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TITLE: Regional initiative on collecting the data on telecommunications infrastructure

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Background

Poland believes that broadband access plays a crucial role in boosting the development and in achieving the goals defined by WTDC-17. Mapping of broadband infrastructure across the European region helps in bridging the broadband gap.

The President of the Office of Electronic Communications (UKE) signed with the BDT Director the Letter of Engagement on Building Interactive Terrestrial (Optical Fibers and Microwaves) Transmission Maps for Poland. UKE provides the data on broadband infrastructure and engages with ITU in the construction of a project that enables consumers around the world to get acquainted with access to broadband backbone networks, regulators and administrations on a comparison of existing solutions in different countries and check the implementation level of the so-called broadband plans, and entrepreneurs to get acquainted with investment opportunities. The map is developed as part of independent and separate projects run by ITU and UKE. UKE is involved in data collection, clearance of available data and their submission to ITU.

Proposal

The proposal is addressed to Western Balkans countries (WB6) and interested countries from South Eastern Europe. UKE (national regulatory authority for Poland) would like to share the national experience regarding collecting the data on telecommunications infrastructure. Poland would like to offer a high-level meeting and workshop on infrastructure mapping in order to facilitate exchange good practices across Europe, including the Polish approach on the issue. This stocktaking workshop



could be a basis for further exchange of know-how and best practices, with an assistance project for one of the WB6 countries to be developed by ITU and UKE. It is proposed that the workshop be held from 2 to 3 July 2019 in Warsaw, Poland.

