

# ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (RDF-EUR)

## Information and Communication Technologies for attaining Sustainable Development Goals

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**22-23 May 2023**

**Timisoara, Romania**

Eastern European Summer Time (GMT+3)

Remote participation at [http://itu.int/go/RDF\\_EUR\\_23](http://itu.int/go/RDF_EUR_23)

(Meeting held back-to-back with Com-ITU of CEPT, 24-26 May 2023)

### DRAFT AGENDA

(as of 21 May 2023)

## Monday, 22 May 2023

Eastern European Summer Time (GMT+3)

**13:00 - 14:00**

**Welcome Lunch, Courtesy of Romania**

**14:00 - 14:30**

(13:00-13:30 CEST)

### OPENING SEGMENT CEREMONY

**Welcome and moderation: Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder**, Head, ITU Office for Europe

- **Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU
- **Ms. Cristiana Flutur**, Director of ANCOM, Co-President of CEPT and Chair of Com-ITU
- **Ms. Gwi-Yeop Son**, Regional Director of UN Development Cooperation Office for Europe and Central Asia
- **Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin**, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE
- **Ms. Athena Vassilopoulos**, Generation Connect Europe Youth Envoy, Greece/Luxemburg

**Appointment of the Chair of the ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe**

**14:30 - 15:20**

(13:30-14:20 CEST)

### OPENING SEGMENT PANEL: Digital development in Europe: Trends, opportunities, challenges

**Setting the context: Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder**, Head, ITU Office for Europe

- **H.E. Bogdan Dumea**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization, Romania
- **H.E. Azir Aliu**, Minister, Ministry of Information Society and Administration, North Macedonia
- **H.E. Enkelejda Muçaj**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania



- **H.E. Maris Sprindzuks**, Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia
- **H.E. Valeriya Ionan**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Digital Transformation, Ukraine
- **H.E. Nele Leosk**, Ambassador-at-Large for Digital Affairs, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
- **H.E. Tadej Rupel**, Ambassador - National Coordinator for External Aspects of Digitalization, AI & Cyber Security, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
- **Ms. Olga Tumuruc**, Head of Moldova E-Governance Agency, Moldova
- **Mr. Goran Djurdjevic**, Assistant Minister, Sector for EU integration and Project Management, Ministry of Information and Telecommunications, Republic of Serbia
- **Dr. Kostas Masselos**, President of the Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT), Greece and 2023 Chair of BEREC
- **Ms. Naama Henig**, Head of International Affairs Department. Ministry of Communications, Israel and 2023 Chair of EMERG
- **Ms. Ekaterine Imedadze**, Commissioner COMCOM, Georgia, and Chair 2023 of EaPeReg
- **Mr. Andrei Dodea**, Generation Connect Europe Youth Envoy, Romania

#### Special Message from Sweden as the Presidency of the EU Council

- **Ms. Susanna Mattsson**, Sweden's Councillor and Deputy Director, Ministry of Finance, Sweden

**15:20 - 15:35**  
(14:20-14:35 CEST)

#### Special Announcement

**15:35 - 16:00**

#### Coffee Break and Group Photo

**16:00 - 16:50**  
(15:00-15:50 CEST)

#### **PANEL ONE: Building upon the outcomes of the ITU Conferences and UN processes towards the results and impact oriented regional actions in Europe**

**Moderation: Valentina Stadnic**, Digital Services Officer, ITU Office for Europe

- **Ms. Inga Rimkeviciene**, Advisor on International Cooperation, Chair of the Project Team on Strategic ITU-D Issues, Com-ITU, CEPT and Vice Chair of TDAG
- **Ms. Blanca Gonzalez**, Head of Unit at the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Digital Infrastructures, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation and Vice Chair of TDAG
- **Dr. Fabio Bigi**, Expert, Ministry for Business and Made in Italy, Chair of the Inter-sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest
- **Dr. Toni Janevski**, European Vice Chair of the ITU Group on Capacity Building Initiative, Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies (FEEIT), North Macedonia



