

# ITU Regional Engagement Roundtable for Europe (RER-EUR)

## *Digital development for Sustainable Development Goals*

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MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT OF GEORGIA

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 | 9:00 – 13:00 CEST | Virtual Meeting

<http://www.itu.int/go/403C>

## REGIONAL CONSULTATION

### Regional consultation on the national and/or regional challenges related to digital development in Europe region

#### Background

The ITU Regional Engagement Roundtable for Europe provides an opportunity for European decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members as well as other stakeholders, to highlight the concrete challenges related to digital development at the regional and/or national levels, to better reflect the strategic needs of the region.

RER also addresses, from a regional perspective, the activities related to the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), ITU-D Study Groups, Membership, Partnerships, ITU Centres of Excellence, as well as regional contributions to the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and Sustainable Development Goals.

RER is open to all stakeholders willing to strengthen cooperation and partnerships among telecommunication/ICT policy-makers, regulators, industry, academia, regional and international development agencies and organizations on specific regional telecommunication and ICT matters.

#### Context

As the [World Telecommunication Development Conference 2021](#) (WTDC-21) originally planned for 8-19 November 2021 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, **is in process of being postponed** to June 2022 in light of the situation triggered by the pandemic, a **Regional Engagement Roundtable for Europe (RER-EUR) 2021** has been planned virtually for **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021** and will be organized with the support of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. As the implementation period of Regional Initiatives will continue for an additional year,



this occasion will serve as an important mechanism to understand the concrete challenges of ITU Member States and Sector Members of the ITU at the regional level.

In this context, the ITU Office for Europe is launching a **consultation** that offers the possibility to ITU Member States, Sector Members, and other stakeholders to put forward **concrete challenges** encountered at the national and/or regional level, to identify the strategic needs of the region for the implementation period January-December 2022.

### Objectives of the consultation

The responses to the consultation will be shared with the Membership and presented at the ITU Regional Engagement Roundtable for Europe on 13th September 2021. All submitted contributions will be used as the basis for further coordination and planning at the level of BDT.

### Consultation deadline

All ITU Membership contributing to the implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe or being interested in highlighting particular challenges are kindly invited to **fill in and submit the Consultation (ANNEX I of this document)** by **1 September 2021** to [eurregion@itu.int](mailto:eurregion@itu.int).

For any enquiry please contact Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe at [eurregion@itu.int](mailto:eurregion@itu.int).

For reference on past activities, please consult the following documents:

Implementation Report 2017-2020 (<http://www.itu.int/go/ZPAI>)

Implementation Report 2021 (January-June) (<http://www.itu.int/go/KLL0>)



## ANNEX I

### REGIONAL CONSULTATION: SUBMISSION FORM

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[ORGANISATION], [COUNTRY]

[TITLE of the Contribution]

CONTACT: [Name] [Surname] [email] [phone]

Tick the box to the relevant ITU Regional Initiative for Europe and/or BDT Thematic Priority

#### ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe

- ☐ EUR1: Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management
- ☐ EUR2: A citizen-centric approach to building services for national administrations
- ☐ EUR3: Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development
- ☐ EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies
- ☐ EUR5: ICT-centric innovation ecosystems

#### BDT Thematic Priorities

- ☐ Capacity development
- ☐ Cybersecurity
- ☐ Digital inclusion
- ☐ Digital innovation ecosystems
- ☐ Digital services and applications
- ☐ Emergency telecommunications
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Network and digital infrastructure
- ☐ Policy and Regulation
- ☐ Statistics
- ☐ Capacity development



**What are your *concrete challenges* related to the digital development that might be addressed at the national or/and regional level in 2022 within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe and BDT Thematic Priorities? [max 400 words]**

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