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| Regional forum for Europe “Using e-education for training ICT professionals” |
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| **Agenda item:** Item 8**Summary:** This contribution presents a proposal to hold a regional forum for Europe on “Using e-education for training ICT professionals”, within the framework of the Regional Initative EUR3,“Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development”, approved by WTDC-17.**Expected results:**RPM-EUR is invited to examine this contribution and to approve the proposal therein.**References:**Resolution 179 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), Resolution 198 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) |

**Background**

Continuous and constant professional training and exchange of ideas with other specialists in the field of advanced training, education and development are crucial for the development of any skills.

The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) in 2010 considered: that the Internet plays a very important role in the provision of education for children, enriching the curriculum and helping to bridge language and other barriers between the children of all nations; that education and dissemination of information on the suitable consumption and use of telecommunication/ICT products and services must be encouraged (Resolution 179 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)).

Also PP 2010 invited Member States to share best practices on national approaches targeting the use of ICT for the social and economic development of youth and to promote ICT for youth empowerment and involvement in the decisionmaking processes of the ICT sector (Resolution 198 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)).

On 17-19 April 2013, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the А.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (ONAT, Ukraine) organized the ITU International Workshop “Strategic aspects of ICT use in education”. The participants of the Workshop expressed their sincere gratitude to the moderators and speakers for the relevance of the Workshop. Also, Workshop participants noted the practical importance of the presented reports for international organizations, ministries and regulators, higher education institutions, scientific-research organizations, equipment manufacturers, and telecom operators.

At WTDC 2017, the regional initiative “Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development” was approved. The expected results are: promoting digital literacy, digital skills and e-education, and implementing accessible ICTs in e-education; raising awareness and promoting relevant guidelines on public policies, including exchanging knowledge and sharing good practices on ICT accessibility products and services for persons with disabilities and specific needs, through meetings and workshops.

**Expected results:**

Activities:

* analysis of reports from previous workshops and forums, analysis of ITU Telecommunication Development Sector activities in the areas of forum sessions, search for moderators and rapporteurs among leading experts in this field;
* holding the roundtable discussions “The role of e-education in training ICT professionals”;
* simultaneous interpretation in English and other European languages;
* providing the media coverage: communication with the media , interviews and reportages in the media;
* live broadcasting of the Forum on the Internet;
* organizing the cloud storage of presentations and photos with 24/7 access.

**Proposal**

The project goal is exchanging knowledge and sharing good practices on ICT accessibility products and services for persons with disabilities and specific needs, through meetings and workshops.

This Forum would be addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, telecommunication operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from Europe.

In particular, the Forum will cover following issues:

* e-education: state role of ICT in education;
* Legal regulation of e-education;
* Technical aspects of e-education and training ICT professionals;
* Organizational aspects of e-education and training ICT professionals;
* Using e-education for people with disabilities;
* Peculiarities of training ICT in pre-schoolers education;
* International partnership in the field of e-education and training ICT professionals;
* Security organization while implementing e-education, students online protection;
* Capacity building in ICT through teachers advanced training;
* Impact of telecommunications / ICT on the health of students when using e-education.

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