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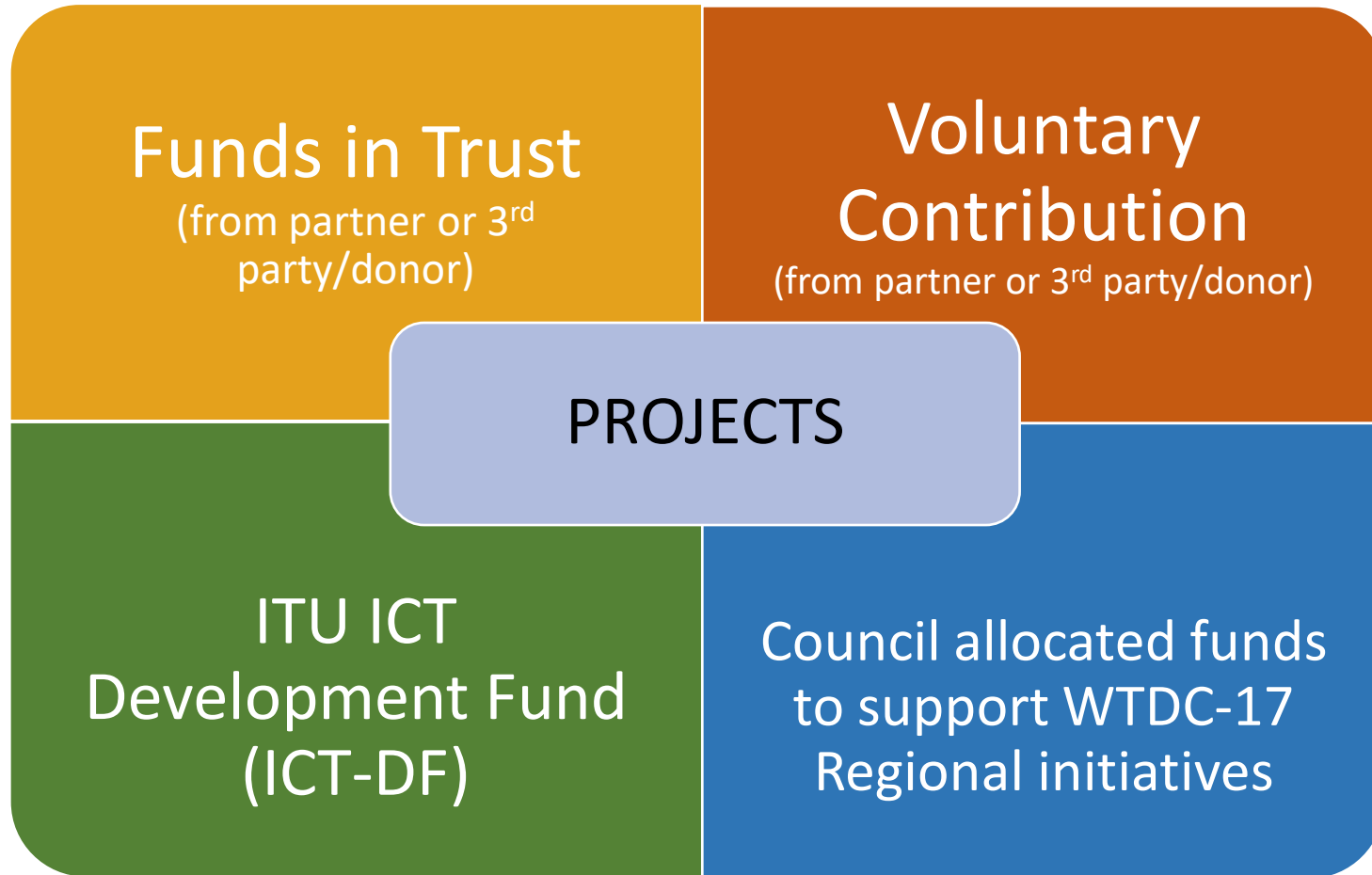
Status update of
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Status of project portfolio in Europe

Funding mechanisms for ITU projects



- ITU is not a funding entity, but a specialized agency of the UN and executing agency.
- Scope and scale of projects depend on the capacity of beneficiaries and partners to mobilize financial support.

Overview of ITU Projects and Value in European Region

Types of ITU projects

Global

Regional

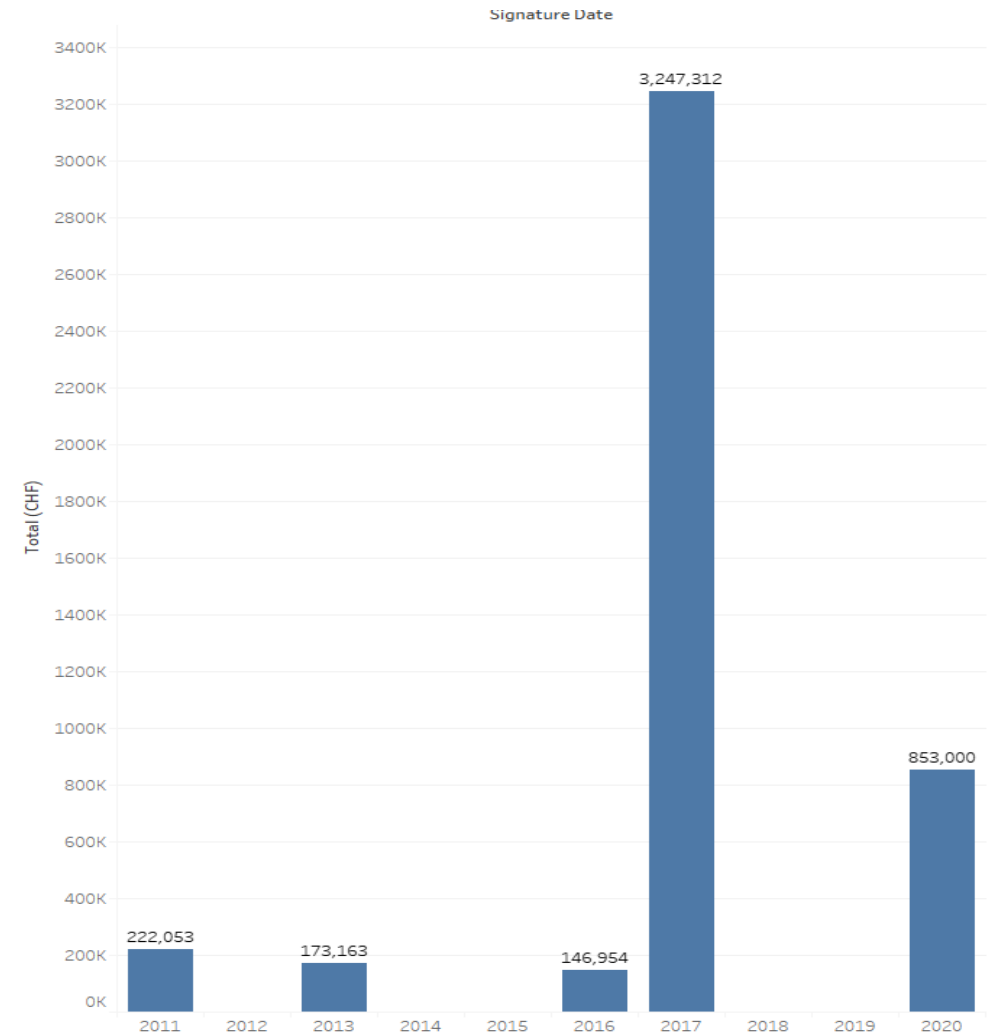
National

Portfolio of national/regional projects

- 3 on-going projects (funds in k CHF)

in-cash external	ITU funds	Total project Budget
3,809.7	290.6	4,100.3

Timeline (signature date)



On-going projects in Europe

Title	Thematic priority	External funds	ITU funds (ICT-DF)	ITU (RI funds)	Total Project Budget	Country	Main RI activated
European mHealth Knowledge and Innovation Hub	07 Digital services	3,247.3			3,247.3	Regional	EUR2. E-services
Supporting Establishment of Investment Opportunity Mapping Systems in Broadband Infrastructure for South Eastern Europe	01 Network and digital infrastructure	362.4		90.6	453.0	Regional	EUR1. Broadband, broadcasting, spectrum
Accelerating digitalization of government services in low-resource settings: Implementing a reference digital platform based on reusable building blocks	07 Digital services	200.0		200.0	400.0	Regional	EUR2. E-services
Totals		3,809.70	0.00	290.60	4,100.30		

Other projects benefiting Europe

Project No	Title	Themes
2GLO16081	Big Data for Measuring the Information Society	ICT Statistics & Indicators
2GLO18094	Enhancement of National Emergency Telecommunication Plans and Coordination to Save Lives	Emergency Telecommunications, LDCs & SIDS
2GLO20105	ITU Center for Digital Innovation (I-CoDI)	Digital Inclusion, Innovation, Technology & Network Development
9GLO13072	mHealth for NCDs Joint Programme	ICT Applications
9GLO20103	Collaborative ICT policy and regulation	Regulatory & Market Environment
9GLO20107	COVID-19 "infodemic" management	Digital Inclusion
9GLO15077	eMCM Master of Communications Management	Capacity Building
COEGLO001	Capacity Building through Centres of Excellence (CoEs)	Capacity Building

Europe is also supporting funding digital development projects in other regions

Title	Thematic priority	External funds	ITU funds (ICT-DF)	ITU (RI funds)	Total Project Budget	Countries/Regions benefited	Project signed on
PRIDA-ITU Delegation Agreement for Action	01 Network and digital infrastructure	5,412.2	541.2		5,953.4	African region	Nov 2018
Boosting digital skills through Digital Transformation Centres (DTCs)	06 Capacity building	3,008.5	759.0		3,767.5	Ghana, DTC Network (Multi-region)	Nov 2020

WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives: Europe

About WTDC Regional Initiatives

- **Regional initiatives** (RIs)
 - adopted in World Telecommunications Development Conferences (WTDC);
 - RIs were introduced at the fifth WTDC, held in 2010 in Hyderabad;
 - they address specific ICT priority areas, through partnerships and resource mobilization to implement small-, medium- and large-scale projects;
 - The current cycle of RIs adopted at WTDC-17 covers the implementation period of 2018 to 2021.
 - Under each RI, projects are developed and implemented to meet the region's needs.
- **ITU supports implementation** of RIs within its dual responsibility as:
 - a United Nations specialized agency
 - and executing agency for implementing projects under the UN development system
- ITU can also support to **mobilize financial resources**
 - To provide seed funding via ICT-DF funds and Council allocated funds to support implementation of WTD-17 RIs (RI funds)
 - to facilitate seeking funding arrangements from third parties (resource mobilization)

Overview of WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives for Europe

RI	Short name	Regional Initiative
EUR1	Broadband, broadcasting, spectrum	Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management
EUR2	E-services	A citizen-centric approach to building services for national administrations
EUR3	Digital inclusion	Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development
EUR4	Trust	Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies
EUR5	Innovation	ICT-centric innovation ecosystems

Financial resources from ITU to support co-financing RIs

Source	Details	Contribution from partner
ITU Operational Plan (OP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU regular budget. Defined annually by BDT management based on the ITU-D Thematic Priorities. • Activities supported by OP may lead to projects in the future • Actions normally between 5k to 30-50k 	OP activities don't require a partner, although contribution from partner(s) are welcome to increase impact
ITU ICT Development Fund (ICT-DF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources to finance projects with at least one partner • Projects should include at least one country from LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs and economies in transition • Project intervention should fall into specific categories linked to the ITU-D Thematic Priorities 	<p>Partners are expected to finance 75% of the expected project cost.</p> <p>Note: On exceptional basis, the ICT-DF may finance more than 25%</p>
Council allocated funds to support WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives (RI Funds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of funds provided by Council 2018 to provide seed funding in support of projects linked to WTDC-17 regional initiatives. • CHF 5 million to be allocated in projects during the 2018-2021 period. 	Partners are expected to finance ideally 50% of the expected project cost.

About in-kind contributions from partners

- A voluntary contribution in kind is the act by which a person or legal entitle provides work, goods or services free of charge to an entity.
- Voluntary contributions in kind may take several forms. If these voluntary contributions are significant, quantifiable and measurable, then they are valued through ITU's accounting system.
- They can be represented by :
 - work contributions: volunteer work, staff provided by a public or private organization, unpaid time spent on project management
 - asset contributions: any property that is returned in full ownership to the project ;
 - contributions in services: provision of premises, equipment, free supplies of services.
- On the date they become part of the project's assets, goods received free of charge are recorded at their market value.
- The market value of goods received free of charge corresponds to the price that would have been paid under normal market conditions.
- The IPSAS rules make it mandatory to provide information on voluntary contributions in kind.

ITU funds allocated to RI in European region

Source of ITU funding	Multi	EUR-1	EUR-2	EUR-3	EUR-4	EUR-5	Total ITU Funds allocated
OP budget	0.8	80.9	71.9	47.9	79.9		281.4
Regular projects			0.0				0.0
RI Council appr. funds		300.0					100.0
Total	0.8	380.9	71.9	47.9	79.9		581.4

Total funds mobilized through ITU contribution

Source of ITU funding	In-cash external	ITU ICT-DF	OP and RI funds	Total ITU Funds	Total project funds
OP budget			281.4	281.4	281.4
Regular projects	3,297.0			0.0	3,297.0
RI Council appr. funds	400.0		300.0	300.0	700.0
Total	3,697.0		581.4	381.4	4,278.4

Current on-going projects funded with ITU RI funds

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Concluding Remarks

- During the past WTDC-14 cycle, there were 2 RI projects for Europe for a value of CHF 3.3 M.
- During the current WTDC-17 cycle, there are 3 RI projects for a value of CHF 4.1 M, constituting a 24% growth/increase.
- In addition, Europe is bringing significant technical and financial support to ITU projects in other regions through the support of financial partners like the European Union, GIZ or NORAD.



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