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- Regulators
- ITU Sector Members,
- Academia
- Regional and International Organizations from Europe

Subject: ITU Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe on Regulation supporting the digital transformation, 30 November – 1 December 2020, Online Meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe on Regulation to support Digital Transformation, to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) with the support of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro (EKIP). The Forum will be held remotely from 30 November to 1 December 2020.

This Forum is organized within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Broadband Infrastructure, Broadcasting and Spectrum Management adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference in 2017 (WTDC-17) that aims at facilitating high-speed connectivity with resilient and synergistic infrastructure development, deployment and sharing.

It is also held as an immediate follow-up to the outcomes of the [Global Symposium for Regulators 2020](#) (GSR-20) and the [GSR-20 Best Practice Guidelines](#). It will provide a unique opportunity for dialogue between stakeholders on strategies and policies directed towards fifth generation (5G) regulation to foster the deployment of high-speed networks to enable digital transformation. This event will also offer an opportunity for setting up targeted actions to assist countries in need on regulatory matters.

The Forum will focus on:

- Global and regional approaches to regulation in support of digital transformation;
- Regional regulatory assessment based on GSR-20 Best Practices Guidelines;
- Mapping systems as a tool for collaborative regulation;
- Broadband mapping systems in EU and non-EU countries.
- Supporting Investment Opportunity Mapping Systems in South Eastern Europe.

The outcomes of this Forum will contribute to the work of ITU, including the work undertaken by the Study Groups of the Radiocommunication, Standardization and Development Sectors. Moreover, the outcomes of this forum will feed into ITU's workstreams relating to the following projects:

- [ITU Interactive Transmission Maps](#)
- [Supporting investment opportunity mapping systems in broadband infrastructure for South Eastern Europe](#)
- [Giga – Connecting every school to the Internet](#)

Documents related to this event, including the Agenda and presentations, will be made available on the ITU website at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2020/RRF/Remote.aspx>

To participate, please register online using the link available on the webpage no later than **20 November 2020**. The information as well as links to connect to the online platform will be provided to participants upon registration.

Mr Jaroslav Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (tel: +41 22 730 6065, e-mail: eurregion@itu.int) and Mr Boris Jevric, Deputy Executive Director of EKIP (tel: +382 20 406 760, e-mail: boris.jevric@ekip.me) are at your full disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event.

Yours faithfully,

(Original signed)

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Director





ITU Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe

Regulation supporting the Digital Transformation

This Regional Forum for Europe is held within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on “Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting, and spectrum management” and in follow up to the Global Symposium for Regulators-2020 as well as to the projects on [“ITU Interactive Transmission Maps”](#) and [“Supporting Investment Opportunity Mapping Systems in Broadband Infrastructure for South Eastern Europe”](#). It is organized by ITU with the support of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (EKIP) of Montenegro.



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Draft AGENDA

Monday | 30th November 2020

*[9:45 – 10:00]	Virtual networking
[10:00– 10:15]	Opening ceremony
[10:15 – 11:00]	Session 1: Global and regional approaches to regulation supporting the digital transformation
[11:00 – 11:45]	Session 2: Regional regulatory assessment based on GSR-20 Best Practices Guidelines
[11:45 – 13:00]	Session 3: Mapping Systems as a tool for Collaborative Regulation
[13:00 – 13:30]	Lunch break
[13:30 – 14:30]	Session 3: Broadband Mapping Systems in EU countries
[14:30 – 16:00]	Session 4: Broadband Mapping Systems in non-EU countries
[16.00 – 16.15]	Conclusions and way ahead

* the time zone is CEST (UTC+2)

Tuesday | 1st December 2020

*[9:45 – 10:00]	Virtual Networking
[10:00 – 12:00]	Working Session: Supporting Investment Opportunity Mapping Systems in South Eastern Europe
[12.00 – 12.15]	Conclusions and way forward

