

Africa-BB-Maps Policy Training in Romania

19/05/2026 – 21/05/2026

TRAINING DETAILS & INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH

Arrival (18 May)			
19:00	Group dinner / Social activity		Radisson Hotel Bucharest
Day 1 (19): Start of the training			
Time	Sessions	Learning Outcomes	Activity / Location
08:30–09:00	Registration	Participants complete training registration and receive training materials.	Registration desk – training venue
09:00–09:30	Opening of the training	Participants identify the objectives, structure, and methodology of the training and understand its role within the Africa-BB-Maps programme.	Expert presentations and moderated discussion on EU and Africa-BB-Maps frameworks – hybrid participation
09:30–11:00	Session 1: Policy foundations for national broadband mapping systems	Participants analyse the policy rationale, governance requirements, and legal foundations needed to establish national broadband mapping systems.	Expert presentation and moderated discussion – hybrid participation
11:00–11:30	Coffee break	Informal exchange between participants.	Training venue

11:30–12:30	Session 2: Romanian and European regulatory case studies	Participants evaluate how broadband mapping systems were established in Romania and in the EU context, including lessons related to legislation, regulatory mandates, and operator obligations.	Case study presentations by ANCOM and peer discussion – training venue / hybrid session
12:30–13:30	Lunch break	—	Training venue
13:30–14:30	Session 3: African Regional and National contexts and policy challenges + case studies	Participants present and compare national contexts, identifying the main legal, policy, and institutional challenges emerging from the Africa-BB-Maps analyses.	Country presentations and moderated peer exchange, hybrid participation possible
14:30–15:00	Coffee break	—	Training venue
15:00–16:30	Session 4: Simulation 1 – Legal and regulatory frameworks for data sharing	Participants design a legally sound and enforceable framework for operator data submission, including regulatory instruments, governance arrangements, and safeguards related to confidentiality, data protection, and proportionality.	Group simulation exercise – onsite groups / remote observation possible

16:30 – 16:45	Mid-session jury challenge – Simulation 1	At the mid-point of the exercise, the ITU–ANCOM jury introduces a scenario in which major operators formally challenge the legality of the proposed data-sharing obligations, citing commercial confidentiality and the absence of an explicit legal mandate.	Participants are required to revise their frameworks, strengthen the legal basis of their proposals, and redesign their regulatory approach to preserve both enforceability and stakeholder acceptance.
16:45–17:30	Session 5: Presentation of Simulation 1 outcomes	Participants present and defend their proposed legal and regulatory frameworks and receive feedback on their legal robustness and institutional feasibility.	Group presentations and jury feedback by ITU and ANCOM – training venue / hybrid session
Day 2 (20 May): Start of the training			
Time	Sessions	Learning Outcomes	Activity / Location
09:00–10:30	Session 6: Simulation 2: Policy decision-making under uncertainty (Part I)	Participants assess the limitations of incomplete or contested datasets and develop initial policy responses that balance legal certainty, regulatory urgency, and economic considerations.	Group simulation exercise: onsite groups/remote observation possible
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	—	Training venue
11:00–11:15	Mid-session jury challenge: Simulation 2	At the mid-point of the exercise, the jury introduces new information indicating that key datasets used by participants are partially inaccurate, and that operators are contesting the regulator’s conclusions.	Participants must therefore reassess their policy responses, justify their decisions under legal and regulatory scrutiny, and propose safeguards to ensure that the chosen measures remain defensible despite uncertainty.

11:15 – 12:30	Session 7: Simulation 2: Policy decision-making under uncertainty (Part II)	Participants revise their policy choices in light of contested evidence, refine interim regulatory measures, and strengthen the defensibility of their decisions.	Scenario-based group exercise with evolving information
12:30–13:30	Lunch break	–	Training venue
13:30–15:00	Session 8: Simulation 3: Enforcement, compliance and accountability (Part I)	Participants design enforcement mechanisms and compliance frameworks for broadband mapping obligations, including monitoring, verification, and procedural safeguards.	Group simulation exercise – onsite groups / remote observation possible
15:00–15:30	Coffee break	–	Training venue
15:30 – 15:45	Mid-session jury challenge – Simulation 3	At the mid-point of the exercise, the jury introduces a scenario where operators refuse to comply with reporting obligations and initiate legal appeals against the regulator’s decisions.	Participants are required to adapt their enforcement strategies, reinforce due process safeguards, and propose legally robust solutions that mitigate litigation risks while preserving regulatory credibility.
15:45–17:00	Session 9: Simulation 3 – Enforcement, compliance and accountability (Part II)	Participants strengthen enforcement responses, address legal appeals and non-compliance, and ensure that regulatory actions remain proportionate, transparent, and defensible.	Group work and preparation of policy recommendations
17:00 – 17:30	Session 10: Presentation of Simulations 2 and 3 outcomes	Participants present the results of the two simulations and reflect on lessons applicable to national broadband mapping implementation.	Group presentations and jury feedback by ITU and ANCOM – training venue / hybrid session

Day 3 (21 May): Start of the training

09:00–10:30	Session 11: Consolidation of simulation outcomes	Participants consolidate the lessons from all three simulations and compare approaches to legal design, policy decision-making, and enforcement.	Facilitated plenary reflection and synthesis – training venue / hybrid session
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	–	Training venue
11:00–12:30	Session 12: Final presentations, jury evaluation and policy lessons	Participants present their final policy recommendations and receive structured feedback on the applicability of their approaches to national contexts.	Final group presentations and evaluation by ITU–ANCOM jury – training venue / hybrid session
12:30–13:30	Lunch break	Participants formally conclude the training; onsite participants receive certificates of completion and eligible remote participants receive a badge.	Certificate ceremony by ITU and ANCOM – training venue
13:30 – 14:00	Study visit and peer-to-peer exchange at ANCOM	Participants gain practical insight into the institutional, operational, and regulatory aspects of Romania’s broadband mapping system through direct exchange with the host authority.	Hosted study visit and peer exchange at ANCOM