- **Dr. Mindel Van de Laar**, Head Capacity Development Office, United Nations University, The Netherlands
- **Ms. Amela Odobasic**, Director, Spectrum Department, RAK, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mr. Bilel Jamoussi**, Chief of the Study Groups Department at Standardization Bureau, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- **Mr. Nick Sinanis**, Study Group Advisor, Radiocommunication Bureau, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

**16:50 - 17:45**  
(15:50-16:45 CEST)

**PANEL TWO: One UN for digital development in Europe with ITU as the UN agency for digital**

**Moderation: Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder**, Head, ITU Office for Europe and **Ms. Sarah Delporte**, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe

- **Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin**, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE
- **Mr. Nabil Gangi**, Deputy Regional Representative, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, FAO
- **Ms. Daniela Di Gianantonio**, Digital Agriculture Team Leader, FAO Regional Office of Europe and Central Asia, FAO
- **Mr. Simon Springett**, Resident Coordinator, UN Moldova
- **Ms. Rossana Dudziak**, Resident Coordinator, UN North Macedonia
- **Ms. Ingrid MacDonald**, Resident Coordinator, UN Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Ms. Ana Nedeljkovic Belja**, Programme Manager PRO, UNOPS Serbia / **Mr. Dragan Mladenovic**, Good Governance Advisor, UNOPS Serbia
- **Mr. Sameer Sharma**, Head of Special Initiatives, ITU Development Bureau

**17:45 - 17:55**  
(16:45-16:55 CEST)

**Special Announcement**

**17:55 - 18:10**  
(16:55-17:10 CEST)

**Summary of the day**

- ITU Office for Europe

**18:30 - 22:00**  
(17:30-21:00 CEST)

**Social event outside Timisoara**

Meeting point: Hotel Timisoara at 18:30

## Tuesday, 23 May 2023

Eastern European Summer Time (GMT+3)

**8:30 - 9:00**

**Networking coffee**

**9:00 - 9:50**  
(8:00-8:50 CEST)

**PANEL THREE: Innovation and entrepreneurship for digital development**

**Moderation: Mr. Elind Sulmina**, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe



**Introductory Remarks: Dr. Cosmas Zavazava**, Director,  
Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU

- **H.E. Valeriu Zgonea**, President, National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications, Romania
- **Dr. Irena Malolli**, Director of Telecommunications and Post Strategy Development, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
- **Mr. Nicos Ioannou**, Electronic Communications Officer, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, Cyprus
- **Ms. Sophia Papathanasopoulou**, Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece
- **Ms. Marinela Lazarevic**, Head of Department for Electronic Communications and Radio Spectrum, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism, Montenegro
- **Ms. Naama Henig**, Head of International Affairs Department. Ministry of Communications, Israel and 2023 Chair of EMERG
- **Mr. Nikola Nikolov**, ICT State Advisor, Ministry of Information Society and Administration, North Macedonia
- **Mr. Neils Kalnins**, 5G Techritory Program Director, Electronic Communications Office, Latvia
- **Mr. Uwe Beader**, Director International Relations ITU/UN, Rohde & Schwarz

**9:50 – 17:15**  
(8:50-16:15 CEST)

**PARTNER 2 CONNECT (P2C) ROUNDTABLES: Fostering partnership building to accelerate digital development in Europe and beyond**

**9:50 – 10:35**  
(8:50-9:35 CEST)

**P2C ROUNDTABLE ONE: Effective mechanisms for transforming commitments into the scaled-up impact of digital for sustainable development in Europe and beyond**

**Setting Context and Moderation: Mr Sameer Sharma**, Head, Special Initiatives, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU

- **Ms. Radka Sibille**, Digital Affairs Officer, European Union Delegation
- **Mr. David Roos**, Deputy Head of the GIZ Sector Programme Digital Development, Germany
- **Mr. Dirk-Olivier von der Emden**, Specialist in International Relations, Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland
- **Ms. Blanca Gonzalez**, Head of Unit, Cabinet of the Secretary of State Head of Unit, Ministry of Industry Energy and Tourism, Spain
- **Mr. Teddy Woodhouse**, International Policy Manager, OFCOM, United Kingdom
- **Ms. Julia Jasinska**, Head of International Relations and Strategic Advocacy, Nokia



- **Mr. Tomas Marques**, Regional Sub-programme Coordinator, Science-Policy and Air Quality Europe Office, UNEP / **Ms. Giulia Iattoni**, Assistant Programme Officer, UNITAR

**10:35 - 10:45**  
(9:35-9:45 CEST)

### Special Projects

- **Mr. Thierry Geiger**, Senior Economist & Head, Data and Analytics Division at International Telecommunication Union
- **Valentina Stadnic**, Digital Services Officer, ITU Office for Europe

**10:45 - 11:00**  
(9:45-10:00 CEST)

### Coffee break

**11:00 - 12:30**  
(10:00-11:30 CEST)

### P2C ROUNDTABLE TWO: Digital infrastructure development

EUR1: ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe

**Moderation: Mr. Elind Sulmina**, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe

#### Broadband Development

- **Dr. Irena Malolli**, Director of Telecommunications and Post Strategy Development, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
- **Mr. Nicos Ioannou**, Electronic Communications Officer, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, Cyprus
- **Ms. Gulnaz Bokuchava**, Chief Specialist of Electronic Communications and Information Technologies Development Division Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia
- **Dr. Szabolcs Szentléleky**, Expert on international affairs, National Media and Info communications Authority (NMHH), Hungary
- **Ms. Naama Henig**, Head of International Affairs Department. Ministry of Communications, Israel and 2023 Chair of EMERG
- **Ms. Marinela Lazarevic**, Head of Department for Electronic Communications and Radio Spectrum, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism, Montenegro
- **Ms. Handan Cantekinler**, Chief ICT Expert, Information and Communication Technologies Authority of Türkiye (BTK), Türkiye

#### Broadband Mapping

- **Mr. Marko Simončič**, Head of Telecommunications Regulation Sector Networks and Services Department, The Agency for Communication Networks and Services of the Republic of Slovenia (AKOS) / **Mr. Primož Uršič**, Head of Sector for monitoring infrastructure investments, The Agency for Communication Networks and Services of the Republic of Slovenia (AKOS)



- **Dr. Irena Malolli**, Director of Telecommunications and Post Strategy Development, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
- **Ms. Adelina Ognianska**, Chief Expert in European Coordination and International Cooperation Directorate, Bulgaria
- **Mr. Davide Gallino**, Head of Unit, Statistics and research directorate, Authority for Communications Guarantees (AGCOM), Italy
- **Ms Aleksandra Pecysz-Okońska**, Head of International Organizations Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs, Office of Electronic Communications (UKE), Poland / **Mr Michał Chojnowski**, Expert, Office of Electronic Communications (UKE), Poland
- **Mr. Georgian Grigore**, Delegate, National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM), Romania
- **Mr. Marko Simončič**, Head of Telecommunications Regulation Sector Networks and Services Department, The Agency for Communication Networks and Services of the Republic of Slovenia (AKOS) / **Mr. Primož Uršič**, Head of Sector for monitoring infrastructure investments, The Agency for Communication Networks and Services of the Republic of Slovenia (AKOS)
- **Mr. Henri Haxhiraj**, Head of International Subsidiaries, atene KOM

#### *Human capacity development*

- **Ms. Meliha Kovacevic**, Head of Telecommunication Licensing Department, Communications Regulatory Agency (CRA), Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Ms. Kerstin Borglin**, Executive Advisor in Digital Transformation, Swedish Program in Development Regions (SPIDER), Sweden

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#### **Interventions related to ITU Council Resolution 1408 (Ukraine)**

