**Open consultation “Building an enabling environment for access to the Internet”**

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|  | Promoting the internet usage requires a number of prerequisites, which should be part of an overall policy implemented by the government and involving public and private stakeholders and civil society as well. These actions are mainly aimed at - promoting internet connectivity - providing affordable offers - improving the access quality - Secure internet use cannot be performed without the goodwill and cooperation of major actors in the net. |

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| 1. **What are the elements of an enabling environment to promote Internet connectivity?**
 | * Ongoing investment in infrastructure,
* The Implementation of a national broadband (high-speed and very high speed network) strategy ;
* The roll-out of universal service;
* The involvement of the private sector in the expansion of network infrastructure including mobile networks and broadband ;
* The fight against the geographical digital divide;
* Encouraging the development of internet services and local content
* the establishment of regulations for local loop unbundling ;
* the development of infrastructures to extend coverage of fixed and mobile networks;
* The launching of the initiatives to facilitate access to energy to power mobile phones.
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| 1. **What are the elements of an enabling environment to promote an affordable Internet?**
 | * Propose low costs solutions tailored to low-income populations;
* Encourage the sharing of network infrastructure to improve geographical coverage, while keeping costs under control.
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| 1. **What are the elements of an enabling environment to promote the quality of access to the Internet?**
 | * Stimulating innovation and productivity gains,
* Improving competitiveness ;
* Encouraging private investment in this area.
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| 1. **What are the elements of an enabling environment to build confidence and security in the use of the Internet?**
 | * The establishment of a regulatory framework for electronic transactions, promoting cyber security and fighting against ICT-related offenses;
* Co-operation at regional and international level in the field of cyber-security.
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| 1. **What is the role of Governments in building an enabling environment?**
 | * Develop laws on the development and operation of ICT infrastructure;
* Promote the development and competitiveness of service industries based on information technologies;
* Ensure stability and predictability in regulatory systems.
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