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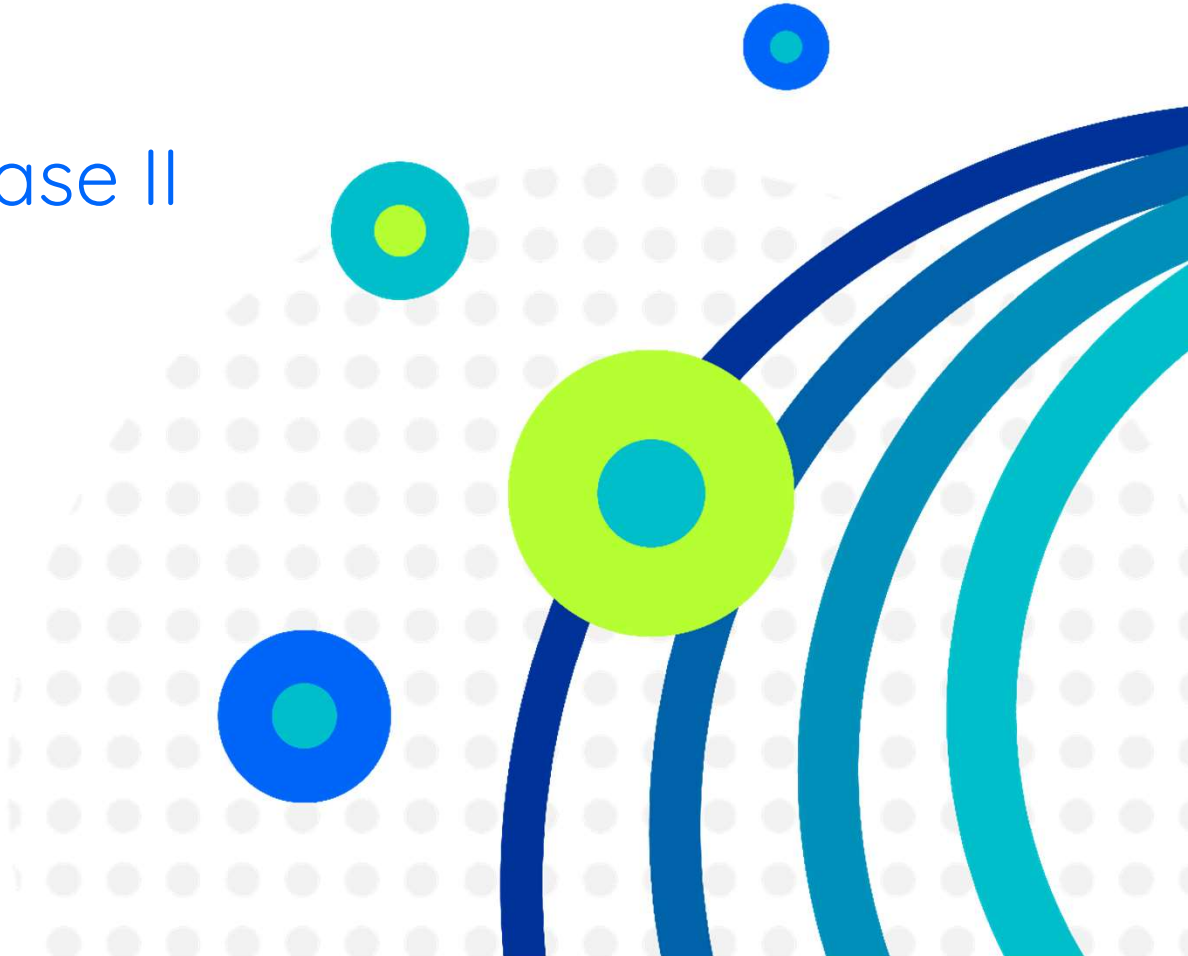
# EU4Digital Facility Phase II

## Steering Committee

### Meeting

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# EU4Digital Phase II structure of the activities

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eTrade (focus on eCommerce)

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# Overview of activities key results and plans ahead



# Telecom Rules area



## Telecom Rules area (1/3)

### Outcomes

- Improved households' access to affordable **high-speed internet**
- Reduced retail prices for **international roaming** in the partner countries by at least 80%
- **Secure 5G networks** by alignment with the EU coordinated approach
- Applied in full **Regional Spectrum Agreement** among the EaP countries



# Telecom Rules area (2/3)

## Activities

### 1. Roaming agreement(s)

*(2022 September - 2025 June)*



## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

- Stable version of the Regional Roaming Agreement (RRA) prepared
- Countries' final confirmation on RRA signing is pending

### 2. 5G private networks development

*(2022 September - 2025 June)*



- EU best practice report on 5G private network implementation prepared
- Design country-specific roadmaps / guidelines facilitating 5G private networks development
- Support Regional Spectrum Agreement (RSA) signing

