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it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

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TITLE: Digital transformation for resilience - Estonian approach

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

Building effective and secure digital society is now more important than ever as it helps to build crises secure society and ensure service at any time. During the pandemic situation we have seen how e-Governance solutions have ensured us the continuity and sustainability of the public sector services for citizens and enterprises. It all has been proven that digitalization is the way forward in order to support socio-economic development and overcome the crisis that we are facing today.

One of the success factors for building fully integrated digital society in Estonia have been very good cooperation between public and private sector. We together have worked out the best approaches towards digital identity, cybersecurity and e-governance services. I can't emphasize enough the critical importance of this collaboration as it is not possible just copy Estonian model, as two identical societies just do not exist. Digital transformation can only happen by finding a way that works within the existing system while of course considering the lessons learnt from others who have already walked through this journey.

We know that for achieving truly digital economy certain enablers such as political will, legislative environments, cybersecurity and digital skills have to be in place. During past 7 years we have done systematic activities in order to support African countries path in digital transformation, because we would like to empower other countries digital skills and approaches in order to help to achieve their

resilience.

We are dedicated to advancing digital development on a global scale and are prepared to support any countries in need, including those in Europe.

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

African countries and European countries

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

x☐ 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

☐x 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 10: Reduced Inequalities

☒ 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 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

☐ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs