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Subject: ITU-EKIP Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe on “Universal Connectivity for a Post-Pandemic Digital Europe”, 27-28 September 2021, Online

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the upcoming [ITU-EKIP Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe on “Universal Connectivity for a Post-Pandemic Digital Europe”](#), that will take place **online** on **27-28 September 2021**.

The **Regional Regulatory Forum** is a longstanding tradition for Europe Region and a point of reference for European stakeholders on regulatory matters. It builds upon the outcomes of the [Global Symposium for Regulators](#) (GSR-21) and the [2021 Best Practice Guidelines](#) ensuring their swift implementation at the regional and national levels.

This year’s focus of the Forum will be on “*Universal Connectivity for a Post-Pandemic Digital Europe*”, providing the space to discuss regulation and challenges of the ICT sector in the context of the economic recovery from the consequences of COVID-19.

You are invited to [register](#) for this occasion **before 21st September** and to monitor our communications and the event website for updates on all details, including the agenda (**Annex 1**): <http://www.itu.int/go/ELZ1>.

We invite you to engage with us should a representative from your Agency or organization be interested in contributing to the programme of the Forum, and considering the event is targeted to a wide range of regional stakeholders and national stakeholders from 46 countries of Europe region, we invite you to also promote this event across your network.

Together with my colleagues, Ms. Ana Maria Meshkurti, Programme Officer, ITU Office for Europe (tel.: +41 22 730 6320, e-mail: ana.maria.meshkurti@itu.int) and Mr. Julian McNeill, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe (tel.: +41 22 730 5168, e-mail: julian.mcneill@itu.int), I remain at your disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event.

Mr. Boris Jevric (tel.: +382 20 406 760, e-mail: boris.jevric@ekip.me) and Mr. Pavle Mijuskovic (tel.: +382 20 406 750, e-mail: pavle.mijuskovic@ekip.me), Deputies Executive Director of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (EKIP) of Montenegro are also available if necessary.

I hope that you will be able to participate and ensure a wide regional engagement to make this ITU-EKIP RRF-21 a success.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ponder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jaroslaw Ponder
Head of ITU Office for Europe

Annex 1

International Telecommunication Union

Agency for Electronic Communications
and Postal Services of Montenegro

ITU-EKIP Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe

Universal Connectivity for a Post-Pandemic Digital Europe

This Regional Forum for Europe is held within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on “Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting, and spectrum management” and in follow up to the ITU Global Symposium for Regulators 2021. It is organized by the International Telecommunication Union together with the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (EKIP) of Montenegro.

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Draft AGENDA

Monday | 27th September 2021

*[9:45 – 10:00]	Virtual Networking
[10:00– 11:00]	Opening Ceremony Address by the European Commission Welcome Remarks by Heads of the National Regulatory Authorities Present
[11:00 – 11:20]	Setting the Regional Context and Outlining ITU GSR-21 Best Practice Guidelines
[11:20 – 11:30]	Coffee Break
[11:30 – 12:45]	Session 1: Policy and regulatory incentives for affordable and robust last-mile connectivity
[12:45 – 13:00]	Closing Day 1

* the time zone is CEST (UTC+2)

Tuesday | 28th September 2021

*[9:45 – 10:00]	Virtual Networking
[10:00 – 11:15]	Session 2: 5G implementation: strategies, policies and regulation accelerating deployment of mobile connectivity
[11:15 – 11:30]	Coffee break
[11:30 – 11:45]	ITU Broadband Mapping Guidelines: a roadmap for regulatory reform and data-driven implementation (TBD)

[11:45 – 12:45] **Session 3: From market analysis to market visualisation: enabling environment for evidence based regulation**

[12:45 – 13:00] **Closing and Way forward**