### 3. EU toolbox for 5G security

*(2023 February - 2025 April)*



- EU best practice report on the implementation of the EU toolbox for 5G security prepared
- Design country-specific roadmaps / guidelines towards implementation of 5G security development

### 4. Monitoring and promoting broadband access

*(2022 September - 2025 June)*



- EU best practice report on promoting access to competitive broadband internet services prepared
- Prepare country-specific broadband access monitoring reports for 2023-2024
- Monitor legislative developments in regulatory governance based on the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC)



# Telecom Rules area (3/3)

## Activities

### 5. Broadband market analysis

*(2023 January - 2025 June)*



### 6. International connectivity (Black sea submarine cable)

*(2023 April - 2023 August)*



### 7. (NEW) Approximation of Moldova's legislation to EU law

*(2023 November - 2025 June)*



### 8. (NEW) Review of Georgia's roaming national legislation for approximation

*(Timeline to be confirmed)*



### 9. (NEW) Electronic communications market assessment for Moldova

*(Timeline to be confirmed)*



## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

- Prepare country-specific broadband market analysis reports
- Provide country-specific recommendations on appropriate market regulations based on analysis performed

- Market assessment report on high-speed connectivity needs in South Caucasus prepared

- Prepare necessary legislation to ensure approximation of Moldova's national legislation with the EU law
- Provide technical assistance for the implementation of the EU regulatory framework provisions

- Review Georgia's draft legislation on the roaming regulatory framework for approximation to the EU law

- Perform comprehensive assessment of the electronic communications market potential in Moldova





# eTrust and Cross-border Digital Services area



# eTrust and Cross-border Digital Services area (1/2)

## Outcomes

- At least four EaP countries with mutually recognised **digital signatures** between each other and with the EU.
- Increased number of documents transferred cross-border being digitally signed.
- Aligned **data protection standards** with the EU and international ones, in order to facilitate commercial exchanges and law enforcement.
- 80% of **public services** available online through interoperable platforms.



# eTrust and Cross-border Digital Services area (2/2)

## Activities

## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

### 1. Recognition of eID and trust services

*(2022 November - 2025 June)*



- State of play analysis of eID and trust services completed
- Develop a regional trust framework and provide technical assistance in performing self-assessment as per MRA Cookbook<sup>1</sup>
- Facilitate the process of mutual recognition agreement drafting between the Eastern partner countries

### 2. Pilot eID

*(2023 March - 2024 November)*



- Concept, scope and participating countries of cross-border authentication pilot defined
- Facilitate technical implementation of the pilot
- Develop final report and recommendations

### 3. Data governance strategies

*(2023 October - 2024 September)*



- Design data governance strategy concept / framework, in line with EU and global practices
- Provide country-specific recommendations for national strategies in the area of data governance

<sup>1</sup> European Commission, 'Mutual recognition agreement Cookbook' (January 2021)



# eTrade area



## eTrade area (1/3)

### Outcomes

- At least four operational **digital transport corridors** complementing the TEN-T network
- Increased number of logistics documents transferred cross-border as electronic information
- 80% of **public services** available online through interoperable platforms
- Increased cross-border **e-commerce** with the EU by 50%



# eTrade area (2/3)

## Activities

### 1. Pilot cross-border eTrade solutions

*(2023 December - 2024 December)*



## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

- Pilot reusable EU solutions to facilitate cross-border eTrade

### 2. eCustoms pilot (UA-RO)

*(2023 March - 2023 July)*



- SEED nodes to exchange data set regarding empty trucks implemented
- Recommendations from legal, organisational and technical side developed
- Preparatory work for full-scale implementation

### 3. (NEW) eCustoms pilot extension (UA-MD-RO)

*(2023 September - 2024 May)*



- Implementation of SEED+ nodes to exchange data set regarding cargo and empty trucks. Additional scope - connect Phytosanitary authorities
- Agreed with participating Customs administrations on the scenarios and data sets to be piloted

### 4. Digital Transport Corridor (eFTI deployment)

*(2022 December - 2023 December)*



- Analysis of EU practices in exchanging electronic freight transport information
- State of play assessment for Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Moldova
- Designed roadmap to pilot and establish Digital Transport Corridor in line with eFTI regulation



# eTrade area (3/3)

## Activities

### 5. eCommerce accelerator (Track 1)

*(2022 November - 2024 February)*



### 6. eCommerce accelerator (Track 2)

*(2022 November - 2024 February)*



### 7. eCommerce accelerator (Track 3)

*(2022 November - 2023 December)*



### 8. Stakeholders networking

*(2022 December - 2025 June)*



## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

- eCommerce baseline Report published
- Develop eCommerce recommendations for the Eastern partner countries

- Launch National Pavilion Account with selected product owners
- Develop report on recommendations for further implementation of Pavilion Accounts

- eCommerce consultations center established
- 52 companies trained + 5 in collaboration with ITC

- 4 awareness events for DTC (eFTI deployment): 2 held and 2 more planned
- Event on overview of updates on eCommerce in Europe, and collaboration opportunities with Ecommerce Europe organisation (June 2023)



# eHealth area





## eHealth area (1/2)

### Outcomes

- 80% of **public services** available online through interoperable platforms.
- Strengthened **health systems** and improved access to health.



