



ITU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM FOR EUROPE (RDF-EUR 26)

**Universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for
an inclusive and sustainable digital future**

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Meeting organized by the International Telecommunication Union in cooperation with the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunication Administrations (CEPT) and hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. RDF-EUR is held back-to-back with Com-ITU of CEPT | 25-27 March 2026.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

[8:00 - 9:00] Registration & Networking

[9:00 - 09:30] OPENING CEREMONY

- **Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau
- **Dr. Pavel Vinkler**, Director General, Entrepreneurship and Digitalization, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic
- **Mr. Oli Bird**, Co-President of CEPT
- **Ms. Gwi Yeop Son**, Regional Director of the UN Regional Development Office for Europe and Central Asia

[09:30 - 09:40] Group Photo

[09:40 - 11:00] SESSION ONE: State of digital development and trends: Challenges and opportunities

Setting the Context and Moderation: **Mr. Jaroslav Ponder**, Head of the ITU Office for Europe

- **Ms. Beatrice Covassi**, Senior Expert, International Digital Policy, European Commission

- **Mr. Daniel Pap**, Legal Advisor to the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), Council of Europe
- **Ms. Zuzana Šifaldová**, Head of International Cooperation Unit, Czech Telecommunication Office (CTU) and EaPeReg representative
- **Mr. Petros Galides**, Deputy Commissioner of Communications of Cyprus, EMERG Co-Chair
- **Ms. Milena Jovic Tanaskovic**, Expert on Digital Connectivity, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
- **Ms. Esmeralda Kazia**, Director, Directorate of Monitoring and Incident Response, Operations Center SOC, C-SIRT, National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA)
- **Mr. Luca Marco Elmosi**, Director of International Relations, GSMA

[11:00-11:30]

Coffee break

[11:30 - 12:45]

SESSION TWO: Building upon the outcomes of the ITU Conferences and UN processes towards the results and impact-oriented regional actions in Europe

Setting the Context and Moderation: **Ms. Valentina Stadnic**,
Programme Officer, ITU Office for Europe

- **Mr. Milan Radulovic**, President of the Council, EKIP
- **Ms. Inga Rimkevičienė**, Chief Advisor on International Cooperation, RRT, Lithuania
- **Ms. Radka Sibille**, Digital Policies & Trade Coordinator, Universal Postal Union (UPU)
- **Ms. Ingrid Macdonald**, UN Resident Coordinator, Albania
- **Ms. Elina Gansetska**, Directorate of Electronic Communications and Radio Frequency, Ministry of Digital Transformation, Ukraine
- **Mr. Paulo Glowacki**, ITU Generation Connect Europe Youth Envoy Representative, Germany

[12:45 - 13:45]

Lunch

[13:45 - 15:00]

SESSION THREE: Matching the countries and regional needs with the stakeholders' interests to support digital development across Europe

Setting the Context and Moderation: **Ms. Viktoriia Omelianenko**,
Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe

- **H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca**, Former President of Malta, President of the Mediterranean Children's Movement and Special Advisor to the EU Commission on Children's Interests, Malta
- **Mr. David Vicente**, Director, Andorra Digital
- **Mr. Teddy Woodhouse**, International Policy Manager, Office of Communications (Ofcom)
- **Mr. Janis Karklins**, Head of Government and International Organization Engagement, ICANN
- **Mr. Gilles Schwoerer**, Head of the WB3C
- **Mr. Boris Radanovic**, Head of International Development, SWGfL, UK
- **Mr. Per Fröjdh**, VP International Standards, Ericsson
- **Prof. Volodymyr Shulha**, Rector, State University of Information and Communication Technologies, Ukraine

[15:00 - 15:20]

Coffee Break

[15:20 - 17:35]

SESSION FOUR: ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe

Setting the Context and Moderation: **Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder & Ms. Valentina Stadnic**, ITU Office for Europe

- Presentations of Contributions
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- Interactive discussion with all stakeholders on the proposed indicative implementation plan for Europe

[17:35 - 17:45]

Any other business

[17:45- 18:00]

CLOSING CEREMONY

- **Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau
- **Mr. Vilém Veselý**, Deputy Director, Electronic Communications Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

[18:30- 19:30]

Special Social Event: Observation of the Universal Acceptance (UA) Day, organized by ICANN, EURid and partners, including UNESCO and ITU
