

Conference on “e-Skills for Jobs 2015”

Friday, 13 March

**Please note that Latvian time is one hour ahead of Brussels time*

- 8.30 – 09.30 Delegate registration
- 09.00 – 17.00 EXPO: Tools and solutions for e-Skills development
- 09.30-10.45 *Plenary Session: Opening of the e-Skills for Jobs 2015 campaign (Ziedoņa zāle)*

Keynote speeches:

Kaspars Gerhards, Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia (welcome video)

Dana Reizniece-Ozola, Minister for Economics of the Republic of Latvia

Michel Catinat, Head of Unit ICT for Key Enabling Technologies and Digital Economy, DG Growth, European Commission

John Higgins, CBE, Director General of DIGITALEUROPE

Alexa Joyce, Director of Policy, Teaching and Learning Worldwide Education, Microsoft

Piotr Pluta, Senior Manager Corporate Affairs EMEAR, Cisco Systems

Dr. Māra Jākobsone, Vice-President of LIKTA

Moderator: **Reinis Zitmanis**, Digital Champion Latvia

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45 *Parallel Session 1 – DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE ECONOMY: Have you considered a career as a digital entrepreneur? Overcome your doubts, get the right e-leadership skills and start! (Hall Jūra)*

Speakers at the panel:

Michel Catinat, Head of Unit ICT for Key Enabling Technologies and Digital Economy, DG GROWTH, European Commission

Andrejs Vasiljevs, Chairman of the Board, Tilde

Kristaps Banga, Co-Founder of Connection Codes

Mihails Galuška, Commercial director, Latvia State Radio and Television Centre

Gianpiero Lotito, Founder & CEO, FacilityLive

Viesturs Sosārs, Co-founder of TechHub Riga

Moderator: **Kaspars Rūklis**, Journalist and Lecturer at Faculty of Social sciences of Latvia University

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Parallel Session 2 – ICT PROFESSIONALISM AND JOBS IN EUROPE:
Synchronizing ICT competence development and certification frameworks in Europe (Hall Kurzeme)

Speakers at the panel:

Andre Richier, Principal Administrator, DG GROWTH, European Commission

Werner Korte, Director, Empirica

Uldis Zandbergs, Lead Researcher, Lattelecom (Baltic Computer Academy)

Klaus Behrla, Vice-President, Business Development for Europe, Linux Professional Institute

Prof. Dietmar Kilian, Chairman of the Supervisory board, Academy Cube

Niels van der Linden, Cap Gemini

Moderator: **Fiona Fanning**, Secretary General, CEPIS

12.45 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Parallel session 3 - THE IMPACT OF ICT ON EMPLOYMENT: Education, Jobs and Careers in the Digital Age - turning e-Skills into jobs. (Hall Jūra)

Speakers at the Panel:

Ģirts Bērziņš, Head of Competence Centre Channels, Swedbank Baltic Banking

Ilze Zvīdrīņa, Deputy Director of Labour Market Policy Department of the Ministry of Welfare of Latvia

Edgars Grandāns, Director of B2B, Latvijas Mobilais Telefons

Karol Kniewald, Manager Corporate Affairs Europe, Cisco Systems and IoE Creathon youth participants

Marietta Grammenou, Policy Officer at European Commission, DG connect

Baiba Kaškina, Manager at CERT.LV

Ariana Rastauskaite, Corporate Affairs Manager, Nestlé

14.00 – 15.30	<p>Moderator: Ian Clifford, Founder and CEO at YouRock Online Ltd</p> <p><i>Parallel session 4 - EDUCATION AND TRAINING SOLUTIONS TO ACQUIRE E-SKILLS: how innovative, technology based education can untap youngster's potential to boost the economy (Hall Kurzeme)</i></p> <p>Speakers at the panel:</p> <p>Marc Durando, Executive Director, EUN</p> <p>Lieve Van den Brande, Senior Policy Officer, European Commission, DG EMPL</p> <p>Maksims Jegorovs, Accenture CEO for Latvia</p> <p>Adel Mojtahedi, Coordinator, Enter Sweden It-guide</p> <p>Anita Zorgenfreija, Project Manager for WW Education Industry, Microsoft Latvia</p> <p>Edgars Bajarūns, Sigulda High school teacher, finalist of "Best E-teacher" annual prize in 2014</p> <p>Torben Aaberg, Head of Public Affairs, Baltic Development Forum</p> <p>Moderator: Gabriel Rissola, Managing Director, Telecentre Europe</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00	<p><i>Closing Plenary – CLOSING REMARKS AND RIGA DECLARATION (Ziedoņa Zāle)</i></p> <p>Presentation of IoE Creathon results Cisco Systems, LIKTA e-Skills for Jobs declaration signing ceremony and closing</p> <p>Arnis Daugulis, Deputy State Secretary for ICT, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia Closing remarks by Latvian Presidency</p> <p>Moderator: Reinis Zitmanis, Digital Champion Latvia</p>
17.00	Closing cocktail