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- Regional Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the
  Advisory Groups (TSAG, TDAG, RAG) and
  Study Groups

Cc: Permanent Missions

Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe, 26 May 2020 (11:00–15:30), Remote Meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Regional Development Forum (RDF) for Europe to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) with the support of the National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM) of Romania. The Forum will be held remotely on 26 May 2020 and will be held back to back with the CEPT Committee for ITU Policies (Com-ITU) meeting, held also remotely from 27 to 29 May 2020.

Regional Development Forums provide an opportunity for a dialogue between the ITU Office for Europe and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members as well as other stakeholders. They serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on ITU's regional work plan.

In this context, RDF-EUR will report on the implementation of the activities of the Buenos Aires Action Plan. Particular emphasis will be given to five Regional Initiatives for Europe approved by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17), providing all stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss implementation plans, to announce commitments and to exchange experiences and good practices.

The RDF will result in an updated implementation plan for the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe. Thus, all stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe or being interested in doing so in the future are kindly invited to provide their written input by **15 May 2020** to eurregion@itu.int, using RDF Contributions Template available at the RDF website https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2020/RDF/Remote.aspx.
All submissions will be presented during the meeting and will serve as a basis for discussions on the implementation plan for the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe.

The RDF will also address, from a regional perspective, the results-based management approach applied for all actions carried out in the region as well as activities related to the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), ITU-D Study Groups, Membership, Partnerships, ITU Centres of Excellence, as well as regional contributions to the implementation of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Action Lines and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The draft agenda of the Forum is attached as Annex 1.

RDFs are open to all stakeholders willing to strengthen cooperation and partnership among telecommunication/ICT policy-makers, regulators, industry, academia, regional and international development agencies and organizations on specific regional telecommunication and ICT matters.

Please note that the Forum will be paperless. Documents related to this event, including agenda, presentations and practical information with guidance on how to connect to the online platform, will be available on the ITU website at https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2020/RDF/Remote.aspx . The Forum will be conducted in English only.

To participate, please register online using the link available at http://www.itu.int/go/regitud no later than **20 May 2020**.

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (tel: +41 22 730 6065, e-mail: eurregion@itu.int), is at your full disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director

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DRAFT AGENDA

[10:45 – 11:00]	**Online networking on the online platform**
[11:00 – 11:15]	**OPENING CEREMONY**
[11:15 – 12:15]	**VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE ONE: Results and impact oriented regional actions beyond WTDC-17 and towards WTDC-21** *Results Based Management Approach	ITU Actions at the Regional Level	ITU as Part of Regional United Nations Sustainable Development System	Regional Initiatives	Study Groups	Partnerships	Membership	SMEs	Academia	WSIS Action Lines and SDGs*
[12:15 – 13:15]	**VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE TWO: Regional projects, initiatives, partnerships contributitng to achivement of Sustainable Development Goals and WSIS Action Lines in Europe** *Support to Mapping of Broadband Infrastructure	European mHealth Hub	Digital Agriculture Strategies	Digitally Empowered Generation Equals	Accessible Europe	Child Online Protection in Europe	ICT-centric Innovation Ecosystem	Regional Digital Integration	Digital Transformation*
[13:15 – 14:00]	Virtual Lunch Break
[14:00 – 15:15]	**VIRTUAL REVIEW: Implementing the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe (2020-2021)** *EUR1: Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management	EUR2: A citizen-centric approach to building services for national administrations	EUR3: Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development	EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies	EUR5: ICT-centric innovation ecosystems* *2020-2021 Action Plan for Implementing ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe*
[15:15 – 15:30]	**Conclusions and Way Forward**