



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members
- Academia

Subject: **ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (27-28 September 2016) and Regional Conference on “Regulation of Electronic Communications Market” (26-27 September 2016), Budva, Montenegro**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF) for Europe (27-28 September 2016) and the Regional Conference on “Regulation of Electronic Communications Market” (26-27 September 2016), which will be organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro (EKIP). Both events will take place in Budva, Montenegro, during the regional Festival of Information Technology Achievements – INFOFEST 2016 starting on 25 September 2016.

The RDF will provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between BDT and decision-makers, governments and regulators of ITU Member States, Sector Members and Academia on the five regional initiatives for Europe, approved by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014 (WTDC-14). It will also pay special attention to the implementation of the ITU Strategic Plan for 2016-2019 at the regional level, the activities of the ITU-D Study Groups and the ITU Centres of Excellence as well as ITU Membership and Academia.

The Regional Conference on “Regulation of Electronic Communications Market” will be organized within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Development of Broadband Access and Adoption of Broadband agreed by the WTDC-14. It will provide an opportunity for dialogue between all relevant stakeholders on an enabling environment for sustainable growth of the ICT ecosystem in Europe, in particular strategies and policies directed towards broadband development in the region. It will also address the challenges faced and opportunities offered via high-speed networks and e-services provided over modern infrastructure.

Representatives of European Regulatory Agencies, ministries, operators of electronic communications, academia, European regional initiatives implementation partners, as well as representatives and experts of international organizations and institutions in charge of the regulation and development policy of electronic communications, are invited to take part in both events.

All stakeholders are encouraged to participate as panelists or lecturers in both events, and requested to kindly send the title of their presentation by **1 September 2016** to the following e-mail address: [EURregion@itu.int](mailto:EURregion@itu.int) and the presentation itself no later than **20 September 2016**.

Please note that the meetings will be paperless. Documents related to the events, including Agenda, Registration Forms, and Practical Information for Participants will be posted at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/>

These meetings will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation from/to Montenegrin.

To participate, please register no later than **1 September 2016**.

Please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of experts should be covered by your Administration / Organization / Company.

Those participants requiring an entry visa to Montenegro are requested to contact their local Embassy of Montenegro for information well in advance.

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Coordinator for Europe Region, (tel.: +41 22 730 6065, e-mail: [eurregion@itu.int](mailto:eurregion@itu.int) and Mr Boris Jevric, Deputy Executive Director, Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (EKIP) (tel.: +382 20 406 760; e-mail: [boris.jevric@ekip.me](mailto:boris.jevric@ekip.me)) are at your full disposal for any questions you might have concerning these events.

Yours faithfully,

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