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TITLE: Sharing the know-how on Broadband

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☐ EUR1: Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management

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Background

Lithuania is characterised by high fibre penetration and wide use of fast (high-speed) Internet access, due to comparatively low broadband prices. The regulator RRT has focused on creating predictable regulation and favourable conditions for competition and investment in broadband, symmetrical regulation of infrastructure sharing, open access to and shared use of network infrastructure and has experience in these areas, as well as network neutrality (open Internet), quality of broadband services, consumer protection. RRT has developed tools for mobile Internet access network coverages and throughput calculation as well as a tool to measure fixed network coverage/duplication, including methods how to gather the information from the operators about the development of their fixed network (including copper, fiber and coaxial lines). RRT has shared its experience in the area of broadband regulation, quality of services on a number of occasions, in particular in the framework of EU Twinning projects, implemented by RRT and is ready to provide the know-how within the projects implemented by ITU.

Proposal

RRT proposes to share its experience and know-how with ITU member states in the area of broadband regulation, including quality of services, consumer protection, network mapping, measuring network coverage, methods of collecting information from the operators about the network development, etc. In our view, this experience is of particular relevance in view of the project launched by ITU in 2020 under the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe *Supporting Investment Opportunity Mapping Systems in Broadband Infrastructure for South Eastern Europe* that aims to

assist countries in mapping broadband infrastructure and services, as well as the ITU planned action on quality of services and consumer protection frameworks.