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 - ITU Sector Members,
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 - Regional and International Organizations
 - Regional Offices for Europe of UN System Organizations
 - Regional Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Advisory Groups (TSAG, TDAG, RAG) and Study Groups
- Cc: - Permanent Missions

Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe, 26 May 2020 (11:00–15:30), Remote Meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Regional Development Forum (RDF) for Europe to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) with the support of the National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM) of Romania. The Forum will be held remotely on 26 May 2020 and will be held back to back with the CEPT Committee for ITU Policies (Com-ITU) meeting, held also remotely from 27 to 29 May 2020.

Regional Development Forums provide an opportunity for a dialogue between the ITU Office for Europe and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members as well as other stakeholders. They serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on ITU's regional work plan.

In this context, RDF-EUR will report on the implementation of the activities of the Buenos Aires Action Plan. Particular emphasis will be given to five Regional Initiatives for Europe approved by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17), providing all stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss implementation plans, to announce commitments and to exchange experiences and good practices.

The RDF will result in an updated implementation plan for the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe. Thus, all stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe or being interested in doing so in the future are kindly invited to provide their written input by **15 May 2020** to euregion@itu.int, using RDF Contributions Template available at the RDF website <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2020/RDF/Remote.aspx>. All submissions will be presented during the meeting and will serve as a basis for discussions on the implementation plan for the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe.

The RDF will also address, from a regional perspective, the results-based management approach applied for all actions carried out in the region as well as activities related to the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), ITU-D Study Groups, Membership, Partnerships, ITU Centres of Excellence, as well as regional contributions to the implementation of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Action Lines and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The draft agenda of the Forum is attached as Annex 1.

RDFs are open to all stakeholders willing to strengthen cooperation and partnership among telecommunication/ICT policy-makers, regulators, industry, academia, regional and international development agencies and organizations on specific regional telecommunication and ICT matters.

Please note that the Forum will be paperless. Documents related to this event, including agenda, presentations and practical information with guidance on how to connect to the online platform, will be available on the ITU website at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2020/RDF/Remote.aspx> . The Forum will be conducted in English only.

To participate, please register online using the link available at <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud> no later than **20 May 2020**.

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (tel: +41 22 730 6065, e-mail: eurregion@itu.int), is at your full disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (RDF-EUR)

Information and Communication Technologies for attaining Sustainable Development Goals

organized by the International Telecommunication Union with the support of the National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM) of Romania



Tuesday 26 May 2020 | 11:00 – 15:30 | Remote Meeting

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(Meeting held back-to-back with Com-ITU of CEPT – 27-29 May 2020, Remote Meeting)

DRAFT AGENDA

[10:45 – 11:00]	Online networking on the online platform
[11:00 – 11:15]	OPENING CEREMONY
[11:15 – 12:15]	VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE ONE: Results and impact oriented regional actions beyond WTDC-17 and towards WTDC-21 <i>Results Based Management Approach ITU Actions at the Regional Level ITU as Part of Regional United Nations Sustainable Development System Regional Initiatives Study Groups Partnerships Membership SMEs Academia WSIS Action Lines and SDGs</i>
[12:15 – 13:15]	VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE TWO: Regional projects, initiatives, partnerships contributing to achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and WSIS Action Lines in Europe <i>Support to Mapping of Broadband Infrastructure European mHealth Hub Digital Agriculture Strategies Digitally Empowered Generation Equals Accessible Europe Child Online Protection in Europe ICT-centric Innovation Ecosystem Regional Digital Integration Digital Transformation</i>
[13:15 – 14:00]	Virtual Lunch Break
[14:00 – 15:15]	VIRTUAL REVIEW: Implementing the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe (2020-2021) <i>EUR1: Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management EUR2: A citizen-centric approach to building services for national administrations EUR3: Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies EUR5: ICT-centric innovation ecosystems</i> <i>2020-2021 Action Plan for Implementing ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe</i>
[15:15 – 15:30]	Conclusions and Way Forward



