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**Subject: Call for New Members of the Generation Connect – Europe Youth Group**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The “Generation Connect” global initiative (<https://www.itu.int/generationconnect>) was launched in November 2020 and has been on a constant route for meaningful youth contribution to policy making, digital development and inclusion during 2021. It aimed to engage global youth and encourage their participation as equal partners alongside the leaders of today’s digital change, empowering young people with the skills and opportunities to advance their vision of a connected future.

This initiative was launched in line with **the ITU Youth Strategy** which aims to improve and have a real impact on the lives of young people around the world, and to ensure meaningful participation of youth in ITU as key stakeholders in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

With the objective of further strengthening the engagement of Youth at the regional level, we are pleased to announce the **call for new members of the Generation Connect – Europe Youth Group (GC-EUR)** (<http://itu.int/go/CEJK>) and to invite your organization to provide support for this effort.

GC-EUR aims to provide a unique participative process for youth to contribute to the work of ITU in the European region. It offers European youth a virtual platform to discuss opportunities and challenges related to digital technologies. Through this platform, youth are consulted and able to share with ITU membership their interests, concerns, and perspectives on digital transformation. GC-EUR builds its activities upon the Youth Declaration co-created by its members in 2021. Members of GC-EUR are active in designing the annual workplan of the group and its implementation, including the organization of the [Generation Connect - Digital Youth Jam for Europe](#), being the platform for active discussion on digital development. Additionally, GC-EUR will continue its work, providing valuable contributions related to the organization of the upcoming [Generation Connect Global Youth Summit](#) to be held in 2022 as a pre-event for the WTDC-22.

In this context, the **call for new members of GC-EUR** is being launched. This call targets all European youth between 18 and 25 who have an interest and/or experience and knowledge in the field of digital technologies and digital transformation. They should possess strong communication, analytical and writing skills, the ability to work remotely in teams, and have an advanced level of English. European youth are kindly invited to submit their candidatures through the **online form** by **27 February 2022**,

**11:59 p.m. CET.** After an in-depth analysis of all candidatures the composition of the group will be announced by **7 March 2022**. The kick-off meeting with the new members of the GC-EUR will take place on **15 March 2022**. More information on GC-EUR is available at <https://www.itu.int/go/Generation-Connect-Europe>.

I invite all of our European Membership to work with us to ensure the success of this initiative. I would highly appreciate if you could encourage youth networks in your countries to ensure that all countries are represented in this transformational effort.

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I look forward to your support for this important initiative.

Yours faithfully,

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