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- All Europe and CIS Region Administrations and Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members in Europe and CIS Regions
- International, Regional and Sub-regional Organizations
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Subject: ITU Joint Cyber Drill - ALERT (Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams) for Europe and CIS Regions, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 21-23 November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Administration/Organization/Company to participate in the ALERT – (Applied learning for Emergency Response Teams) cyber drill for Europe and CIS Regions, which will be held from 21 to 23 November 2017 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, at the kind invitation of the Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure of the Republic of Moldova.

This event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe and for CIS on Building Confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs agreed by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014.

This cyber drill is open to national CIRTs/CSIRTs and it is strongly recommended that at least two technical team members and one management level staff be present. This capacity building exercise aims to enhance the communication and incident response capabilities of the participating teams as well as to ensure a continued collective effort in mitigating cyber threats among the regions' national Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRTs)/ Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs).

Since the event will be paperless, documents related to the event, including Agenda, Registration Form, Hotel Reservation Form and Practical Information for participants will be posted on the ITU website at http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/Moldova_cyberdrill_2017.aspx.

Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event.

The cyber drill will be conducted in English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

Participants are requested to complete the online Registration Form available on the event website, http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/Moldova_cyberdrill_2017.aspx, **no later than 13 November 2017.**

Although there is no participation fee for this event, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of your experts should be borne by your Administration / Organization / Company.

Given the direct relevance of this capacity-building activity as laid out in the Multi-annual Action Plan endorsed at the Trieste Summit on 12th of July, fellowships for up to 2 representatives will be covered by the Regional Cooperation Community (RCC) Secretariat for its membership. RCC members are asked to kindly contact RCC Secretariat (nadja.greku@rcc.int) after completing their online registration for the event **no later than 31 October 2017**. RCC will organize a regional meeting of the representatives of its membership in the margins of the cyber drill.

To encourage the participation of low-income developing countries and subject to the availability of funds, the ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country from the CIS Region. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are requested to complete the Fellowship Form (available on the event website) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than 31 October 2017**.

Participants requiring an entry visa to Moldova are requested to contact their local Embassy of Moldova for information well in advance.

Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder Head of the ITU Office for Europe (email: EURregion@itu.int, phone: +41 22 730 5467) or Mr. Kirill Oparin, Head of the ITU Area Office for CIS Countries (email: itumoscov@itu.int, phone: +7 495 926 6070) are at your full disposal should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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