



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 – 9:30]

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

[9:30 – 9:40]

Group Photo

[9:40 – 11:00]

SESSION ONE: State of digital development and trends: Challenges and opportunities

Setting the Context and Moderation: **Ms. Valentina Stadnic**, Programme Officer, 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

- **Mr. Petros Galides**, Deputy Commissioner of Communications of Cyprus, and EMERG Co-Chair
- **Ms. Zuzana Šifaldová**, Head of International Cooperation Unit, Czech Telecommunication Office (CTU), Czech Republic, and EaPeReg representative
- **Ms. Milena Jocić Tanasković**, Expert on Digital Connectivity, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
- **Mr. Luca Marco Elmosi**, Director of International Relations, GSMA
- **Ms. Esmeralda Kazia**, Director, Directorate of Monitoring and Incident Response, Operations Center SOC, C-SIRT, National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA), Albania

[11:00-11:30] Networking Coffee

[11:30 – 12:45] SESSION TWO: Building upon the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25), and UN processes towards the results and impact-oriented regional actions in Europe

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

Statements by:

- **H.E. Mr. Slavisa Antic**, State Secretary, Ministry of Information and Telecommunications, Serbia
- **Mr. Milan Radulović**, President of the Council, EKIP, Montenegro

Interactive discussion:

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

[12:45 – 13:45] Networking Lunch

[13:45 – 15:00] SESSION THREE: Partner2Connect matchmaking roundtable: Matching the countries and regional needs with the stakeholders' interests to support digital development across Europe

Moderation: **Ms. Viktoriia Omelianenko**, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe

Setting the Context: **Mr. Marco Obiso**, Chief, Digital Networks and Environment Department, ITU

Statement by:

- **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

Interactive discussion:

- **Mr. David Vicente**, Director, Andorra Digital, Andorra
- **Mr. Teddy Woodhouse**, International Policy Manager, Office of Communications (Ofcom), UK
- **Mr. Janis Karklins**, Head of Government and International Organization Engagement, ICANN
- **Mr. Gilles Schwoerer**, Head of the WB3C, Montenegro
- **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]	Networking Coffee
[15:20 – 17:35]	SESSION FOUR: Partner2Connect matchmaking roundtable: ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe Setting the Context and Moderation: Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder & Ms. Valentina Stadnic, ITU Office for Europe • Presentations of Contributions by stakeholders itu.int/go/RDF-EUR-26-CONTRIBUTIONS • Interactive discussion with all stakeholders on the proposed <i>Europe region: Draft regional roadmap towards implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives.</i>
[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, 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