- **Mr. Yurii Shchyhol**, Chairman, State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection, Ukraine
- **H.E. Julius Skačkauskas**, Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications, Lithuania
- **Ms. Inga Rimkeviciene**, Advisor on international cooperation, Communications Regulatory Authority (RRT), Lithuania
- **Mr. Rafal Bartoszewski**, Chief Expert in International Telecommunication Policy Unit, Ministry of Digital Affairs of the Rep. of Poland



- **Ms. Blanca Gonzales**, Head of Unit at the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Digital Infrastructures, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation, Spain
- **Ms. Karolina Sölsnaes**, Legal Adviser, Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS), Sweden
- **Mr. Oli Bird**, Head of International Internet & Technology Policy, OFCOM, United Kingdom
- **Ms. Ksenja Podpečan**, Ministry of Digital Transformation, Slovenia

**12:30 - 13:20**  
(11:30-12:20 CEST)

**P2C ROUNDTABLE THREE: Digital transformation for resilience**  
*EUR2: ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe*

**Moderation: Valentina Stadnic**, Digital Services Officer, ITU Office for Europe

*Digitalization*

- **Mr. Rafał Bartoszewski**, Chief Expert in International Telecommunication Policy Unit, Ministry of Digital Affairs of the Rep. of Poland
- **Mr. Dragan Mladenovic**, Good Governance Advisor, UNOPS Serbia / **Ms. Ana Nedeljkovic Belja**, Programme Manager PRO, UNOPS Serbia
- **Mr. David Roos**, Deputy Head of the GIZ Sector Programme Digital Development, Germany
- **Mr. Maksym Shkilov**, Adviser to the Vice-prime-minister - Minister of Digital Transformation of Ukraine
- **H.E. Nele Leosk**, Ambassador-at-Large for Digital Affairs, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
- **Ms. Olga Tumuruc**, Head of Moldova E-Governance Agency, Moldova
- **Mr. Nikola Nikolov**, ICT State Advisor, Ministry of Information Society and Administration, North Macedonia
- **Dr. Toni Janevski**, Group on Capacity Building Initiative, Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies (FEEIT), North Macedonia
- **Mr. Dejan Buha**, Project Manager, UNDP, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mr. Sherman Kong**, Senior Advisor, Digital Impact Alliance
- **Ms. Doris Pöld**, CEO, Estonian Association of Information Technology and Telecommunications

*Emergency response*

- **Mr. Alexandr Tatarov**, Deputy Head of General Inspectorate for Emergency Situation, Moldova
- **Mr. Vilem Vesely**, Deputy Director, Electronic Communications Department at Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic
- **Ms. Gulnaz Bokuchava**, Chief Specialist of Electronic Communications and Information Technologies Development



Division Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development,  
Georgia

- **Dr. Irena Malolli**, Director of Telecommunications and Post Strategy Development, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania

#### *Enabling environment*

- **Ms. Marinela Lazarević**, Head of Department for Electronic Communications and Radio Spectrum, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism, Government of Montenegro
- **Ms. Nabil Gangi**, Deputy Regional Representative, FAO

**13:20 - 14:20**

**Lunch break**

**14:20 - 15:15**

(13:20-14:15 CEST)

