

ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (RDF-EUR)

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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.

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TITLE: Enhance building cabling to be "Gigabit-ready" and promote connectivity take-up

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

This project aims to encourage connection of end-users to Gigabit capable networks, deployed close to their residence, through the reduction of set-up costs and subscription fees. For the implementation of the measure, a demand side voucher scheme of fixed value of 120 euro and a total budget of 10M euro, was set-up to support the costs of connection of households, as well as the first 12 months of subscription. The direct beneficiaries and end users of the scheme are households in selected areas of Cyprus. The Connectivity Voucher Scheme is being implemented as part of Cyprus's Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP), contributing to the strategic objective of the digital transformation of the country and of the Cypriot economy. The Plan is also in line with the objectives set by the EU for the Gigabit Society, the vision for Europe's digital transformation by 2030, as specified in the Broadband Plan of Cyprus.

In line with the program, Cyprus looks forward to participating the Regional Development Forum for Europe and cooperate closely with ITU to share experience and best practices to ITU community in the EUR region as well as benefit from ITU's cooperation and assistance.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: [Name countries to be impacted by this action]

Cyprus

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☒ 2023

☒ 2024



☒ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ☒ 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
- ☐ Inclusive 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: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ☐ 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: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 1: No Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 2: Zero Hunger | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 3: Good Health and Well- being | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 4: Quality Education | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 5: Gender Equality | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 13: Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 14: Life Below Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 15: Life on Land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs |

