

MR. Feliksas Dobrovolskis Director-General Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania (RRT)

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Dear Mr. Dobrovolskis:

## Extending Gratitude for the Study Visit on Spectrum Monitoring

On behalf of the World Bank, let me personally extend our sincerest gratitude to you, Mr. Dobrovolskis, and your colleagues from the Radio Monitoring and Radiocommunication Departments of RRT for hosting a delegation from the Ministry of Economic Development of Kosovo and the Regulatory Authority for Post and Electronic Communications (ARKEP) on February 26 and 27, 2018. The study tour has become an important learning event in the process of establishing a national spectrum monitoring system for Kosovo under the Kosovo Digital Economy (KODE) Project.

In Kosovo, mobile broadband development is constrained by inefficiencies in radio-frequency spectrum management. These inefficiencies are mainly due to Kosovo missing a Spectrum Monitoring System (SMS), which is essential to supporting mobile network roll-out through informed and timely decisions on frequency bands assignment and usage. Both Kosovar policymakers and the World Bank have reached an understanding that is important that the country's SMS design and implementation should be financed under the KODE Project.

The knowledge, advice, and insights you have shared during this study visit with regards to the functioning of the Lithuanian SMS were invaluable to accomplishing the objectives set out by the KODE Project. We are deeply appreciative of all the time, energy, and efforts put into the organization of this visit. We look forward to continuing our cooperation with you on new similar initiatives.

Yours sincerely

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