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# EU4Digital Facility: Highlights

DAY 1

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# EU4Digital Facility – Overview



## 1. TELECOM RULES

- Achieving **common roaming space**
- **NRA independence** strengthening
- Develop **coordinated frequency distribution strategies for freeing 700MHz**
- **New EaP-EU** roaming study



## 2. TRUST & SECURITY

- Cross-border eSignature pilot
- Regional framework for **cross-border eServices** for business
- **Cyber-resilience** strategies



## 3. eTRADE

- **Three pilots** - eDelivery, eCustoms and eCommerce
- Plan to pilot **Digital Transport Corridor**



## 4. ICT INNOVATION

Actions to favour development of **ICT research, start-ups & innovation ecosystems**



## 5. eHEALTH

**Harmonised frameworks** for eHealth, among EaP partner countries and with the EU



## 6. DIGITAL SKILLS

- Methodology for measuring and forecasting **digital skills**
- **Competence framework for SMEs**
- Supporting national **jobs & skills coalitions**



## COMMUNICATION & MONITORING

- Building **EU4Digital brand** to streamline visibility and leverage impact of EU cooperation across the digital economy and society in the EaP
- Monitoring of how the **EU4Digital Initiative** is performing against the set targets



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Telecom  
Rules

- **Regional Roaming Agreement (RRA)** drafted
- New activity of **EaP-EU roaming study** initiated
- Regulator's independence **gap assessment** developed
- and country-specific action plans are in preparation
- Regional and national implementation plans for **reassignment of 700MHz** band prepared
- **Regional Spectrum Agreement (RSA)** drafted

- Regional RRA **negotiations and validation** during HDM Panel (expected late 2020)
- **Signing of RRA** (expected late 2020)
- **Signing of RSA** (expected late 2020)



Trust and  
Security

- Comparative analysis of national legislation and **eIDAS** completed to develop roadmap and actions plans towards mutual recognition of eID
- Cross-border **eSignature pilot** in implementation between UA-MD and UA-EE
- **Cybersecurity guidelines** for the EaP region done
- Started the work on regional framework for **cross-border eServices**

- Regional roadmap and country-based action plans towards **mutual recognition of eID** (early 2021)
- Cross-border **eSignature pilots** between UA-MD and UA-EE
- Framework for **cross-border eServices**



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eTrade

- **eDelivery pilot** UA – PL in preparation (to be launched in October, 2020)
- **eCustoms pilot** between LT – BY in preparation (to be launched in November, 2020)
- Recommendations to **increase eCommerce flows** in development
- Study for **digital transport corridor** between the Baltic and the Black Sea completed

- **eDelivery pilots** between UA – PL and EaP – EaP
- **Customs pilots** between LT – BY and EaP – EaP
- EaP countries eCommerce gaps and recommendations report
- **eCommerce pilots** between AZ – GE and AM – EU



ICT  
Innovation

- Country-specific ICT **policy recommendations and action plans** prepared
- Regional market assessment for **Digital Innovation and Scale-up** Initiative (DISC) completed
- Preparatory actions to launch **Women in tech mentorship programme** in development

- Practical ICT entrepreneurial **ecosystem guidebook**
- DISC pilot programme **design and action plan**
- **Know-how packages** to establish women in tech mentorship programme
- **Integrating EaP stakeholders** into EU networks and platforms
- **ICT Governance forum** establishment and piloting



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eHealth

- Country analysis performed, gaps identified and initial **harmonisation and interoperability** guidelines prepared
- **eHealth portal and collaboration platform** launched
- Roadmap for **involvement in EIP on AHA** with country-specific recommendations for activities developed

- eHealth **finalised guidelines**
- Further content generation, coordination and cooperation activities through **eHealth communication and collaboration** platform



Digital Skills

- Methodology for measuring and forecasting **digital skills gaps** completed
- Common **competence framework** for SMEs and microbusiness in the EaP region in preparation
- **National Digital Skills and Jobs Coalitions** in AM and UA established

- Finalised **competence framework** for SMEs and microbusinesses
- Support to establishing **National Digital Skills and Jobs Coalitions** in all Eastern partner countries



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Communi-  
cation &  
Monitoring

- EU4Digital **brand identity** created
- EU4Digital **website in 8 languages** launched with 50,000 unique visitors to date
- Two **social media** outreach campaigns conducted with 2.9 million people reached
- 7 editions of **newsletter** distributed (1,400 subscribers)
- **Monitoring framework** established

- Communication under the **EU4Digital brand** through the website, media promotion and social media campaigns
- Continued **monitoring of activities** to measure performance against set targets



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# Considerations for the future

- **Reduction of roaming prices** between EU Member States and EaP countries
- **Mutual recognition of digital signatures** among Eastern partner countries and with the EU
- **Harmonised frameworks and piloted solutions** in eTrade, eServices and eHealth
- **Strengthened ICT innovation ecosystem** and funding solutions for Start-ups and scale ups
- **Digitisation** of traditional SMEs and improve access to funding instruments
- **Improved digital maturity and digital skills** in alignment with EU practices
- EU4Digital **further reinforced as recognised brand and platform** for Eastern partner countries digital capacity strengthening





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**Thank You**

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