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Subject: ITU Regional Forum for Europe on Digital Skills Development, 16 March 2021, Online Meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the [ITU Regional Forum for Europe on Digital Skills Development](), organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The Forum will be held virtually from 10:00 – 16:00 CET, on 16 March 2021.

This Forum is organized within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development.

As the transformative role of digital technologies is mainstreamed in an increasing number of sectors, its advancements have resulted in an important change in the capacities and skills of the workforce required today. The current pandemic has played a key role in accelerating the need for prioritizing digital policy, which is no longer a concern to be deferred to the future.

In this context, the Forum will provide a platform for all stakeholders to actively exchange their approaches related to fostering digital skills development, with the objective of strengthening regional and national mechanisms. It will also offer an opportunity to the countries participating to present progress made so far and exchange their national practices. The forum will be an opportunity to reach out to other stakeholders and inspire them to undertake concrete actions on fostering digital skills development.

The Forum will focus on:
- Digital skills development in Europe
- National approaches to fostering digital skills development
- A country assessment framework on approaches for digital skills development
- Digital skills development and next steps in government, the private sector, academia and the civil society.

Documents related to this event, including the Agenda and presentations, will be made available on the ITU website at the event [webpage here]().

To participate, please register online using the link available on the webpage no later than **12 March 2021.** All information related to links to connect to the online platform will be provided to participants upon registration.

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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Director

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[9:45 – 10:00]	**Virtual Networking**
Morning	**Strategies and Policies**
[10:00– 10:10]	**Opening Segment**
[10:10 – 11:15]	**Session 1: Digital skills development in Europe** Focus: Setting the scene on the regional context for digital skills development in Europe.
[11:15 – 11:30]	**Coffee break**
[11:30 – 13:00]	**Session 2: Country approaches to foster digital skills development** Focus: Countries present in depth their national approach to fostering digital skills development.
[13:00 – 14:00]	**Lunch break**
Afternoon	**Implementation Laboratory**
[14:00 – 14:30]	**Country assessment framework presentation** Focus: Presentation of the Digital Skills Assessment Guidebook while highlighting challenges on its rollout.
[14:30 – 15:30]	**Breakout sessions – Deep dive on digital skills development and next steps** Breakout room 1: Digital skills in Government Breakout room 2: Digital skills in Private Sector Breakout room 3: Digital skills in Academia and civil society *Moderators of this session will report back to Plenary*
[15:30 – 15:50]	**Reporting and Wrap-up**
[15:50 – 16:00]	**Closing**