innovation ecosystems and develop coherent approaches to move countries towards an innovation driven economy.

Please note that the event will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including the draft agenda and practical information for participants will be posted on the ITU website at http://itu.int/go/EUR_RIF20. The event will be conducted in English.

Participants are requested to complete the online registration form available at <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00007446>

While there is no participation fee for this meeting, it is to be noted that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration / Organization / Company.

Participants requiring an entry visa to Cyprus should contact their nearest Cyprus Embassy or Consulate well in advance.

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe, (telephone: +41 22 730 60 65, e-mail: EURRegion@itu.int) and Ms Maria Pericleous, Commissioner of Communications' Secretary (telephone: +357 22 693 100 e-mail: maria.pericleous@ocecp.org.cy) are at your full disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event.

Yours faithfully,

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