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TITLE: National review on the ICT centric innovation ecosystem

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Background

Serbia is facing an unexpected digital boom. The positive development started few years ago with some bold moves of the new government. Today, tech is the industry with the highest exports in the country, while innovative start-ups received at least 500 mil. USD in funding. Top international tech companies, such as Microsoft, NCR, Epic Games, Continental and others, have already established R&D centers in Serbia. Serbian tech companies are also making it big. Nordeus is the world's leading mobile gaming developer and publisher, SevenBridges is one of the leading genetic research companies and is rated as one of the world's 50 smartest companies.

ITU has contributed to the Serbia's tech sector development through development of Digital Innovation Profile back in 2017.

Proposal

Building upon previous very positive experience on the development of the Serbia's Digital Innovation Profile and the great collaboration Serbia has with the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe and the ITU Innovation Division, we are kindly requesting the ITU to perform the National review of the ICT centric innovation ecosystem, in order to

- Provide a set of recommendations and
- Identify potential bankable projects to

further strengthen the Serbia's digital innovation potential.

