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Administrations of ITU Member States,
Ministries, Regulators, Sector Members and
Academia from Europe and CIS Regions

Subject: ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for Europe and CIS, 27-28 February 2020, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for Europe and CIS regions** co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) with the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communication and the State e-government Agency of the Republic of Bulgaria, to be held **from 27 to 28 February 2020** at the Grand Hotel Sofia, Bulgaria.

This Forum is organized within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Enhancing Trust and Confidence in the use of ICTs, and ITU Regional Initiative for CIS on the Development and Regulation of Info Communication Infrastructure to make Cities and Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe and Resilient, adopted by the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17).

The event will bring together national and international stakeholders in cybersecurity for information exchange on trust and confidence building, enhancing awareness of the risks and constructing dialogues around the cyber-threat landscape and current safety practices.

National policy and decision makers, Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) managers, legislators, regulators, service providers, academia, civil society and other relevant cybersecurity professionals from European and CIS region countries are encouraged to actively participate and present their country cases.

The Provisional Agenda is attached as Annex 1. Please note that Forum will be paperless. Documents related to this event, including the venue of the meeting, practical information, agenda and presentations will be available soon on the ITU website at http://itu.int/go/EURCIS_CSForum20. The event will be conducted in English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

To participate, please register online using the link available [here](#) no later than **18 February 2020**.

There is no participation fee for this event, however, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of experts should be covered by your Administration / Organization / Company. Participants requiring an entry visa to Bulgaria should contact their nearest Bulgarian Embassy or Consulate well in advance.

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In accordance with Resolution 213 (Dubai, 2018), of the ITU Plenipotentiary conference, and in order to promote participation of developing countries in ITU activities, ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country from the CIS region, subject to the availability of funds.

An application for fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Member States are encouraged to consider gender balance and the inclusion of delegates with disabilities and with specific needs when proposing candidates for fellowships.

Those intending to apply for a fellowship are requested to complete the fellowship request form and send it to ITU Fellowships Service by e-mail: fellowships@itu.int or by fax : +41 227305778 no later than **6 February 2020**.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, visa and accommodation aspects, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Adelina Ognianska, European Coordination and International Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria (tel: +359 29409 613, e-mail: aognianska@mtitc.government.bg).

For any other questions please contact Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (tel: +41 22 730 6065, e-mail: eurregion@itu.int) and Mr Kirill Oparin, Head of ITU Regional Office for CIS (tel: +7 495 926 6070, e-mail: itumoscov@itu.int).

I hope that you will be able to participate and make a valuable contribution to this ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Director

"ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum"

For Europe and CIS

27-28 February 2020

Grand Hotel Sofia, Bulgaria

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Ministry of Transport, Information Technology
and Communications



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This 2 day forum will bring together national and international stakeholders in cyber security for conducting information exchange, confidence building and enhancing awareness of the risks and state of practice for digital system protection. For more information please visit http://itu.int/go/EURCIS_CSForum20

DRAFT AGENDA

27 February 2020

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony Remarks by host and ITU
10:00 - 11:30	Group Photo and Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:30	Session 1: Cybersecurity Priorities for Governments A high-level discussion on hot issues in Cybersecurity in relation to emerging technologies including blockchain, AI and IoT.
11:30 - 12:30	Session 2: National Cybersecurity Strategy: A roadmap to meaningful actions How are countries reviewing their national cybersecurity strategies? What effective tools are they using to do so?
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:00	Session 3: Data Protection - Legislations and Regulations in response A conversation around GDPR, ICT regulations and laws currently in place. Are they responding to current needs? What could be done better?

15:00 - 16:00 Session 4: 5G: Tackling the security challenge

A technical session to better understand cybersecurity implications of rolling out 5G solutions with presentation of use cases.

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30 Session 5: AI: Positive or Negative Impacts to Cybersecurity

A session to take stock of current use of AI in the field of Cybersecurity perspective to share the cybersecurity challenges that AI bring forward and how these are addressed

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8:30 – 9:00 Morning Coffee

09:00 - 10:00 Session 6: Certification Frameworks for Digital Security

Products and services certification frameworks play an important role in developing trust and confidence towards a safer and more secure internet. Could the adoption of the EU certification framework for ICT digital products, services and processes be beneficial to the developing countries?

10:00 - 11:00 Session 7: eSIM and IoT Security Challenges

IoT continue to have a significant impact on almost every industry around the world. Recent attacks on IoT highlighted the vulnerabilities present. Is eSIM a solution to the problem?

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:30 Session 8: Incident Response and Management

Cyberattacks can have far reaching impacts at financial, reputational level and more. For critical infrastructure, an incident may have far reaching impact on our lives. What are the good practices?

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:00 Session 9: Building capacity in Cybersecurity

Who are the professionals that need enhanced cybersecurity skills? What are the actions being undertaken? What are emerging skills that would be needed?

15:00 - 15:45 Session 10: Cooperation in the region and beyond

Collaboration and coordination are key components of cybersecurity incident response. What is the state of play? In which cybersecurity sub areas do we need to cooperate better?

15:45 - 16:00 Concluding remarks