# ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (RDF-EUR)

## *Information and Communication Technologies for Attaining Sustainable Development Goals*

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# THE RESULTS OF "CYBERSECURITY FORUM FOR EUROPE AND CIS, 27 – 28 FEBRUARY 2020"

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**Europe Regional Initiative:** EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies

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The previous three editions of the Cybersecurity Forum for Europe and CIS were held in Sofia in 2008, 2012 and 2016. More than 100 delegates from Bulgarian and foreign governmental institutions and NGOs took part in each of the previous regional events and discussed issues related to cybersecurity and information infrastructure management at national, regional and international level as well as the partnership between the state and the private sector.

This year the ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for Europe and CIS regions Forum was held in February in Sofia and it was jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) with the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communication of the Republic of Bulgaria and the State e-government Agency of the Republic of Bulgaria.

This event was designed 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 Forum brought 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. The attendees included 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. During the Forum all attendees were acquainted with the national experience in tackling the vast area of cybersecurity issues of many countries in Europe and CIS region, as well as with the views of researchers, business, specialized consultants and high-tech experts. As Cybersecurity is a horizontal issue and it can be handled only by a multistakeholder approach all the participants agreed that providing such a platform for dialogue will help all countries in their efforts to find solutions to cybersecurity issues which increase and diversify faster and faster with every new technology, be it AI, 5G networks, blockchain or quantum computers.

The fourth edition of the Forum brought together 150 individuals from 28 countries representing 72 organizations.

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