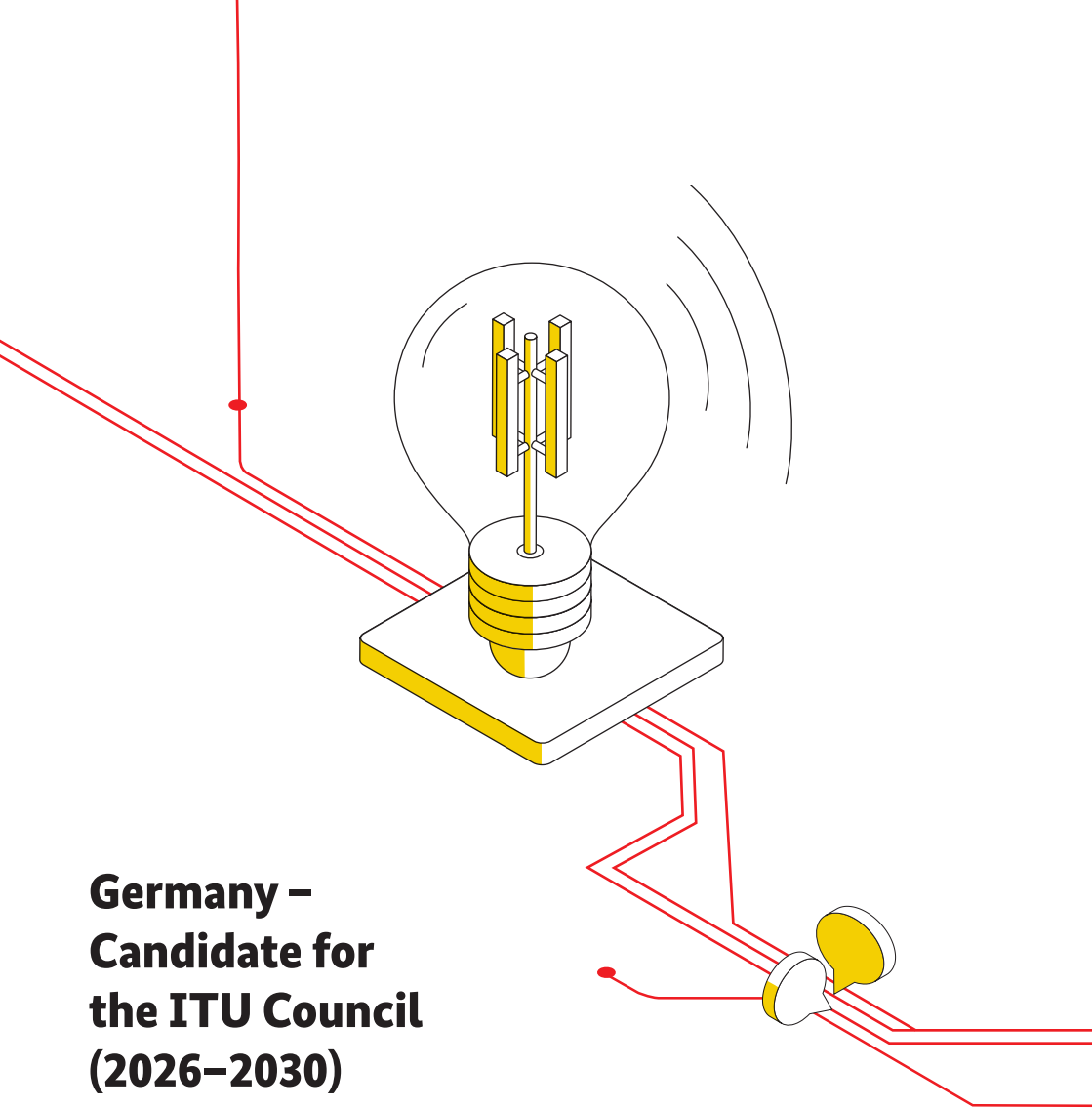


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Germany – Candidate for the ITU Council (2026–2030)

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) remains a cornerstone of global cooperation in information and communication technologies (ICTs). As a long-standing and active Member State, Germany is proud to announce its candidacy for re-election to the ITU Council in 2026.

