

Press invitation

Come and explore your digital future at ICT 2013, Europe's biggest digital technology and innovation event. More than 4000 researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, industry representatives, young people and politicians are expected in Lithuania's capital city in less than one month. ICT 2013 is the curtain raiser for ICT and digital research in **Horizon 2020**, the EU's multi-billion euro billion funding programme for Research and Innovation for 2014-2020. ICT 2013 is organised the European Commission in partnership with the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2013. Highlights include:

- An **Exhibition** showcasing over 180 of Europe's most innovative research in digitally empowered citizens; smart and sustainable cities for 2020+; industry, business and work of tomorrow; intelligent connecting intelligence; and culture, science and creativity. A special Lithuania village puts the host-country's digital innovation in the spotlight.
- A **High-level conference** – with 85 world-class speakers including Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė, Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Mikael Hed (CEO of Rovio) Professor Artur Ekert one of the inventors of quantum cryptography and Eben Upton of the Raspberry Pi Foundation and dozens of distinguished researchers, scientists, social scientists innovators and entrepreneurs.
- **Digital Futures**: imagining life and digital technologies in 2050.
- **Investors Forum**. Meet the start-ups and SMEs with bright ideas and the investors looking to support EU's digital future.
- A **Hackathon** where 300 people in Vilnius and across Europe will use their coding skills and creativity on digital projects like YouRock a new-pan EU employability platform for young people.
- Art and music performances, exploring the creative synergies when digital technologies and leading visual artists, musicians and performers meet.
- Official launch of the **Lithuanian Coalition for Digital Jobs**.
- First ever **European Award** recognising inspirational digital women, girls and organisations involved in ICT.

Special events for the press include a **press conference** with **European Commission Vice-President Neelie Kroes**, a dedicated exhibition tour, and a chance to meet the Nobel-prize winners, entrepreneurs and CEOs of the future.

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