

ITU/BDT Activities in the Europe and CIS Region

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on Dispute Resolution**
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ITU's Triple Global 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



What ITU/BDT is doing to Create Digital Opportunities in Europe & CIS

- **Sub-regional support**
 - **ITU Area Office in Moscow** (in December 2003 signed Agreement and Protocol)
- **Information and Knowledge support**
 - **Seminars and Workshops** (four regional and five sub-regional in 2003)
 - **Centre of Excellence** (Russian-speaking and English-speaking branch) and **Internet Training Centers** (ITU/CISCO Academies in Ukraine, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Romania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Poland, Turkey and Serbia & Montenegro)
- **Resources and Infrastructure support**
 - **Direct Assistance, Project Development and Bilateral Cooperation**



Initiatives and Projects implemented in 2003

- **Moldova:** national numbering plan, interconnection regulation and spectrum management
- **Tajikistan:** support to attend telemedicine meeting
- **Kazakhstan:** network infrastructure plan
- **Kyrgyzstan:** E-agriculture project
- **Azerbaijan:** E-business and E-govt policy
- **Georgia:** E-govt and E-commerce platform
- **Albania:** ICT strategy implementation and interconnection regulation
- **Serbia & Montenegro:** implementation of the Resolution 33 (WTDC-02, Istanbul)
- **Ukraine:** updates of PLANITU software



Current Initiatives and Projects

- E-government in **Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan** and E-health in **Turkey**
- Satellite Telecommunications in **Kazakhstan**
- Center of Young Software developers in **Uzbekistan**
- 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 in **Bulgaria**
- Spectrum Management Systems in **Kyrgyzstan** and **Tajikistan**
- Virtual Forum on Change Management Projects
- Feasibility Study on Digital TV Based Interactive ICT Applications Development in **Russia**



Seminars, Workshops and Meetings in 2004

- **Training workshop on COSITU**, Baku, Azerbaijan, 23-26 March;
- **ITU/ITC Regional Seminar on Network Evolution to NGN and Fixed Mobile Convergence**, Moscow, Russia, 27-30 April;
- **Workshop on Strategic Management (Part II)**, Kiev, Ukraine, 24-26 May;
- **European Regional Meeting on Fair Competition**, Oslo, Norway, 1-3 June;
- **ITU/EBU Workshop on Digital Broadcasting**, Sofia, Bulgaria, 8-10 June;
- **European Regional Workshop on Dispute Resolution**, Geneva, Switzerland, 31 August-2 September;
- **ITU/US AID Workshop on Rural Access to Telecommunications**, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 13-16 September 2004;
- **Regional Workshop on planning of digital terrestrial TV networks in relation to RRC-06**, Moscow, Russian Federation, 21-24 September;
- **Seminar on Economic and Market Analysis**, Vilnius, Lithuania, 5-7 October;
- **Workshop on Aligning Human Resources on organizational changes**, Sofia, Bulgaria, 12-15 October;
- **ITU Partnership Forum for ICT Projects and Regional Working Party on private sector issues**, Kiev, Ukraine, 16-18 November



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:
 - Fair Competition and Interconnection (1-3 June 2004, Oslo)
 - Dispute Resolution (31 August-2 September 2004, Geneva)
 - Consumer Protection Issues, Inspection and Enforcement of License Terms (2005, Turkey)
- **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



Forthcoming Digital Opportunities

Active participation in:

- Preparation OP
Regional, sub-regional and country Project proposals and initiatives which could be included in OP and realized together with the ITU
- RPM process
Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM) for WTDC-06 in the Europe and CIS Region will be held in Bucharest (Romania) from 19 to 21 April 2005 and additional Preparatory Meeting for CIS will be held in Moscow (Russian Federation) from 4 to 6 October 2005 - country proposals are crucial



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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