

2021-2025 United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

<p>Name of the contributing UN Entity</p>	<p>International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – www.itu.int</p>
<p>Global mandate of the UN Entity</p>	<p>ITU is committed to connecting all the world’s people – wherever they live and whatever their means. Through our work, we protect and support everyone’s right to communicate. In line with its mandate and the outcomes of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS), being a unique United Nations process on ICT for sustainable development, the ITU continues playing a key role in WSIS implementation and follow-up, while contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, as per the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>ITU has technical, policy and normative capacities in its headquarters (Geneva, Switzerland) and in its regional offices. The ITU evolves around three sectors, with separate mandates but with the same goal to work towards connecting the world. These compose the critical means of actions of the agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU Radiocommunication, coordinating radio-frequency spectrum and assigning orbital slots for satellites; • ITU Standardization, establishing international standards; • ITU Development, bridging the digital divide.
<p>Implementation modality of the UN Entity</p>	<p>Across the above-mentioned areas, many initiatives, projects, and programs are conducted, that take the shape of direct technical assistance to member states or capacity-building initiatives, often in collaboration with other stakeholders such as sector members, academia, or other international organizations.</p> <p>These activities are fully aligned with and implemented under five ITU Regional Initiatives for Europe, which have been reconfirmed for the period 2022-2025, during the ITU Regional Preparatory Meeting for Europe (January 2021) and WTDC-22, focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional initiative 1: Digital infrastructure development • Regional initiative 2: Digital transformation for resilience • Regional initiative 3: Digital inclusion and skills development • Regional initiative 4: Trust and confidence in the use of telecommunications/ ICTs • Regional initiative 5: Digital innovation ecosystems

	<p>In particular, ITU provides support through its Regional Office for Europe and its Headquarters with the implementation of flagship projects and programs, regional projects in partnership with other UN Agencies on topics of common interest (including through UN to UN agreement), and short-term technical support upon the request of Member States (which may be funded by the donors' community) enabling a flexible support-offer to address ICT and digital related issues going beyond the regional initiatives.</p>
<p>Intended contribution to the UNSDCF in BiH</p>	<p>The ITU is an agency without an in-country presence operating on-demand by the Member States. Assistance to the government authorities shall be made available and shall be furnished and received in accordance with the relevant and applicable resolutions and decisions of the competent UN system agency's governing structures. Thus, ITU is not able to provide a planned contribution for the period covered by the UNSDCF. However, the below constitutes a (non-exhaustive) overview of the support that can be provided upon the request of/ in agreement with the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p> <p>UNSD Focus Area: Sustainable, resilient and inclusive growth UNSDCF Outcome: 1 <i>'By 2025, people benefit from resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth ensured by the convergence of economic development and management of environment and cultural resources'</i></p> <p><u>ICT Infrastructure:</u> Policy and strategy advice leading towards universal access to internet and ICT services (policies and strategies on broadband development, spectrum management, broadcasting; mapping system of broadband infrastructure and services). <u>Digital and ICT-centric innovation ecosystems:</u> Elaboration of maturity assessment and national strategy (policy advice, project, technical assistance). <u>Circular economy, e-waste, smart cities:</u> Technical norms and standards, and projects. <u>Digital transformation of services and sectors</u> (e.g. digital agriculture with FAO): Technical norms and standards, advice on policies, strategies and regulations, technical assistance.</p> <p>UNSD Focus Area: Quality, accessible and inclusive education, health and social protection UNSDCF Outcome: 2 <i>'By 2025, people benefit from more inclusive and higher quality educational programmes focused on 21st century skills for enhanced employability, well-being and active participation in society'</i></p> <p><u>Connectivity in education:</u> Policy and strategy advice in the field of school connectivity and national assessment (e.g., with UNICEF).</p>

	<p><u>Digital skills</u>: Assessment and strategies development based on guidelines and toolkits, as well as support in fostering technical digital skills (ITU Academy).</p> <p><u>Gender digital divide</u>: Project implementation on capacity and digital skills development for creating equal opportunities for girls and women in the STEM sector, as well as assessment and policy recommendations to address the gendered digital divide (for e.g., with UN Women).</p> <p>UNSD Focus Area: Quality, accessible and inclusive education, health and social protection UNSDCF Outcome: 3 <i>‘By 2025, people have access to better quality and inclusive health and social protection systems’</i></p> <p><u>Child online protection</u>: Implementation of the Child Online Protection Guidelines at the national level, normative and regulatory expertise, and policy advice (assessment and elaboration of strategy). <u>Fostering digital transformation of services and sectors</u> (for e.g. digital health with WHO): Technical norms and standards, advice on policies, strategies, and regulations, and technical assistance.</p> <p>UNSD Focus Area: People-centered governance and rule of law UNSDCF Outcome: 4 <i>‘By 2025, people contribute to, and benefit from more accountable and transparent governance systems that deliver quality public services, and ensure rule of law’</i></p> <p>Cybersecurity: Normative and regulatory expertise, CSIRT capabilities development and maturity assessment, and establishment of CSIRT Centres (including Cybersecurity awareness and support to countries to implement measures to enhance the security of critical information infrastructures, networks, data centers, etc.).</p> <p>Digitalization of government services: Technical norms and standardization of government services, capacity development, policies, and strategies.</p> <p>Digital and ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities: Technical norms and international standards, capacity building, policy advice, and technical assistance.</p>
<p>Indicative budget for the UNSDCF contribution (USD)</p>	<p>ITU is not in the position to commit fixed budget as its operational budget is approved on an annual basis and acts upon requests for assistance coming from the country within the scope of ten thematic priorities and regional initiatives. Thus, the regional budget serves as the seed money for initiatives and projects seeking third-party financing. As for the funds to be mobilized, this shall be defined on the needs.</p> <p>ITU’s contribution for the year 2022 is so far of 40,340 USD.</p>