Latvian Information Technology and Communications Association

LITKA

LITKA : gateway to Latvia’s ICT sector

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Agenda

- ICT sector in Latvia
- LITKA membership
- Links to other associations
- Interest/working groups
- Activities
ICT infrastructure in Latvia

- Fixed telephone penetration (lines per 100 people): 31
- Mobile telephone penetration (%): 34.2
- Total number of mobile telephone subscribers: 800,000
- Total number of cable TV subscribers: 250,000
- Cable TV subscribers (% of households): 31.25
- Internet service providers: 50
Availability of IT specialists

- Potential pool of ITC specialists: 10,500 by 2010
- 3,000 IT specialists are available for software outsourcing operations; over 500 companies in the industry
- 36% of IT specialists work in ISO certified companies
- About 85% of IT specialists work for companies with international experience
- 200% growth rate of software development specialists foreseen by 2005

Source: LDA, 2001
Increased student enrolment in IT service studies 1999-2005

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Graduates in 2001

- Total enrolment in Universities: 3898
- Total enrolment in colleges & technical schools: 1059

Source: LDA, 2001
LITKA membership

- An open association encompassing the ITTE industry
- Organizational members
  LITKA member organizations employ over 9000 people
- Individual members
- Networks & Electronics
Organizational members

- Software and IT companies
- Telecom operators and companies
- Consultants
- Other associations (ISACA, LANO)
- Universities and education centers
Individual members

- ICT specialists in various disciplines working in Government and Private sector
- Educators
- IT Students ...
Other Latvian ITTE associations

- LTA - Telecommunications
- LDTA – Computer technologies
- LETERA – Electronics manufacturing
- Internet Association
- ....

  to represent specific interests
Links to other associations

- ITTE association **alliance**
  - Coordination among associations
  - Exchange of information
  - Event organizing
  - Common stand on IT questions
  - Representation on Government bodies

not a legal entity
International links

- CEPIS
  Council of European Professional Informatics Societies

- ECDL-F
  European Computer Driving License Foundation

- Baltic Sea Alliance of ICT Associations
  To promote IS in the region

- IEEE ComSOC
  co-operation agreement signed in April 2002
LITKA Interest groups

- Education: Professional, ECDL
- Telecommunications
- IT procurement policies
- IT legislation and programs
- Information Society
- Ethics of IT profession
- e-Commerce
IT legislation and programs

- Advice and discussion on proposed IT legislation
  - Electronic signature and documents
  - National information systems
  - Law on telecommunications
  - Others

- National IT development programs
  - eLatvia
  - eGovernment
LITTA Activities

- National level IT related committees
- Advice on IT matters of national interest
- Annual Fall conference
- Monthly LITKA member meetings
LITKA Projects

- On-line terminology database on telecommunications
- IT incubator and science park in Latvia
- Certification of telecommunications specialists
- Others
LITKA International projects

- Latvian IS Cluster project
  - LITKA members participate
  - LITKA as IS cluster project coordinator (together with LDA, Ministry of Economics)

- Baltic IT &T Forum: Annual Conference and Exhibition (Riga, April)
Thank you for your attention!