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**Avala Resorts&Villas Hotel**

**Budva, Montenegro**

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**27 September: Day One**

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| [13.30 – 14:00] | Registration  |
| [14:00 – 14:30] | **Opening Ceremony*** **Mr Brahima Sanou**, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
* **Mr Zoran Sekulić**, Executive Director, Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services, (EKIP), Montenegro
* **Ms Fiona McCluney**, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative for Montenegro
* **Mr Manuel da Costa Cabral,** Chairman, Com-ITU of CEPT (The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations)
* **Mr Goran Svilanović**, Secretary General, The Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
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| [14:30 – 14:40] | **Group Photo**  |
| [14:40 – 16:20] | **High-Level Round Table (Minister and Head of Regulatory Authority Level): National and Regional Strategies Fostering the Growth of Digital Economy for Sustainable Development** **Panelists:*** **Mr Brahima Sanou,** Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
* **H.E. Vujica Lazović,** Deputy Prime Minister and Minister, Ministry of Information Society and Telecommunications, Montenegro
* **H.E.** [**Milena Harito Shteto**](https://al.linkedin.com/in/milena-harito-shteto-97b62646)**,** Minister, Ministry of Innovation and Public Administration, Albania
* **H.E. Saša Dalipagić,** Deputy Minister**,** Ministry of Communications and Transport, Bosnia and Herzegovina
* **H.E. Marta Arsovska Tomovska**, Minister, Minister of Information Society and Administration, TFYR of Macedonia
* **H.E. Zoran Sekulic**, Executive Director, Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services, (EKIP), Montenegro
* **H.E.** **Karol Okoński**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Digital Affairs, Poland
* **H.E. Tatjana Matić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, Serbia
* **H.E. Franc Dolenc,** Director of the Agency for Communication Networks and Services of the Republic of Slovenia

**Moderation**: **Jaroslaw Ponder**, Coordinator for Europe Region, ITU |
| [16:20 – 16:40] | **Coffee Break**  |
| [16:40 – 18:00] | **Session One: Review of the Implementation of the Regional Initiatives for Europe Adopted at the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014 (WTDC-14) with Emphasis on Lessons Learned (Part One)*** **Progress in the Implementation of the Regional Initiatives for EuropeMr Jaroslaw Ponder***,* Coordinator for Europe Region, ITU
* ***Implementation of Regional Initiatives for Europe: Challenges, Opportunities, Commitments***
	+ **Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband**
		- **Mr Tamir Mostarac**, Associate Director, Senior Banker, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) (“*Working with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) Sector”)*
		- **Mrs. Latinka Razpopova**, Chief Expert, Development of Electronic Communications Department, Communications Directorate, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications (MTITC) of Bulgaria
		- **Mr. Bozo Krstajic,** National Internet Exchange Programm (IXP), Montenegro
		- **Mr. Shefqet Meda,** Director,Technical Regulation and Infrastructure Department, **E**lectronic and **P**ostal **C**ommunications **A**uthority (AKEP), Albania
		- **Mr. Jose Toscano**, Director General and Chief Executive Officer, International Telecommunication Satellite Organization (ITSO) (“*Satellite: A Compelling and Effective Solution to Bridge the Broadband Divide”)*
	+ **Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting**
		- **Mr. Zoran Branković,** Regulatory Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (RATEL), Serbia (“*An Overview of 4G Implementation Status in Serbia”)*
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**[20:30] Cocktail or gala dinner (invitation card obligatory)**

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| 28 September: Day Two |
| [9:00 – 10:30] | **Session Two: Review of the Implementation of the Regional Initiatives for Europe Adopted at the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014 (WTDC-14) with Emphasis on Lessons Learned (Part Two)*** ***Implementation of Regional Initiatives for Europe: Challenges, Opportunities, Commitments***
	+ **Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular for persons with disabilities**
		- **Mr Dejan Masliković,** CEO, ProForma, Serbia
	+ **Entrepreneurship, innovation and youth**
		- **Ms Elda Zenelaj**, Coordinator in the Unit for Electronic Communications, Postal Services and Integration Department of Innovation and Good Governance, Minister of State for Innovation and Public Administration, **Albania** *(“Entrepreneurship, Youth and Innovation: the Albanian Experience”)*
		- **Ms Katarzyna Bis-Płaza**, Head of Unit, Ministry of Digital Affairs, **Poland** *(“Innovation in Governance: Effective Introduction of mID on the national level”)*
	+ **Building confidence and security in using telecommunications/ICTs**
		- **Mr Szymon Wójcik**, Empowering Children Foundation, **Poland** (*“Challenges for child online protection and possible answers from Polish perspective”)*
		- **Ms Natalija Radoja,** Head of the Department for Regulation, Analysis and Planning, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, **Serbia** (“*Child safety and protection in the use of information and communication technologies”*)
		- **Mr Laurent Chrzanovski,** Swiss WebAcademy, Romania (“*The bright and the dark sides of awareness raising in Europe, for children safety but not only: the Romanian example”)*
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| [10:30 – 11:00] | **Coffee Break**  |
| [11:00 – 11:20] | **Session Three: Updates on the ITU-D Study Groups, Membership, Academia and the European Network of Centres of Excellence** * ***ITU-D Study Groups, Membership, Academia*Mr Jaroslaw Ponder**, Coordinator for Europe Region, ITU
* ***The European Network of Centres of Excellence*Ms Ilaha Rzayeva**, Programme Officer, Europe Coordination, ITU
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| [11:20 – 11:25] | **Technical Break** |
| [11:20 – 12:45] | **Session Four: Towards the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017: Regional Emerging Trends, Challenges, Opportunities and Needs** * ***Preparatory process for WTDC-17*Mr Jaroslaw Ponder**, Coordinator for Europe Region, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
* ***Road to WTDC-17: Stop in Vilnius***

**Mr Paulius Vaina**, Chairman of PT on WTDC-17 of the Com-ITU CEPT and Acting Head of International and Public Relations Division, The Communications Regulatory Authority (RRT), Lithuania* ***Regional preparations towards WTDC by RCC***

**Prof. Dr. Vladimir Minkin,** Chairman, TDAG of ITU-D and WG- ITU, and CIC, Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC) * ***Presentation of initial proposals for consideration within the framework of the regional preparatory process towards WTDC-17***Participants
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| [12:45 – 12:50] | **Technical Break** |
| [12:50 – 13:00] | **Conclusion and Closing ceremony** * **Mr Jaroslaw Ponder,** Europe Coordinator, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
* **Mr Zoran Sekulić,** Executive Director, Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (EKIP), Montenegro
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| 14:00 - 21:00 | *Social event - Kotor Bay cruise tour (invitation card obligatory)* |