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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-EUR P2C Roundtables and
it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

CONTRIBUTION FORM

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TITLE: EaPeReg regional contribution to the ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The EaPeReg Network has identified areas where it may collaborate more closely with the ITU Regional Development Initiative. We provide this background to address all five regional actions, as well as activities linked to ITU Study Groups, Membership, Partnerships, and special efforts carried out under the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

EUR1: Digital infrastructure development

One of the major pillars of the EaPeReg Network's Independence of Regulators and Broadband Development Working Group (IRB) is supporting the EaP countries in the identification of the EU best practices appropriate to be implemented in the EaP telecom markets and to reach a harmonized approach in the EaP region, ensuring that the legal frameworks in EaP countries facilitate the extension of secure and very high-capacity Gigabit broadband infrastructures in the network region. Specific focus areas include sharing the knowledge, experiences, and solutions for building a broadband infrastructure and services map by using open-source software, spatial data, and geographic information systems (GIS). Respectively, we are eager for any enhanced research and analytical activities that the ITU Regional Development initiatives may provide.

Furhher, the EaPeReg Spectrum Experts Working Group (SEWG) is developing recommendations, remedies, mitigation techniques, and ideas to assist countries in implementing frequency use and allocation strategies based on their individual starting positions, societal needs, and future frequency usage paths. We identified numerous areas where extended expert support, as well as knowledge and knowledge sharing, would be beneficial in collaboration with the ITU Regional Development Initiative, as well as activities related to ITU Study Groups, Memberships, Partnerships, and other special initiatives, through the SEWG working group. Here is a partial list of our areas of interest:

- EMF Electromagnetic Fields - measurements and standards.

- 5G Toolbox, 5G Pioneer Bands and License Shared Access

- Deployment of IMT (International Mobile Telecommunications) for Local Area Networks, Technical Measurements in IMT networks, utilization & best practices

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, EaPeReg looks forward to fostering continuous cooperation with the ITU. Through such collaborative efforts, the goal is to significantly contribute to the growth and development of information and communication technologies infrastructure, enabling a more connected society in Europe and beyond. EaPeReg looks forward to participating in the ITU Regional Development Forum 23 and sharing its experience and best practices in this domain,

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: the EaP regional perspective which is represented by 5 member countries: Armena, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:

☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☐ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:

☒ EUR1: Digital infrastructure development

☐ EUR2: Digital transformation for resilience

☐ EUR3: Digital inclusion and skills development

☐ EUR4: Trust and confidence in the use of telecommunications/ICTs

☐ EUR5: Digital innovation ecosystems

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22, here.

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

☒ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☐Iclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, here.

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

☒Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services

☐ International telecommunication numbering resources

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services

☐ Digital applications

☒ Enabling environment

Please find more information on the ITU Priorities, as defined by PP-22, here

RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE:

☐ C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development

☐ C2: Information and communication infrastructure

☒ C3: Access to information and knowledge

☒ C4: Capacity building

☒ C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs

☒ C6: Enabling environment

☐ C7: ICT applications

☐ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

☐ C9: Media

☐ C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society

☒ C11: International and regional cooperation

RELATED SDG:

☐ SDG 1: No Poverty   ☒ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

☐ SDG 2: Zero Hunger

☐ SDG 3: Good Health and Well- being

☒ SDG 4: Quality Education

☐ SDG 5: Gender Equality

☐ SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

☐ SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

☒ SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

☒ SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

☒ SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

☐ SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

☐ SDG 13: Climate Action

☐ SDG 14: Life Below Water

☐ SDG 15: Life on Land

☐ SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

☐ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs