

## Summary of the MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

### ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL DIGITAL COALITION IN LITHUANIA

Through the Memorandum, signed on November 7, 2014 in Vilnius, institutions, companies and organizations coordinating the promotion of a knowledge-based society in Lithuania, promoting and developing digital skills of young people and the community at large as well as training ICT professionals agreed to form the National Digital Coalition for the Promotion of Digital Skills for Jobs in Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as “**the National Coalition**”) and to cooperate in implementing information society development programme 2014–2020 Digital Agenda for Lithuania in order to increase employment and to achieve a more effective use of digital potential.

The Partners of the National Coalition agree on the following objectives and tasks:

1. To substantially reduce the shortage of IT professionals, to improve the conditions for the private and public sector employees as well as all inhabitants to learn and continuously improve the necessary ICT skills for job, the establishment of IT business and development of the digital market:
  - To (re)skill the ICT professionals according to market requirements and to encourage professionals from other fields to specialize in ICT.
  - To promote e-leadership, ICT start-ups and the use of new digital opportunities in multifarious Lithuanian economy fields.
  - To promote a more efficient use of available ICT infrastructure and existing services.
  - To create more flexible systems of training and certification of digital skills using the structure already existing in the whole Europe.
  - To promote the development and use of open educational resources, to encourage institutions, companies and organizations to develop and provide Internet courses.
2. To attract more young people to choose ICT and other science studies and professions, to ensure the acquisition of digital skills also when learning other professions:
  - To continuously improve general education, higher education and vocational training programmes according to the labour market requirements.

- To seek that the professionals that are being trained had necessary ICT skills required by the labour market.
  - To reinforce the framework of digital skills training by cooperation between the representatives of business, education and other organizations.
  - To include ICT training to the system of non-formal youth education.
3. To raise public awareness of the importance of digital skills and competences:
- To involve the society in the dissemination activities of digital skills and competences.
  - To constantly keep the Lithuanian society informed about the importance of digital skills and competences.
  - Reaching every resident of Lithuania, jointly organize public informational campaigns and regional activities.

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National Coalition is approved by the European Commission vice-president Neelie Kroes

Memorandum is signed by the representatives from the following institutions:

### **Coordinator**

Association “Langas į ateitį”

### **Governmental Authorities**

Ministry of Transport and Communications  
Ministry of Education and Science  
Ministry of Social Security and Labour

### **Lithuanian Universities**

Vilnius University  
Kaunas University of Technology

### **Lithuanian NGOs**

Association INFOBALT  
Lithuanian Municipal Public Libraries Association  
National Association of Distance Education  
Lithuanian Computer Society  
Lithuanian Computer Science Teachers Association