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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON GENDER AND
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Poland - statement

I would like to thank you Chair and the distinguished delegates for a very interesting discussion and sharing your expertise on this topic.

As the national regulator for communications UKE is active in the area of capacity building.

I am happy that our contribution was reflected in the CSTD report. At the intersessional panel last year we presented our educational campaigns.

In my opinion building digital competencies allows us to fully benefit from existing and emerging technologies. One of them is 5G, which is the technology of the future. UKE actively cooperates with many stakeholders on the issue of introducing 5G in Poland. This is also part of the National Action Plan for responsible development of Poland and transforming industry to Industry 4.0. We also need to prepare the users to fully benefit from this new technology trends. That is why UKE tries to reach all users to build their competences in the digital world. Our projects are aimed to develop skills and awareness among the youth and the elderly. These 3 major projects are - Coding with UKE, I know what I'm signing and I click sensibly.

I will start with "**Coding with UKE**", which is a campaign focused on supporting the development of digital competences among the youth. It contains several subjects, such as coding in SCRATCH language, Smart City Programming, Robotics, 3D Design. From the beginning it achieved concrete and noticeable results.

I would like to emphasize, that in 2017 we organized 35 workshops for over 700 pupils. In 2018 we plan to almost triple this figure.

This project is carried out in cooperation with a wide range of entities. Not only primary schools, but also private sector and public sector parties.

Another campaign is named "**I know what I'm signing**", in which we advise people on how to conclude contracts. It is directed especially to the elderly.

In 2017, there were over 100 meetings with 8 000 senior participants. Our ambitious plans for 2018 include 150 meetings for over 10 000 seniors.

The third campaign is "**I Click Sensibly**". We realize that some people face the problem how to surf online and use telecommunications devices safely. Another thing is how to deal with online aggression, protect personal data and avoid high bills.

This project is directed to children. We conduct it with lessons for primary school pupils.

In 2017 about 1 500 lessons were organized for over 41 000 children. For 2018 we plan lessons for another 50 000 children.

Thank you for your attention.