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Strategy Department, Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania.

Ms RIDLEY thanked the meeting for the reconfirmation and chaired the 4th Steering Committee Meeting of the CoE Network for Europe (2019-2022 cycle).

Proposed draft agenda was adopted by the meeting (see Annex 2).

Figure 1: Virtual group photo

3. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2020 ACTIVITIES

Ms TELTSCHER presented an overview of the implementation of CoE activities highlighting dynamics of the implementation at the global and regional level. She emphasized the fact that Centres of Excellence adapted quickly to the new reality impacted by the COVID-19 pandemics. She stressed the need to monitor performance and work towards improving performance, a topic that would be further discussed later in the day. As of 9 of October, European ITU Centres of Excellence offered 26 Trainings out of which 9 were already implemented and 5 were cancelled. Overall 835 people were trained, out of which 582 were certified. In comparison to 2019, ITU Centres of Excellence network experienced significant growth of trained people and the training delivery did not finish yet. In 2019 out of 21 trainings planned 16 were implemented 651 people were trained and 605 were certified. For more details please see Annex 4

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- Steering Committee agreed to hold the next Steering Committee around the 15th of November in a shorter format (1h30). Meeting should mainly focus on the final endorsement of the training catalogue. In addition, CoEs would be interested in the discussion on the following:
  - Mechanisms strengthening the 2021 delivery including marketing and promotion
  - Clarification on the exact nature of online trainings self-learning mode (readings, training questions and test) or web-based training (graphic, interactions, storytelling approach).

- CoEs committed to provide within two weeks' time detailed outlines of the trainings plans for 2021 and corresponding inputs to the training catalogue to be developed for consideration of the next Steering Committee;
- To ensure the quality and transparency of the trainings, it is suggested to space out the dates of the trainings. Moreover, the final dates, methodology and information have to be submitted at least 1 month before the training.

Training course topic	CoE	Dates	Venue	Training .8

Strategic Aspects for Internet Governance and Innovations	NIT	3 – 10 February 2021	Online	150 USD	e-learning
Wireless Access Technologies to Internet Network	NIT	9 – 16 March 2021	Online	150 USD	e-learning
Security and QoS in Internet Netwo	NIT	13 – 20 April 2021	Online	150 USD	e-learning
Legal, regulatory and technica aspects of Cloud Computing in international data transfers - e learning	NIT	15 – 22 June 2021	Online	150 USD	e-learning
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for Europe and Capacity and Digital Skills Development Division in facilitating smooth running of the meeting

ANNEX 1: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Centres of Excellence

1. Toni JANEVSKI, FEIT, North Macedonia
2. Clement ONIME, ICTP, Italy
3. Marco ZENNARO, ICTP, Italy
4. Sandro SCAMPOLO, ICTP, Italy
5. Dmytro CHERKASHYN, IISS, Germany
6. Swantje WESTPFAHL, IISS, Germany
7. Sylwester LASKOWSKI, NASK, Poland
8. Ruta JASINSKIENE, NRD Cyber Security, Lithuania
9. Vadym Kaptur, A.S. Popov ONAT, Ukraine
10. Vladislav KUMYSH, A.S. Popov ONAT, Ukraine

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19. Halima LETAMO, Capacity and Digital Skills Development Division, ITU
20. Sarah DELAPORTE, Project Officer, ITU Office for Europe, EU IT

Other Member States and Stakeholders

21. Mr. Sergiu FINCIU, Senior Consultant in the Cyber Security and Internet Section of the Ministry for Economy and Infrastructure, Republic of Moldova
22. Vassilios ARGYROULIS, Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission, Greece
23. Vilem VESELY, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic
24. Joseph KARIS, ICT Standards Officer, Cyprus Organization for Standardisation, Cyprus
25. Henri HAXHIRAJ, Manager, Government Relations, ATENE, Germany

ANNEX 2: AGENDA OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Time	Items
12:30 – 13:00	Online networking and testing of video and audio
13:00 – 13:15	Opening x Welcome remarks by ITU x Remarks by the outgoing Chair x Confirmation of and remarks by the incoming Chair
	Group picture and coffee break
13:15 - 14:45	Centres of Excellence presentations: 2020 implementation and training plans for 2021: ITU will share the current status of implementation for each CoE. Each CoE will report on the implementation of their 2020 activities. Each presentation should cover the courses that were implemented throughout the entire year (number of participants, feedback received, certificates issues etc), issues faced and lessons learnt, including those from COVID-19. Each CoE will also present their proposals for the training courses they are planning to deliver in 2021, including the topics, exact dates, training fee charged, audience targeted etc. CoEs are expected to deliver at least 2 training courses per priority area per year. In addition, CoEs may offer courses on emerging topics outside their priority areas if not covered by any other CoE in the region. The objective of the discussion is to agree on the draft training schedule for 2021. x ITU o Current status of implementation for each CoE x A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (ONAT), Ukraine o Discussion x Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje (FEEIT), North Macedonia o Discussion x Institute for Security and Safety (ISS) at the Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany o Discussion x The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP),

	Italy o Discussion x NRD Cybersecurity, Lithuania o Discussion x National Institute of Telecommunications (NIT), Poland o Discussion
Coffee break	
14.45- 15:15	Discussion on strategic and operational issues related to the implementation of the CoE network activities, including external assessment of ITU capacity develo

ANNEX 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF COE TRAINING ACTIVITIES 2020 AS OF 9 OCTOBER 2020

COE	COURSES PLANNED	DELIVERY MODE	ORIGINAL DATES	FINAL DATES	STATUS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS CERTIFIED	END OF TRAINING REPORTS
FEEIT	Future broadband internet, cloud computing and IoT	online instructor-led	26MAY-22JUN20		implemented	285	260	received
FEEIT	Mobile broadband Internet, 5G and future services	online instructor-led	17NOV-14DEC20		confirmed			
ICTP	Data Science: technical & business aspects for open innovation	online self-paced	03-14AUG20	1SEP-31DEC20	unknown	0		
ICTP	Trends and advances in Data Science Machine Learning and Artificial Neural Networks	online self-paced	17-21AUG20	1SEP-31DEC20	unknown	0		
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ISS	Cyber Incident Response	online self-paced	01JAN-31DEC20		ongoing	0		
ISS	Industrial cybersecurity and incident response	face-to-face	09-11SEP20	9-11NOV20	unknown			
ISS	Information security management system	online self-paced	01JUN-31DEC20	15JUL-31DEC20	ongoing	0		
NIT	Strategic aspects for Internet Governance and Innovations	online instructor-led	03-10FEB20		implemented	54	45	received

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NIT	Legal aspects of artificial intelligence in business, household and public sector	online instructor-led	08-09DEC20	7-14DEC20	confirmed		
NRD	Building an effective cybersecurity team	face-to-face	04-07MAY20	5-8 OCT20	implemented	19	pending
NRD	Incident response practice hands on scenario-based training	face-to-face	07-10SEP20	30NOV-03DEC20	Cancelled		
ONAT	Automation of broadband networks designing . Selecting the most appropriate solutions to build network.	face-to-face	24-25SEP20	9-10 DEC 20	planned		
ONAT	Building broadband telemedicine networks and providing ehealth services at the local, regional and national levels	face-to-face	14-15MAY20	14-15 DEC 20	planned		
ONAT	Features of 5G technology implementation at the local, regional, and national level	face-to-face	11-12JUN20		Cancelled		
ONAT	Features of 5G technology implementation at the local, regional, and national level	face-to-face	02-03JUL20		Cancelled		

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		Total	835	582