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## ITU-EC Forum for Europe "Accessible Europe: ICTs for ALL" 23-25 March 2021 | Virtual Event

Dear Madam/Sir,

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) is an enabler for digital inclusion of everyone. Its vital role to achieve digital inclusion for all regardless of gender, age, ability or location has been shown during the COVID 19 pandemic. For persons with disabilities, accessible ICTs are key to enable them remove barriers and help them to have an independent life, enjoy education, get a job or participate in social, cultural or political events and processes. Therefore, multi stakeholders partnership is critical to jointly ensure that we develop and implement ICTs accessibility policies and strategies, identify and remove barriers for persons with disabilities to ensure that digital information products and services are accessible so that everyone can have access on equal basis, and thus support development of an inclusive digital environment and society in the Europe region.

In this context, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the European Commission (EC) have joined forces to hold the third regional conference titled **Accessible Europe: ICTs for ALL**, which will be a multi-stakeholders platform to advance the implementation of accessible ICTs in the Europe region, in line with the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on "Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion".

It is our great pleasure to invite your organization to participate in this Regional Forum for Europe that will take place virtually, **from 23 to 25 March 2021**. The organization of this event is supported by the Government of Portugal and is conducted as part of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

For more details, we invite you to visit the event website at <https://www.itu.int/go/Accessible-Europe-21>, where information on the agenda, registration and logistics, together with other useful links, will be soon available and constantly updated. Please be informed that there is no participation fee.

We look forward to your active participation.

Yours faithfully,

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