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Estonian Association of Information Technology and Telecommunication

#### What is ITL?

### Industry association to:

- unite the Estonian ICT companies (76 members)
- promote their co-operation in Estonia's development towards information society
- represent and protect the interests of member companies and to express their common positions (incl. promotion of ICT education).









#### Why we do it?

- The competivness to use ICT in everyday life is high among youngsters, but popularity of ICT specialities in the universities is low
- Only 16,25% of all students are choosing ICT education (2011)
- There are 18 500 employees in Estonian ICT sector in three year perspective we need at least 3000 employees more















#### Our campaign "Everything is IT"

- We started e-skills popularisation project in 2007:
- We have done with last three years 55 school visits
  - Different educational fairs in Estonia
  - IT night 2011-13
  - Photo&video competition "All is IT"
  - E-skills week 2012 (Project of DIGITALEUROPE)
  - Campaign "Back to school" March 2013 Week of ICT:
    "The Sciences Key to Success"
- www.startit.ee











#### NutiLabor/SmartLab – afterschool activities

- Nutibor
- NutiLabor/Smartlab project was initiated in 2012 by Vaata Maailma Foundation together with Microsoft Estonia, EMT and Elion
- The objective of the Smartlabs **is to support and promote IT-related afterschool activities** among the youth at the age of 10-19 in order to improve IT awareness and increase the number of youth choosing to study science or IT.
- The **total contribution** to the Smartlab project by Microsoft, EMT and Elion is **170,000 euros**. In 2013
  - additional partners joined project Itella Logistics, Playtech, BCS Intera.
- more than 640 youth participated in 37 SmartLabs during the school year of 2012/2013.
- More than 430 young people will start in 24 SmartLabs during the school year of 2013/2014 to n is
- Activities in Smartlabs include:
  - Web designing, programming, 3D modeling, etc.
  - Computer engineering, robotics, electronics
  - Creating mobile applications
- With the launch of Smartlab in 2012, the number of youth involved in science related extracurricular activities almost doubled i.e from 762 to 1 392 pupils.
- www.nutilabor.ee















## **Everything is IT!**

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