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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: [Feasibility study, technical requirements and estimated costs for National Early Warning System]

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

Since the beginning of the new millennium, a steady increase in natural and man-made disasters has been observed in the Republic of Moldova and around the world. Most of them are conditioned by the effects of climate change manifested globally, as well as anthropogenic/technogenic activities. Extreme weather phenomena are increasingly being recorded, either in the form of violent storms, abundant precipitation followed by catastrophic floods, or in the form of heat waves and lack of precipitation associated with drought and devastating fires.

The large number of emergency and exceptional situations, as well as the number of victims resulting from them, recorded annually in the country, indicate insufficient and underdeveloped capacities in terms of preventive measures and informing the population about risks. The damage caused by emergency and exceptional situations burdens the public budget, puts pressure on the country's economy, affects the social sphere, and requires costly measures for recovery and rehabilitation that can ensure the communities' return to normal life.

At present, the preparedness capacity of public authorities at all levels is diminished due to the lack of a national early warning system that ensures the information and correct action mode of the population threatened by the danger or occurrence of emergency and exceptional situations. Specialized services are limited in their capacity to inform and warn the population about the risks and effects that may arise as a result of their occurrence. An efficient system for alerting the population is missing, and existing systems based on outdated technologies are impossible to manage, modernize, or develop.





Therefore, the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations needs to create a modern system of informing and warning the population, which ensures a high degree of safety and performance and aims for a coverage rate of 100% of the population, by using all possible media and technologies (Cell-broadcast, radio/TV-broadcast, electronic sirens, social media, etc.).

Given that such a complex system requires careful thought to achieve maximum benefit from any investments, it is appropriate to carry out a comprehensive feasibility study in this field. To this end, Republic of Moldova would like to collaborate and cooperate with ITU and benefit from its technical assistance, to achieve the aforementioned objectives.

The feasibility study gives the following benefits:

- Rational and efficient use of investments, selection of the optimal and efficient technological solution for the Republic of Moldova;
- Optimal technical and economic solution identified and described;
- Estimated costs for implementing the warning system, as well as maintenance costs;
- Rational and efficient use of subsequent investments for creating the warning system;
- Information necessary for developing the technical documentation for the future warning system;
- Evaluated risks related to the implementation of the future system;
- Increased chances of success for subsequent investment projects with external funding in this field.

The long-term benefit of the project will be the social, economic, and environmental impact, resulting from the reduction of human losses, material damages, and environmental impacts caused by emergency and exceptional situations. The feasibility study will pave the way for the creation of an efficient warning system for the population, thus contributing to achieving this goal.

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

Republic of Moldova

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





	EUR5: Digital innovation ecosystems
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	ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION MENT CONFERENCE 2022
	Affordable connectivity
\boxtimes	Digital Transformation
	Enabling policy and regulatory environment
	Resource mobilization and international cooperation
	Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development
Please find	d 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
\boxtimes	Digital applications
	Enabling environment
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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 evelopment
\boxtimes	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





\square C8: Cultural diversity and	☐ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content			
☐ C9: Media	☐ C9: Media			
☐ C10: Ethical dimensions th	☐ C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society			
⊠ C11: International and reg	☑ C11: International and regional cooperation			
RELATED SDG: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]				
☐ SDG 1: No Poverty		☐ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities		
☐ SDG 2: Zero Hunger		☑ SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and		
SDG 3: Good Health and ■ SDG 3: Good	Well- being	Communities		
☐ SDG 4: Quality Education		☐ SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production		
☐ SDG 5: Gender Equality		SDG 13: Climate Action		
☐ SDG 6: Clean Water and S	Sanitation	☐ SDG 14: Life Below Water		
☐ SDG 7: Affordable and Clo	ean Energy	□ SDG 15: Life on Land		
☐ SDG 8: Decent Work and Growth		☑ SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions		
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation Infrastructure	on and	☐ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs		

