

ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (RDF-EUR)

Information and Communication Technologies for Attaining Sustainable Development Goals

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TITLE: Regional Forum in Albania on Industrial Policies, 5G, Clouding, IoT, AI aspects

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Europe Regional Initiative: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- 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**

Year(s) of implementation: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021**

Background [max 300 words]

The development of national initiatives in the broader framework of emerging digital growth strategies that are linked to regional innovation and industrial policies.

It provides a background on how these strategies and measures have emerged in order to help understanding the policy dynamics and identify practices of interest for the whole EU. It also focuses on the governance and on the leverage effect of the policies on investments.

To facilitate comparability and to structure the analysis specific plans and actions designed by the Regional and National Initiatives have been grouped along the Digitising European Industry (DEI) action lines. All Western Balkan countries (WB6), has have adopted their national strategies for broadband development in line with EU digital Agenda 2020.

The governments of Western Balkan countries recognizes the importance of Broadband infrastructure and the opportunities it offers this is clearly expressed in Joint Declaration adopted in Budva on 30th of September 2015 by ministers for digital agenda of the SEE countries. It is an important part of





MAP-REA of WB6 endorsed in Trieste Summit on 12th of July 2017, under digital integration pillar. Digital society and knowledge based economy are important areas under smart growth pillar of SEE -2020 Strategy.

Joint Statement of support the Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans, during Sofia Summit held on 17th of May 2018, are committed to further collaboration in order to improve the investment climate for digital projects in the region; and to facilitate stable, predictable and competitive markets in the telecommunications sector.

Proposal [max 400 words]

Proposal: Relating this we propose to organize a regional forum/seminar in Albania in 2021 on “Industrial Policies, 5G, Clouding, IoT, AI aspects”.

We would like to mention again that in 2019 in Tirana, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy of Albania and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), had organized the Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2019 for Europe (RRS-19-Europe) in Tirana, from 24 to 27 June, in cooperation with the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT).

In addition this year Albania will organize Western Balkans 6 Digital Summit in corporation with RCC, EU and other international organization