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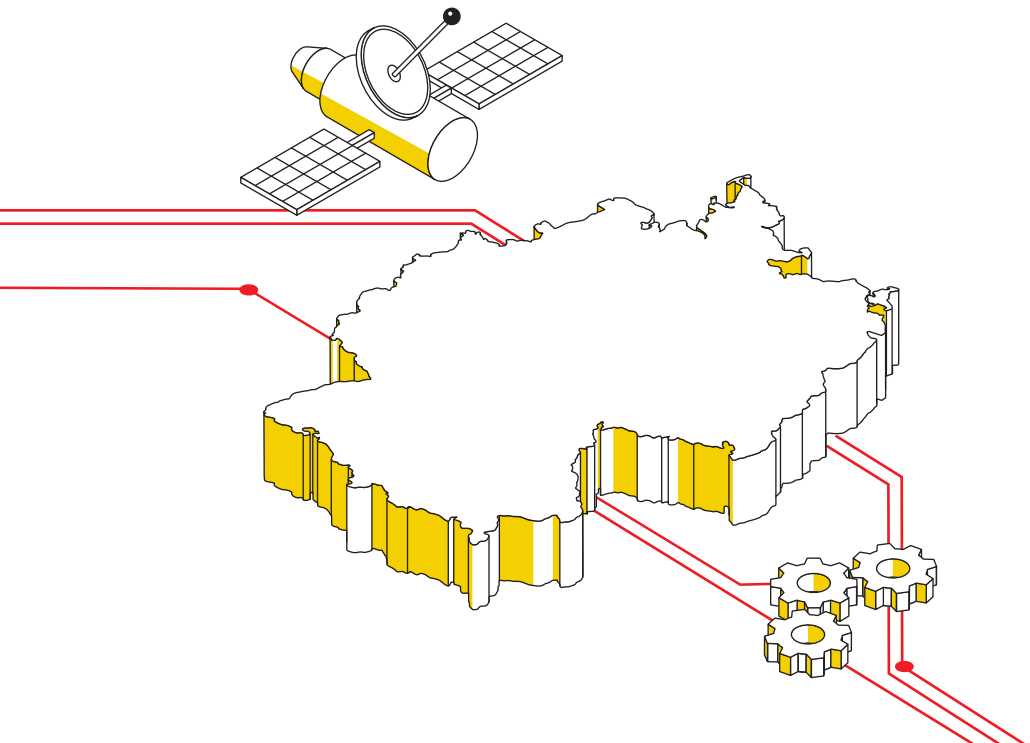
→ **Technological innovation and digital foresight**

→ **Reliability, efficiency and pragmatic solutions**

→ **Commitment to fairness, inclusion and multilateral dialogue**

We respectfully ask for your support so that we may continue contributing our expertise, experience and vision to the ITU's mission.

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Germany and the ITU – A Strong and Trusted Partner

Germany, one of the ITU's founding members, has been a consistent provider of technical, political and financial support to the Union. This commitment is deeply rooted in our national and international ICT and digital self-image.

Today, 32 German Sector Members, Associated Members and institutions from the scientific community and industry actively support the ITU's work by sharing knowledge, shaping policy and developing standards. German experts regularly participate in all major ITU conferences and processes.

Within the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), Germany plays a leading role in coordinating the European positions for key upcoming events, including the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025, the **Plenipotentiary Conference 2026**, the **World Telecommunication Policy Forum 2026**, the **World Radiocommunication Conference 2027** and the **World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2028**.

Shaping the Digital Future – Germany's Vision

Germany views digital transformation as a powerful engine for sustainable, inclusive and secure global development. We regard strategic government action in the digital sphere, developed in close cooperation with industry, the scientific community and civil society, as essential.

As the world grows more digitally interconnected, Germany remains committed to building secure, resilient, high-quality and interoperable telecommunication systems. We believe in the ITU's unique role in fostering consensus and developing global standards – and we are eager to continue contributing to this important work. **Together, let's shape a connected, inclusive, and innovative digital future.**

Driving Digital Transformation through AI and Public Service Innovation: Germany's Collaborative Efforts with the ITU for Inclusive Digital Development

Germany actively supports digital transformation in partnership with the ITU, with a focus on inclusive and sustainable innovation. Through initiatives like FAIR Forward – AI for All and GovStack, Germany promotes the responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) and the development of digital public infrastructure, particularly in the Global South.

FAIR Forward – AI for All

AI opens up new opportunities for developing and emerging countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. This is where the German initiative **FAIR Forward – AI for All** comes in: it promotes the local use of AI in Africa and Asia by supporting open datasets for AI applications and facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues

to shape responsible policy frameworks. In collaboration with the ITU Skills Coalition, it also contributes to the global development of AI skills.

GovStack

Citizens expect one thing above all from their governments: efficient and smoothly functioning services. These services must be easy to access, reliable and mobile-friendly. To meet this need, Germany, Estonia, the ITU and the **Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL)** launched **GovStack**. Its goal is to help countries create efficient and affordable digital public services. GovStack provides universally applicable digital building blocks that make it easy for users to access essential services – from health data to ID cards and digital payments.

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