### **P2C ROUNDTABLE FOUR: Digital inclusion and skills development**

*EUR3: ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe*

**Moderation: Sarah Delporte**, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe

#### *Digital skills*

- **Dr. Irena Malolli**, Director of Telecommunications and Post Strategy Development, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
- **Ms. Adelina Ognjanska**, Chief Expert in European Coordination and International Cooperation Directorate, Bulgaria
- **Ms. Naama Henig**, Head of International Affairs Department, Ministry of Communications, Israel and 2023 Chair of EMERG
- **Mr. Nicos Ioannou**, Electronic Communications Officer, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, Cyprus
- **Ms. Ksenja Podpečan**, Ministry of Digital Transformation, Slovenia
- **Ms. Handan Cantekinler**, Chief ICT Expert, Information and Communication Technologies Authority of Türkiye (BTK), Türkiye
- **Ms. Engel-Mari Mölder**, Cooperation Projects Coordinator, Tallin University of Technology
- **Ms. Izabela Iglewska**, Chief Specialist, International Telecommunication Policy Unit, Ministry of Digital Affairs of the Rep. of Poland
- **Ms. Marinela Lazarević**, Head of Department for Electronic Communications and Radio Spectrum, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism, Government of Montenegro
- **Mr. Teddy Woodhouse**, International Policy Manager, OFCOM, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Paulius Vaina**, Adviser, Communication Regulatory Authority (RRT), Lithuania





### Digital inclusion

- **Ms. Viktoriia Omelianenko**, Co-Founder, NGO MinzMin Ukraine
- **Ms. Inga Rimkeviciene**, Advisor on international cooperation, Communications Regulatory Authority (RRT), Lithuania
- **Dr. Caroline Wamala Larsson**, Director, SPIDER / **Ms. Kerstin Borglin** - Executive Advisor in Digital Transformation, Swedish Program in Development Regions (SPIDER), Sweden
- **Mr. Boris Radanovic**, Online Safety Expert, SWGfL, UK
- **Ms. Sabine Lobnig**, Director Communications, Mobile & Wireless Forum (MWF)

**15:15 - 16:05**  
(14:15 - 15:05 CEST)

### P2C ROUNDTABLE FIVE: Trust and confidence in the use of ICTs

EUR4: ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe

**Moderation: Sarah Delporte**, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe

### Child Online Protection

- **H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca**, Former President of Malta and Chair of the Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, Malta
- **Dr. Irena Malolli**, Director of Telecommunications and Post Strategy Development, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
- **Ms. Viktoriia Omelianenko**, Co-Founder, NGO MinzMin Ukraine
- **Mr. Peter Joziase**, Founder, Digital Child Rights Foundation, The Netherlands
- **Ms. Aleksandra Pecysz-Okońska**, Head of Unit, Office of Electronic Communications (UKE), Poland
- **Mr. Boris Radanovic**, Online Safety Expert, SWGfL, UK
- **Mr. Goran Djurdjevic**, Assistant Minister, Sector for EU integration and Project Management, Ministry of Information and Telecommunications, Republic of Serbia

### Cybersecurity

- **Mr. Rexhion Qafa**, Head of Cyber Security Incident Management Unit, National Authority for Electronic Certification and Cybersecurity (NAECCS), Albania
- **Ms. Ksenja Podpečan**, Ministry of Digital Transformation, Slovenia
- **Ms. Handan Cantekinler**, Chief ICT Expert, Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK), Türkiye

**16:05 - 16:20**

**Coffee break**



**16:20 - 17:05**

(15:20-16:05 CEST)

**P2C ROUNDTABLE SIX: Digital innovation ecosystems**

EUR5: ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe

**Moderation: Elind Sulmina**, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe

- **Dr. Irena Malolli**, Director of Telecommunications and Post Strategy Development, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
- **Ms. Sophia Papathanasopoulou**, Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece
- **Mr. Neils Kalnins**, 5G Techritory Program Director, Electronic Communications Office, Latvia
- **Ms. Marinela Lazarevic**, Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism, Montenegro
- **Dr. Mindel Van de Laar**, Head Capacity Development Office, United Nations University

**17:05-17:15**

(16:05-16:15 CEST)

**FINAL ROUNDTABLE**

ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe: Rolling Implementation Plan for 2023-2024

**17:15 - 17:30**

(16:15-16:30 CEST)

**Closing ceremony**

- **Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU
- **H.E. Bogdan Dumea**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization, Romania and RDF Chair
- **Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder**, Head, ITU Office for Europe

**17:30 - 18:30**

(16:30-17:30 CEST)

**Social Event Courtesy of Israel****Towards Strengthening the Intergenerational Dialogue for Digital Future**