

# ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (RDF-EUR)

## *Information and Communication Technologies for attaining Sustainable Development Goals*

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**22-23 May 2023**  
**Timisoara, Romania**

Remote participation at [http://itu.int/go/RDF\\_EUR\\_23](http://itu.int/go/RDF_EUR_23)  
(Meeting held back-to-back with Com-ITU of CEPT - 24-26 May 2023)

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:** Global Innovation Symposium 2024

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

The upcoming ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe (RDF-EUR) 2023, scheduled to take place on May 22-23 in Timisoara, Romania, is of high importance to Greece that presents its contribution in relation to Regional Initiative 5 on Digital innovation ecosystems.

Greece is exploring the opportunity together with ITU to host the next Global Innovation Symposium in 2024, building upon Greece's ongoing efforts to foster innovation and entrepreneurship for digital development, and the establishment of partnerships to accelerate digital growth in Europe and beyond.

Drawing from the rich history of previous ITU Global Innovation Symposiums, such as the 2021 edition, the proposed symposium in Greece will aim to provide participants with the insights, skills, tools, and frameworks needed to bridge the digital innovation divide. The previous symposiums have emphasized the role of entrepreneurship-driven innovation in economic recovery, job creation, and the transformation of communities into thriving, competitive digital economies. They have engaged digital change-makers, policymakers, academics, entrepreneurial support organizations, financiers, and community development managers, among others, in discussions about new partnerships and strategies for fostering digital innovation. The events have highlighted the innovation divide and its societal impacts, explored regional dimensions and countries' readiness for digital innovation, and celebrated good practices and stories of digital change-makers.



Greece's potential hosting of the 2024 ITU Global Innovation Symposium will allow the event to provide key insights from high-level participants and practical information from experts, as well as explore the challenges and opportunities in becoming entrepreneurs, policymakers, or ecosystem builders who accelerate economic development in their communities.

This potential symposium will reflect Greece's commitment to digital transformation and its readiness to contribute to the global discussion on digital innovation.

Greece looks forward to contribution with its views and experience to RDF23 and continue cooperation and work with ITU in the field of digital innovation and beyond.

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

**Greece**

**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 2: Zero Hunger                | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 4: Quality Education          | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 13: Climate Action   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 5: Gender Equality            | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 14: Life Below Water   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 15: Life on Land☐ SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions☐ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs