### **Europe Youth Group**













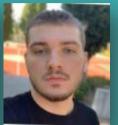
















































### **Declaration on Regional Priorities for Europe Towards 2025**







#### **Preamble**

- Through digitalisation the role of the youth is becoming increasingly important.
- We recognise the strategic role of meaningful connectivity for sustainable development.
- Special attention should be given to five thematic priorities: capacity development, policy and regulation, cybersecurity, environment, and digital inclusion.





#### 1. Capacity Development

- Increasing digital literacy among youth through high quality free online courses.
- Recognising the increasing importance of digital skills shortage, career and job related challenges.
- Increasing the outreach for the existing resources of ITU.





#### 2. Policy and Regulation

- Increasing the involvement of youth in the regulatory process.
- Additional focus on the youth dimension in the content of policies and regulations.
- Ensuring improved **communication** towards the youth regarding policies and regulations.





### 3. Cybersecurity

- Raise awareness and promote media literacy on cybersecurity to educate the youth on online safety to create a secure online environment.
- Increase cybersecurity skills among young people for their future professional development and ensure a larger representation of women in the field.
- Establish common cybersecurity capacity-building standards for European countries with cross-sectoral cybersecurity skills curriculum guidelines.





#### 4. Environment

- We recommend collaboration with youth to leverage ICT to reduce the ecological footprint of industries and its own. A circular economy including ICT industries and devices is crucially needed.
- We encourage governments to create professional roles, educational paths, and grants for startups and initiatives for young people to specifically support the sustainable development through technology.





#### 5. Digital Inclusion

- To guarantee inclusive digital technology design for all, particularly for those with specific needs, for example: for persons with disabilities, individuals with lower digital skills, and non-English speakers.
- To subsidise the cost of internet connectivity for low-income households and provide free Internet in public places to promote equality and affordability of access to digital services.
- To ensure **high speed connectivity for all educational institutions**, such as schools and libraries, and **provide greater access to digital services**, particularly among youth.





#### **Other BDT Thematic Priorities**

- We propose that all European countries provide easy-access, protected digital citizen services.
- Establish programmes for young graduates to develop ICT-based aid for emergency situations.
- Start-up centres to encourage young people to explore digital entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Collect new data on how youth access and interact with ICTs, to allow better digital policies and education strategies.
- Provide job opportunities for the youth in the field of digital services and applications.



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