



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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- Regional Telecommunication Organizations from Europe
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- The United Nations and its Funds and Programmes
- Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency
- TDAG Bureau members
- Chairs and Vice-Chairs of ITU-D study groups

**Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe 2026 (Prague, Czech Republic, 24 March 2026) and Regional Consultation (deadline 1 March 2026)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **Regional Development Forum 2026 for Europe (RDF-EUR 26)** to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in close collaboration with the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunication Administrations (CEPT) and hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. The Forum will be held in a hybrid format on **24 March 2026** in **Prague, Czech Republic**, back-to-back with the CEPT Committee for ITU Policies (Com-ITU) meeting, held from 25 to 27 March 2026.

The annual Regional Development Forum for Europe provides an opportunity for an exchange of views between ITU and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members, as well as other stakeholders in the Europe region. It serves as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on ITU's regional work plan.

RDF-EUR 26 will report on the outcomes and implementation of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, in November 2025. Emphasis will be given to the five Regional Initiatives for Europe approved by the WTDC-25. All stakeholders will have an opportunity to discuss implementation plans, announce financial and in-kind commitments towards ongoing and future work, and exchange experiences and good practices. In addition, RDF-EUR will provide an opportunity to

match specific countries' and/or regional needs with potential stakeholders' interests in supporting digital development, following the Partner2Connect Action Framework.

In this context, the ITU Office for Europe is launching a **Regional Consultation** that offers ITU Member States, Sector Members, and other stakeholders an opportunity to contribute to ITU's activities at the regional level and to reflect the strategic needs of the region during the implementation period (2026 – 2029).

Stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the Baku Action Plan at regional level, in particular to ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe, are kindly invited to provide their written input by **1 March 2026** to [eurregion@itu.int](mailto:eurregion@itu.int), using the Contributions Template available at the RDF-EUR 26 website <http://itu.int/go/RDF-EUR-26>.

The responses to the consultation will be aggregated and consolidated into an indicative implementation plan for 2026-2029 for the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe and will be shared with the Membership and presented for discussion at RDF-EUR on 24 March 2026. All submitted proposals will be used as the basis for further coordination at the ITU level.

RDF-EUR 26 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 ITU Study Groups, Membership, Partnerships, and the ITU Academy Training Centers, as well as regional contributions to the implementation of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Action Lines and United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will also offer an opportunity to discuss ITU's role in the UN system and its contribution at the regional and country levels to foster digital development. Finally, the forum will take into consideration the regional activities planned by Standardisation and Radiocommunication Bureaus, as well as the General Secretariat at the regional level.

Please note that RDF-EUR 26 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 <http://itu.int/go/RDF-EUR-26>.

The Forum will be conducted in English only. To participate, please register online using the following [link](#) no later than **10 March 2026**.

For any additional enquiry, Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (e-mail: [eurregion@itu.int](mailto:eurregion@itu.int)) remains at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava  
Director



## **ITU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM FOR EUROPE (RDF-EUR 26)**

**Universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for  
an inclusive and sustainable digital future**

**24 March 2026 | Prague, Czech Republic**

<http://itu.int/go/RDF-EUR-26>

*Meeting organized by the International Telecommunication Union in cooperation with the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunication Administrations (CEPT) and hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. RDF-EUR is held back-to-back with Com-ITU of EPT | 25-27 March 2026.*

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Opening ceremony: ITU, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, and CEPT
  2. Session One: State of digital development and trends: Challenges and opportunities
  3. Session Two: Building upon the outcomes of the ITU Conferences and UN processes towards the results and impact-oriented regional actions in Europe
  4. Session Three: Matching the countries and regional needs with the stakeholders' interests to support digital development across Europe
  5. Session Four: ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe
  6. Any other business (AOB)
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## CONTRIBUTION FORM

This form is intended to collect inputs from stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the Baku Action Plan and the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe (2026-2029).

**ORGANIZATION:** [Name of the submitting organization and country]

**FOCAL POINT:** [First Name and Surname, Title, email address, phone number]

**TITLE:** [Title of submission]

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:** [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

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**COUNTRIES in FOCUS:** [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

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**YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- 2026
- 2027
- 2028
- 2029

**RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- EUR1: Digital infrastructure development
- EUR2: Digital transformation for resilience
- EUR3: Digital inclusion and skills development
- EUR4: Trust and confidence in the use of telecommunications/ICTs
- EUR5: Digital innovation ecosystems

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2026-2029, as defined by WTDC-25, [here](#).

**RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2025**

- Affordable connectivity
- Digital Transformation
- Enabling policy and regulatory environment
- Resource mobilization and international cooperation
- Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-25, [here](#).

**RELATED PARTNERS2CONNECT FOCUS AREAS**

- Focus Area 1 - ACCESS: Connecting people everywhere
- Focus Area 2 - ADOPTION: Empowering communities
- Focus Area 3 - VALUE CREATION: Building digital ecosystems
- Focus Area 4 - ACCELERATE: Incentivizing investments

Please find more information on the Partner2Connect Focus Areas Action Framework [here](#).

**RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
- C2: Information and communication infrastructure
- C3: Access to information and knowledge
- C4: Capacity building
- C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs

- C6: Enabling environment
- C7: ICT applications
- C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- C9: Media
- C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society
- C11: International and regional cooperation

**RELATED GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- 1: Close all digital divides and accelerate progress across the Sustainable Development Goals
- 2: Expand inclusion in and benefits from the digital economy for all
- 3: Foster an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that respects, protects and promote human rights
- 4: Advance responsible, equitable and interoperable data governance approaches
- 5: Enhance international governance of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity

**RELATED SDG:** [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 1: No Poverty                              | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 2: Zero Hunger                             | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being              | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 4: Quality Education                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 5: Gender Equality                         | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 13: Climate Action                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation              | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 14: Life Below Water                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy             | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 15: Life on Land                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth         | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs              |

## Annex 3

International Telecommunication Union



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## Information Note for Participants

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### Venue

The venue will be communicated at a later date. All information will be available on the [RDF-EUR website](#).

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### Registration

Advance registration is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online with manual approval. Online registration is open at the following [link](#).

1. [Create an ITU user account](#) (if you already have an account, go to step 2): When creating an ITU user account affiliated to an ITU Member ([Member States](#), [Sector Members](#), [Associates](#), [Academia](#), and UN System), users must obtain approval of their affiliation from the corresponding TIES Focal Point prior to submitting a registration request.
2. [Register here](#) : Log in with your ITU user account credentials and complete the corresponding registration request form. After successful submission, you will receive an acknowledgement of successful submission of the registration request.

For assistance with the registration process, please contact: [BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int](mailto:BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int)

Please allow enough time for the visa to be processed.

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### Remote Participation

Further information on remote participation will be available on the meetings websites.

Advance registration is required to participate remotely. Instructions on how to connect to the remote participation platform will be sent to registered participants and made available on the meeting websites

[Zoom](#) is the remote participation platform that will be used for the meetings.

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### Participation fees

No participation fee is required for these events. However, all participants are to cover their own expenses for travel, accommodation and insurance.

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### Fellowships

Please refer to the [ITU Fellowships Portal](#) for the Policy for awarding fellowships for events and activities funded through the ITU regular budget and for the [list of Member States eligible](#) to receive ITU fellowships.

The decision criteria to grant a fellowship include:

- available ITU budget;
- equitable distribution among countries and regions;
- gender balance and the inclusion of persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs.

Subject to the availability of funds, **one full fellowship or two partial fellowships** may be awarded per eligible Member State of the Europe region.

To request a fellowship, the participant must **first register to the meeting and obtain focal point approval**. Any application received after this deadline will not be considered.

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The deadline for fellowships is **10 February 2026**.

The application form and other additional information will be posted to the RDF website. Should you require any further information, please contact [fellowships@itu.int](mailto:fellowships@itu.int)

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### **Paper policy and access to documents**

ITU-D meetings are paperless. An ITU user account with [TIES access](#) is required to download the meeting documents.

The "ITU-D Event" application will be available, both for mobile devices and for computers, from the RPM website, as will a synchronization tool.

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### **Interpretation and translation of documents**

The Forum will be conducted in English only. No interpretation or translation will be possible.

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**Table 1: Summary of key deadlines**

<b>Region</b>	<b>RDF</b>	<b>Deadline for fellowship application</b>	<b>Deadline for the submission of contributions</b>	<b>Deadline for registration</b>
Europe	24 March 2026	10 February 2026	1 March 2026	10 March 2026

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### **Other practical information**

Other practical information will be made available on the [RDF-EUR website](#).

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### **Contact**

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