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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: Support Member States on bilateral and multistakeholder cooperation with particular approach to exchange of knowledge, experience and good practices for capacity building

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

International Telecommunication Union (hereafter: ITU) plays an essential role in fostering standardization and development with operational programmes and as a platform for exchange of knowledge between Member States on the most welcomed practises. Republic of Poland as a Member State of the ITU Council intents on the most active promotion of reviews of ITU's accomplishments, both internally and internationally.

Taking into account changing nature of the digital affairs it is a necessity for public sector to adapt. As representatives of governmental organization we recognize that many European Member States took different approach to follow internationally on digital affairs. Such state of play comes with advantages and disadvantages when it comes to capacity building in following the topics of interests and implementing solutions at national level.

Therefore Republic of Poland encourages ITU Office for Europe and Member States themselves to engage on initiatives that would impact cooperation on capacity building of public sector. As the very goal of ITU is to promote common standardization we wish to share and learn from other Member States to ultimately establish the most efficient model for common European approach to ITU affairs.

Ministry of Digital Affairs has done significant progress in establishing the environment for digital development and to introduce digital means to the citizens with respect to international regulations. With the most recent re-organization we have established Ministry of Digital Affairs that will focus among others on roll-out of broadband infrastructure, broadcasting, cybersecurity and spectrum management but at the same time on IoT and emerging 5G solutions – both regarding the standardization and operational programmes for roll-out of initiatives.

Ministry of Digital Affairs of the Republic of Poland is willing to provide all support to indicatives bringing closer the experts on capacity building that is relevant to digital affairs. As for year 2023 we encourage ITU Offices for Europe on establishing Remote Forum for Europe on Public Sector approach to Digital Affairs. All European States shall make use of opportunity to gather knowledge that will support them to face challenges that are to be addressed in national initiatives roll-outs.

Therefore the Forum shall include:

•   National policies and strategies for Digital Affairs - New business paradigms;

•   Regulatory frameworks fostering standards implementation;

•   Roll-out of digital tools in public sector;

•   Approach to ITU Affairs and preparation process to World Summits on National level;

•   Innovation ecosystems;

The outcomes of the Forum is undoubtedly contribute to the works of Member States, given them relevant feedback on good practices that are implemented in the region. The Forum shall be promoted among Policymakers, Regulators and other institutions that take part in preparation process.

At the same time we are looking forward for further straitening relations on bilateral level with all interested partners.

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

-    European Member States

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]

☐ SDG 1: No Poverty

☐ 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 10: Reduced Inequalities

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☐ 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