



Cross-Cutting Session on Digitalization :

Digital Transformation for Sustainable Development Goals in the Wake of COVID-19

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DRAFT AGENDA

[10:00-10:10]	Welcome and opening remarks
[10:10 – 11:00]	Topic 1: Ensuring universal digital inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bridging digital divides in the times of COVID-19, ensuring universal meaningful connectivity across the Europe and Central Europe.</i> <i>Developing digital skills and building human capacities to match the needs of gigabit society, thus empowering different groups of society, strengthening employability and creating new job opportunities.</i> <i>Ensuring the participation of girls and women in digital sector and its dynamics, and the women's participation in the digital world; with a special focus on the repercussion of COVID-19 for women and girls in digital space.</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Creating a safe and empowering cyberspace for children and the youth through capacity building, skills development and the adoption of a multi-stakeholder approach to address the new challenges related to the current global pandemic.</i>
[11:00 – 11:50]	<i>Topic 2: Accelerating the digitalization of services</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Highlighting the emerging role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as an engine for agriculture development in Europe and Central Asia.</i> • <i>Strengthening the national capacities in implementing mobile health in the European region and developing solutions to manage the COVID-19 outbreak.</i> • <i>Strengthening the ICT's contribution in making cities smarter, more sustainable, and more resilient in time of the pandemic.</i>
[11:50 – 12:25]	<i>Topic 3: Creating an enabling environment for digital trade</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Spotlighting the importance of new technologies to support trade and trade facilitation for more resilient and responsive economies in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</i> • <i>Strengthening sustainable trade through ICTs to promote inclusive, transparent and traceable value chains.</i> • <i>Underscoring the importance of ICTs in pursuing trade-related environmental objectives following.</i>
[12:25 – 12:30]	<i>Closing remarks</i>

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