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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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DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The Capacity Development Office (CDO) of United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Insitute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT) /Maastricht University in the Netherlands provides career-enhancing training for policymakers and practitioners. Our programmes are designed to help participants influence and implement policies related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. For ITU, we cooperate as one of the Global Academy training centers.

Our purpose as a university and UN think tank is to offer unique learning and training opportunities, not only to students but also to everyone looking to address contemporary and future sustainable development challenges, expand their knowledge and networks, and achieve personal and professional growth. UNU-MERIT aims to advance societal policy and innovation research, provide education and mobilise knowledge in order to unlock the full potential of innovation for achieving inclusive sustainable development. Our policy research relies on evidence-based methodologies to implement our research agenda which focuses on the interconnected risks and opportunities of digital transformation, its causes and its social consequences, among other issues related the global goals.

Our policy advise and consultancies include training elements and assistance in dealing with large amounts of data, identify relevant trends and patterns, ensure rigour, validity and reliability of measurements, and apply ethics in data management.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS:

All

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

☒ 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:

☒ 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 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

☐ 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