

5th Steering Committee Meeting of the Centers of Excellence Network for Europe Region

Thursday, 8 July 2021, 15:00 – 17:30 CEST, Virtual

Organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

The 5th Centers of Excellence (CoEs) Steering Committee meeting for Europe Region will be held virtually on Thursday, 8 July, 15:00 – 17:30 CEST, organized by ITU. This will be the fifth Steering Committee Meeting of the new CoE network cycle which started in January 2019 and will last until December 2022. The main objective of the Steering Committees is to govern and provide oversight to the CoE network functioning and operations. The meeting is an opportunity for CoEs to present and discuss their activities, exchange experience, learn from each other and strengthen collaboration. According to the Governance structure outlined in the document “Operational Processes and Procedures for the CoE Network 2018” (available on the [ITU Academy](#) website), Steering Committees are composed of the Centers of Excellence, Member States hosting a CoE and ITU, who are expected to attend the meetings. Other participants from the broader ITU membership are welcome to attend as observers. Additional information on the Centres of Excellence programme can be found at [ITU Academy Portal](#). The full catalogue of courses for the CoEs of the Europe Region can be [accessed here](#).

Agenda

[15:00 – 15:15]	<p>Opening and setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome - Jaroslaw Ponder, Head, ITU Office for Europe - Opening - Inga Rimkeviciene, Meeting Chair - Remarks - Lidia Stępińska-Ustasiak, Chair, Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI) - Setting the context - Susan Teltscher, Head, Capacity and digital skills development (CSD) Division, ITU
[15:15 – 16:00]	<p>Item 1 - ITU Presentation of Q1&2 2021 implementation of courses and training plans for Q3&4 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITU Focal point for the region gives a brief introduction of the session and invites the CoEs to present. Each CoE presents two slides, 1 slide with information on implementation of courses in the past 6 Months and 1 slide on the courses planned for the next 6 months. The CoE reports on reasons for cancellation and postponement of courses and plans to reduce these in the remaining half of the year. <p><i>Moderated Discussion</i></p>
[16:00 – 16:15]	<p>Item 2 - Presentation of the proposed courses for the remaining 6 months of the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITU Focal point for the region presents the courses proposed for the remaining 6 months of the year and the chair invites the SC to approve the plan. <p><i>(approval needed)</i></p>





<p>[16:15 – 16:30]</p>	<p>Item 3 - Presentation of ITU QA process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITU CSD representative presents the QA process and implications on the timelines for submission of training outlines for courses to be implemented in 2022. <p><i>Moderated Discussion</i></p>
<p>[16:30 – 16:45]</p>	<p>Item 4 - Training in the context of Post/COVID-19 scenario and CoE updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SC members are invited to share their views on virtual versus physical courses as the pandemic slows down and propose a way forward., covering virtual training delivery - standardizing training delivery format and engagement with participants. <p>Discussion - How can we better engage with participants to support the expected level of learning?</p> <p><i>Moderated discussion</i></p>
<p>[16:45 – 17:15]</p>	<p>Item 5 - Follow-up of the Global CoE meeting actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marketing and promotion of CoE courses - Proposal to organize short webinars for CoEs is shared and the SC is asked for views on how these webinars can be made relevant as well as topics that CoEs may wish to see being addressed in the webinars.
<p>[17:15 – 17:30]</p>	<p>AOB and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertising courses for 2022 in 2021: Discussion

