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prepare for the WTDC-21**
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European Preparations for WTDC-21

Agenda item:

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Summary:

This document contains a presentation summarizing CEPT preparations for WTDC-21.

Expected results:

IRM-1 is invited to note this document

References:

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European Preparations for WTDC-21

Cristiana Flutur, Com-ITU Chair

1st Inter-regional Meeting for WTDC-21, 11 March 2021

Project Team on preparation for WTDC-2021 (PT WTDC-21)

Established in May 29, 2020:

- to identify the issues that in Europe's view are of central importance for ITU-D,
 - to prepare and coordinate CEPT positions and contributions,
 - to organize the co-ordination of CEPT actions for the preparation for and during WTDC,
 - to develop draft European Common Proposals (ECPs) and draft CEPT Briefs, etc.
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- **3 meetings in September-December, 2020**
 - **2 meeting in January and March, 2021**

PT WTDC-21: main focus in 2020

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- TDAG Working Groups: appointment of Focal Points, coordination of CEPT participation and input;
- Structure of draft CEPT Brief for WTDC-21, topic coordinators, Milestone Plan;
- European Vision for ITU-D;
- Preparation for RPM-EUR.

RPM-EUR: Regional Priorities

- 1) **EUR1:** Digital infrastructure development
- 2) **EUR2:** Digital transformation for resilience
- 3) **EUR3:** Digital inclusion and skills development
- 4) **EUR4:** Trust and confidence in the use of telecommunications/ICTs
- 5) **EUR5:** Digital innovation ecosystems

Common view of European countries on the global role of ITU Development sector in connecting the unconnected, including:

- Support the use and deployment of digital infrastructure and technologies in the field of telecommunication/ICT;
- Strive to promote inclusiveness and sustainable development with the view to achieve the SDGs.
- Focus its efforts on developing countries (SIDS and LLDCs), and more generally on the most vulnerable groups and areas where it can have most impact.
- Focus on fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals, especially on actions to ensure connectivity for all.
- BDT: “learning organization”, focused on measurable outcomes and projects with strong impact and a high sustainability potential, strengthening partnerships, cooperating with the regional organizations and attracting new members, etc.

- Further discussion on the proposed ECPs and approval of the first set of ECPs in the next meeting
- Work on CEPT Brief for WTDC-21
- Participation in work of TDAG and its Working Groups WG-RDTP and WG-SOP
- Preparation for the IRMs for WTDC-21 (nomination of speakers/presenters, proposals for the agenda)

Candidates from Europe

Nominated for:

- TDAG Vice-Chair
- SG2 Chair
- SG2 2 Vice-Chairs

Pending:

- TDAG Vice-Chair
- SG1 Chair
- SG2 1 Vice-Chairs

Successful preparatory process:

- To follow the work of TDAG and its WGs.
- To involve Member States and other stakeholders in preparation.
- To inform about the importance of WTDC-21.
- To collaborate and coordinate with other regions.
- **To agree on the results we want to achieve.**

Thank You

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