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Subject: **Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe on "Evolving Regulatory Frameworks for Digital Future", Budva, Montenegro, 1-2 October 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

At the kind invitation of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro (EKIP), I have the pleasure to invite your Administration/Organization to the Regulatory Forum for Europe on "Evolving Regulatory Frameworks for Digital Future", which will be held from 1 to 2 October 2018 in Budva, Montenegro, within the framework of the Festival of ICT Achievements – INFOFEST 2018. The opening ceremony of the INFOFEST will take place on 30 September 2018 at 20:30, to which you are also cordially invited.

The Forum is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro (EKIP).

This Regional Forum is held within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management that aims at facilitating the high-speed connectivity with resilient and synergistic infrastructure development, deployment and sharing, whilst ensuring a trusted and quality user experience. This event provides a unique opportunity for high-level dialogue between stakeholders on strategies and policies directed towards broadband development in the region, while discussing the challenges and opportunities offered by resilient high speed networks couple with regulatory actions that are flexible and collaborative. This event will also offer an opportunity for setting up particular actions to assist countries in need on regulatory matters including transiting from IPv4 to IPV6, exchange of practices on how to tackle EMF limits for effective 5G roll outs, others.

It will cover in particular the following aspects:

- Trends in ICT policy & regulation;
- Innovative policy and regulatory tools for the digital future;
- Roll-out of diverse broadband technologies across Europe in the context of creation of ubiquitous resilient high-speed broadband infrastructure;
- Emerging technologies accelerating evolution of regulatory frameworks for digital future, including 5G, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence

- Regulatory challenges and opportunities, including evolving market analysis, roaming, quality of services, users rights and protection, electromagnetic field levels in context of 5G implementation;
- Fostering deployment of future networks and transition from IPv4 to IPv6 across Europe
- New regulatory tools aiming at even more effective delivery by regulatory authorities, including spectrum monitoring, mapping of infrastructure, quality of service measurement.

Representatives of European Regulatory Agencies, Ministries, Operators of electronic communications, Academia as well as representatives and experts of international organizations and institutions in charge of the regulation and development policy of electronic communications are invited to take part in this Forum.

All stakeholders are encouraged to participate as a panelist or a lecturer, and requested to kindly send the title of the presentation by **10 September 2018** to the following e-mail address: conference@ekip.me and the presentation itself no later than **25 September 2018**.

Please note that the meeting will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including Agenda, Registration Form, and Practical Information for Participants are posted at https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2018/RF/default.aspx and http://www.ekip.me/INFOFEST/index.php

Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event. The Forum will be conducted in English and Montenegrin with simultaneous interpretation to both languages.

Participants who may need an entry visa for Montenegro should contact the nearest embassy or consulate of Montenegro for assistance well in advance. A list of embassies and consulates of Montenegro in the world can be found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: http://www.mvp.gov.me/en/sections/Missions/Embassies-and-consulates-of-Montenegro/

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe, ITU (telephone: +41 22 730 6065; e-mail: EURregion@itu.int) and Mr Boris Jevric, Deputy Executive Director, Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (EKIP) (Tel: +382 20 406 760; e-mail: conference@ekip.me) are at your disposal for any further information you might need.

I look forward to welcoming you in Budva.

Yours faithfully,

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