# eHealth area (2/2)

## Activities

### 1. eHealth strategic development

*(2023 January - 2024 June)*



### 2. Pilot cross-border eHealth

*(2023 March - 2024 June)*



### 3. eHealth collaboration and communication

*(2022 July - 2025 June)*



## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

- Develop guidelines for national eHealth strategies development in the Eastern partner countries
- Provide further support to the Eastern partner countries in preparation of eHealth strategic documents

- Assess country readiness for cross-border eHealth services pilot
- Kick-off with the pilot using one of use-case scenarios - Patient Summary or ePrescription

- Continue organisation of eHealth network collaboration and awareness building events



# Digital Skills area



## Digital Skills area (1/2)

### Outcomes

- **Digitally empowered one million** EaP citizens.
- Strengthened modern production techniques, availability and dissemination of independent, reliable, comparable and gender-disaggregated official **statistics** to support evidence-based policy making.



# Digital Skills area (2/2)

## Activities

### 1. EdTech learning platform

*(2023 January - 2025 June)*



## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

- Developed first eCommerce course to be launched in Ukraine and Moldova in 2023, and in other countries - in early 2024
- Develop courses on two other topics: Digital Marketing and Digitalisation of Business

### 2. Women mentorship programme on ICT skills

*(2022 August - 2023 November)*



- Women's Mentorship in Tech Programmes in the Eastern partner countries concept and action plan developed

### 3. DESI Accelerator

*(2022 November - 2024 December)*



- Methodological guidelines on DESI measurement developed, DESI Accelerator kicked-off
- Continue supporting DESI implementation in the Eastern partners countries by conducting gap analysis and provision of practical support on taking up DESI



# ICT Innovation and Start-ups Ecosystem area



# ICT Innovation and **Start-up Ecosystems** area (1/2)

## Outcomes

- Stimulated **digital innovation**
- Supported high performance **digital start-ups**
- Contributed to the creation of **high-quality jobs** in digital economy and innovation



# ICT Innovation and Start-up Ecosystems area (2/2)

## Activities

## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

### 1. Networking of innovation players

*(2022 September - 2025 June)*



- 3 networking events and Innovation Forum 2023 organised
- Continue organisation of annual Startup and Innovation Forums, networking and awareness building events on digital innovation hubs, digital innovation clusters, finance for digital innovations, ecosystem and digital policies

### 2. Startups ecosystem development

*(2022 September - 2025 June)*



- High-performance incubation Framework developed
- “Mapping and Diagnosis of the Start-up Ecosystem in the EaP” report prepared
- Awareness sessions on incubation importance and impact organised
- Facilitate activities to increase usage and improvement of the EaP start-up platform

### 3. Innovation clusters

*(2023 December - 2024 September)*



- Planned to initiate the activity in which we will develop a framework and provide recommendations for the development and improvement of innovation clusters in EaP countries





# Communication and awareness building



# Communication and awareness building area (1/2)

## Outcomes

- Strengthened and **visible EU4Digital** brand.



# Communication and awareness building area (2/2)

## Activities

1. EU4Digital website  
(2022 June - 2025 June)



2. Content production and promotion  
(2022 June - 2025 June)



3. Strategic interventions and visibility  
(2022 June - 2025 June)



4. Performance monitoring  
(2022 June - 2025 June)



## Achievements/status

Not started

Ongoing

Completed

- Updated EU4Digital brand identity and relaunched EU4Digital website in 8 languages with more than 88,000 users and over 192,000 page views

- 100 news, events, stories and library content items prepared for the website in English, with 260 versions in local languages

- 40+ strategic interventions in English and set up of @EU4Digital account on X (formerly Twitter)
- Six newsletter editions with 3,300 subscribers

- Developed KPI monitoring system and updated logframe

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# Crisis response and ad-hoc support activities

1. International connectivity (Black sea submarine cable) *(2023 April - 2023 August)*
2. (NEW) Approximation of Moldova's legislation to EU law *(2023 November - 2025 June)*
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5. (NEW) eCustoms pilot extension (UA-MD-RO) *(2023 September - 2024 May)*
6. Digital Transport Corridor (eFTI deployment) *(2022 December - 2023 December)*
7. eCommerce accelerator – extension of eCommerce Consultations centre *(2022 November - 2023 December)*



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