Grand Coalition achieves more new pledges

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Another 6 organizations are joining the Grand Coalition, which now counts a total of 53 pledging organisations. They are committing to offer thousands of ICT training opportunities, bring together the worlds of industry and education, and set up national and local coalitions.

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We gladly welcome 6 additonal partners to the Grand Coalition, which now counts a total of 53 pledging organisations [1]. The new partners have committed to implement concrete digital skills projects that will reach thousands of people over the next years:

- Adobe [2] will extend the Adobe Youth Voices (AYV) programme to at least 4 new countries in Europe in the next 2 years, reaching at least 500 educators and 22500 additional students by the end of 2015.
- Altran [3] will recruit 300 engineering and ICT graduates per year and will offer each of them training, including in specialized ICT areas, through the Altran Academy programmes.
- CSR Europe [4] will double the engagement between business representatives and educational players, reaching at least 20,000 teachers by 2020, through its network of more than 5,000 businesses across Europe.
- Malta National Coalition [5]: eSkills Malta Foundation is a multi-stakeholder partnership between the industry, the education authorities and Government committed to improve the variety, quality and quantity of ICT competences for economic growth.
- Northern Ireland Local Coalition [6]: The ICT Skills Working Group of Northern Ireland is a regional coalition of stakeholders. It manages an ICT Skills Action Plan, which has been refreshed for the period 2014-2015 and will continue to deliver against a target of enabling the NI ICT sector to grow from a current workforce of approximately 28,000 to 50,000 by 2018.
- Scottish Local Coalition [7]was launched in March 2014 by setting up the Skills Investment plan which aims to review future skills and employment demands, in order to help the sector respond to and embrace the ICT skills challenges that exist in a dynamic and rapidly evolving sector.

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