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TITLE: Regional forum for Europe and CIS “Best practices on Cybersecurity and Child Online Protection”

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Europe Regional Initiative: EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies

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Background

Since 2006, the fundamental role of ITU has been to build confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICT). The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) in 2010 has instructed the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau to support ITU Member States in the development of their national and/or regional cybersecurity strategies toward building national capabilities for dealing with cyberthreats in accordance with the principles of international cooperation (Resolution 130 (Rev. Busan, 2014)).

At the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, UAE) in 2014 the regional initiative “Creating a center for child protection on the Internet for the CIS region” was approved. In the framework of this initiative the multimedia distance-learning course on the safe use of Internet resources (Onlinesafety.info) was prepared by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau with the support of the A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (Ukraine).

In 2017 this course became the WSIS Prizes 2017 Winner in Action Line C5 Building confidence & security in the use of ICTs.

On June 15-17, 2016 the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (ONAT, Ukraine) organized ITU Regional Workshop for the CIS countries and Georgia “Complex Aspects of Cybersecurity in Infocommunications”. Then on April 4-6, 2018 in A.S. Popov ONAT the ITU Regional Workshop for Europe and CIS on Cybersecurity and Child Online Protection has been held.

At the WTDC 2017, the regional initiative “Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies” has been approved. The expected results are: providing regional platforms and tools for building human capacities (awareness and expert training) to enhance trust and confidence in the use of ICTs; sharing country and regional best practices and case studies and conducting surveys on enhancing confidence and trust in the use of ICTs.

Proposal

With the goals of sharing country and regional best practices and case studies and conducting surveys on cybersecurity and child online protection; providing regional platforms and tools for building human capacities (awareness and expert training) in cybersecurity and child online protection to enhance trust and confidence in the use of ICTs, the holding of a Regional forum for Europe and CIS “Best practices on Cybersecurity and Child Online Protection” is hereby proposed.

This Forum would be addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, telecommunication operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from Europe.

In particular, the Forum will cover following issues:

- Role of governments and international organizations in cybersecurity and child online protection;
- Developing national cybersecurity strategies;
- Policy and regulatory framework for child online protection;
- Organizational and technical tools for cybersecurity;
- Organizational and technical tools for child online protection;
- Capacity building in the field of cybersecurity and child online protection;
- Measuring Cybersecurity: ITU Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI).

Activities:

- analysis of reports from previous workshops and forums, analysis of ITU Telecommunication Development Sector activities in the areas of forum sessions, search for moderators and rapporteurs among leading experts in this field;
- holding the roundtable discussions “The future of cybersecurity and child online protection”;
- simultaneous interpretation in English and other European languages as requested;
- media coverage: communication with the media , interviews and reportages in the media;
- live broadcasting of the Forum on the Internet;
- organizing the cloud storage of presentations and photos with 24/7 access.

