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Regulators,  
Public Broadcasters,  
ITU-D Sector Members and  
Academia in Europe

Subject: **Online training on Public Procurement of accessible ICT products and services, 7 November–16 December 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the online training on **“Public Procurement of accessible ICT products and services”** to be conducted on **7 November – 16 December 2016**. This training is organized by the International Telecommunication Union in the framework of the Regional Initiative for Europe on Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular for persons with disabilities, adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014 (WTDC-14). The training will be delivered in English through the ITU Academy Platform.

This eLearning training aims to provide learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to specify accessibility for persons with disabilities in the public procurement of information and communication technology (ICT) products and services, enable learners to address accessibility during all stages of the public procurement process, and to provide learners with a solid understanding of the relevant international standards for accessible ICT.

Detailed information on this training is described in the training outline which can be downloaded from the ITU Academy Portal at the following link <http://academy.itu.int/>.

The 2014 EU Procurement Directives mandate the inclusion of accessibility as a mandatory requirement in technical specifications for the public procurement of goods and services, including ICTs. Many countries that have ratified or are in the process of ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabilities are introducing or strengthening policy measures for the accessibility of ICTs.

This training is targeted at managers, ICT staff and employees from government organizations including central procurement agencies, ICT companies, civil society bodies representing persons with disabilities and academia, who are interested in understanding the implementation and regulation of public procurement of accessible ICTs including international standards. Other institutions and individuals that are dedicated to building their capacity related to accessible ICTs are also welcome to participate.

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder ([eurregion@itu.int](mailto:eurregion@itu.int)), Coordinator for Europe Region, is at your full disposal should you require any information.

Registration for this eLearning training should be made online at the aforementioned link no later than **3 November 2016**.

We look forward to your active participation and invaluable contribution.

Yours faithfully,

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Director