

ITU – EKIP Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe 2023

Opening Remarks

by the Commissioner of Communications, Mr George Michaelides

Opening remarks by the Commissioner of Communications Mr George Michaelides on the occasion of the ITU-EKIP Regional Regulatory Forum for Europe 2023, on "Universal Connectivity in Europe: The Current State and the Future Prospects". The event was organized by The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Office for Europe and the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services of Montenegro (EKIP) and took place from 28 - 29 September 2023 in Budva, Montenegro.

Building on the outcome of the Global Symposium for Regulators 2023 and its Best Practice Guidelines, the Forum was held within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative 1 for Europe on Digital Infrastructure Development which aims to facilitate the attainment of Gigabit connectivity through resilient and synergistic infrastructure development and an enabling environment ensuring ubiquitous coverage. It offered a unique opportunity for high-level dialogue between stakeholders on strategies and policies directed towards broadband development in the region, while discussing the challenges and opportunities offered by resilient high-speed networks, coupled with flexible and collaborative regulatory actions.