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## ITU/BDT projects of interest in the Europe & CIS Region

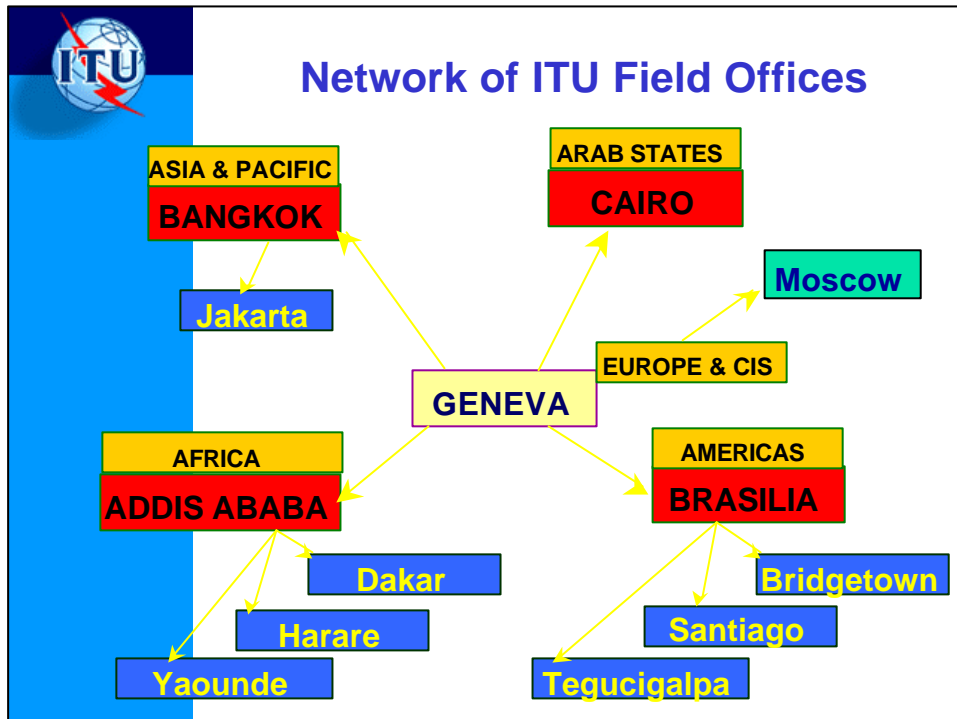
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### International Telecommunication Union (ITU)'s Triple Mandate

- 1. Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)**  
Coordinate use of radio-communications resources (frequencies, satellite orbits, etc.)
- 2. Standardization Sector (ITU-T)**  
Establish global telecom standards
- 3. Development Sector (ITU-D)**  
Promote the development of ICT sector worldwide and in the Regions:
  - Africa
  - Americas
  - Arab Sates
  - Asia & Pacific
  - **Europe & CIS**



A high-level platform for developing countries  
**World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC 02)**  
 Istanbul, March 18-27, 2002

- o Istanbul Declaration
- o ITU-D Strategic Plan
- o Istanbul Action Plan (IsAP)
- o International & Regional Cooperation (RCC, CEPT, EC)
- o 38 Resolutions and 5 Recommendations including:
  - Res. 17 Implementation of national, regional, interregional and global projects
  - Res. 37 Role of ITU-D in bridging Digital Divide
  - Res. 41 E-Health (including tele-health/tele-medicine)
  - Res. 42 Implementation of tele-education programmes





## Composition of the Europe & CIS Region

### 53 Countries

- 3 Baltic States
- 12 Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
- 15 Central Eastern European Countries (CEE)
- 23 Western European Countries



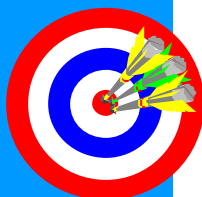
## Target Countries for Implementation of Projects

### CEE

- Albania
- Bulgaria
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Malta
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia & Montenegro
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- TFYR Macedonia
- Turkey

### CIS & Baltic States

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Moldova
- Russia
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania





## Projects and Initiatives in the Europe & CIS Region

### o Regional Projects:

- ICT Strategies for Enabling Environments for E-applications
- Telecommunication Sector Regulation and Practices

### o Initiatives from following countries:

- Bosnia & Herzegovina, Turkey, Slovakia, Romania, Serbia & Montenegro, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan



## ICT Strategies for Enabling Environments for E-applications

### Background

- o **Istanbul Declaration**: Integration of ICT applications and services into national and regional development programmes
- o **Istanbul Action Plan**: Assist members in addressing technical, legal, policy and strategy issues for e-services/applications, foster use of the Internet (Programme 3)
- o **World Summit on Information Society**: Fundamental principles of the information society and global action plan
- o **eEurope Action Plan for 2005**: Information society measures in the framework of integrated and single strategy on the information society



## ICT Strategies for Enabling Environments for E-applications **Mechanisms**

- **ICT Consultative Forum** to discuss national strategies and policies, share experiences and identify priorities
- **Follow-up**
  - For countries **advanced** in ICT strategies and applications: 3 more forums over 2 years
  - For countries **developing** their ICT strategies and e-applications: Guide to elaborating national ICT strategy and building capacity of national ICT team leaders
- **Workshops** organized on request



## ICT Strategies for Enabling Environments for E-applications **Outputs**

- **Establishment of new or strengthening of the existing national ICT strategy development structures** harmonized with regional and global trends and thinking
- **Competence developed** in the area of national ICT strategic planning
- **Capacity built** in developing concrete e-applications



## Telecommunication Sector Regulation & Practices

### Background

- **Istanbul Declaration:** Sector reforms that foster private sector participation and competition are shaping telecom development
- **Istanbul Action Plan:** Develop appropriate human resources in government and industry to develop and implement policies, legislation and regulations (Programme 1)
- **Enlargement of the European Union:** New regulatory framework from July 2003 empowers EC to oversee national regulatory regimes in CEE countries
- **CIS:** Face challenge to improve access to and quality of services, ensure investment



## Telecommunication Sector Regulation & Practices

### Mechanisms

- **Three Regional Regulatory Forums** over 2 years to discuss and debate:
  - Regulatory Structures and Practices Ensuring Fair Competition and Interconnection
  - Dispute Resolution
  - Consumer Protection Issues, Inspection and Enforcement of License Terms
- **Workshops** organized on request



## Telecommunication Sector Regulation & Practices

### Outputs

- **Broad Knowledge of Trends and Best Practice** in specific questions in the region
- **Skills Built and Competence Developed** to resolve problems in key regulatory issues
- **Identification** of institutional structures needed for good governance of sector in national environment
- **Reinforcement** of harmonization of sector policies, legislation and regulation in the region



## Country Initiatives

- Development of National Information Infrastructure in CEE
- Implementation of COSITU for CIS
- E-government in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan
- Workshop and round table for CIS in Kazakhstan
- E-health in Turkey
- Frequency Monitoring System at the TO of the Slovakia
- Assessment of Quality of Services in DVB-T systems in Slovakia
- Multipurpose Community Telecenters in Romania
- Market Analyses and Studies in Romania
- Rebuilding of Public Broadcasting System in Serbia & Montenegro
- Secure virtual private network connectivity between a selected number of Government departments in Bulgaria
- Spectrum Management Systems in Bulgaria



## E-Agriculture in Kyrgyzstan ITU/BDT successful story



Rural farmers in Madaniyat, 90 kms. east of Bishkek, can access prices of their produce and facilitate direct relationships with potential buyers to get better return on their products



## Multi-Stakeholder Participation in Projects

- Governments, global and regional organizations, institutions, as well as public and private sector entities, can contribute human, technical and financial resources towards EUR and CIS activities
- Depending on member governments' requirements, ITU's partners can provide cost-sharing, best practice, tools, financing, transfer of skills and practical knowledge
- All inputs and activities will be coordinated through the ITU/BDT Europe & CIS Unit as well as through the working group and BDT working parties on private sector issues





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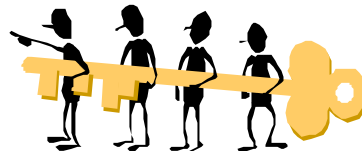
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# Partnering: a risky business?



## PARTNERSHIP WITH ITU Key to Successful Projects

- Global presence
- Membership of all countries
- Long and successful experience
- Credibility
- Transparency
- Neutrality
- Impartiality





## AT THE END . . .

Successful project development and implementation is the result of harmonious collaboration of ALL Parties involved



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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