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Subject: ITU Workshop “Regional cooperation of startup ecosystems as a key driver of innovation - Startup Central Eurasia Platform”, 17-18 November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **Workshop “Regional cooperation of startup ecosystems as a key driver of innovation - Startup Central Eurasia Platform”** which is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) jointly with the State Intellectual Property Service of the Kyrgyz Republic and will be held **from 17 to 18 November 2020**.

The Workshop is addressed to the executives and experts from ministries, high-tech parks, startups and SMEs, venture investors, regulators, universities and general education institutions, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders from ITU Member States.

During these two days we will focus on cooperation of startup ecosystems, digital transformation, startup development, fundraising, meeting new partners and helping startups to enter markets of neighboring countries.

At the Workshop we will present the first edition of **ITU Guide on Startup Ecosystems of the Central Eurasia Region**, which will help innovative companies to quickly and efficiently expand to neighboring counties, recruit staff, understand taxation system, how to create a company etc.

The Workshop will be held online, participants are requested to complete [registration form](#) by **10 November 2020**.

Links to the meeting will be sent by email. Workshop materials will be available at:
https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2020/09_Bishkek/09_Bishkek.aspx

The Workshop will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

For any questions concerning this event please contact Mr Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional Office for CIS Region (e-mail: farid.nakhli@itu.int ; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization/Company.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Natalia Mochu', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Natalia Mochu
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