



**ITU-EC Forum for Europe "Accessible Europe: ICT for ALL"
12-14 December 2018, Vienna, Austria**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have a vital role for ALL people's empowerment and represent an enabler for inclusion in the society. For persons with disabilities (PwD) Accessible ICTs can remove barriers and help them to have an independent life, enjoy education, get a job or participate in cultural event or political processes. Therefore, we should all join efforts to identify and remove accessibility barriers by all means to enable human development and social inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwD).

In this context, ITU and European Commission have joined efforts to hold the first regional conference entitled **Accessible Europe** which will be a multi-stakeholder platform to advance the implementation of accessible ICTs across Europe.

It is our great pleasure to invite your organization to participate in this Regional Forum for Europe that will take place in **Vienna, Austria, from 12 to 14 December 2018**, and will be hosted by the United Nations Vienna.

For more details, we invite you to visit the event website at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2018/AE/AccessibleEurope.aspx>, where information on the agenda, registration, logistics, and 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.

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