Russian Software Industry - New Trends and Challenges

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Abstract

Globalization of the Russian software industry goes on. Service providers confirm their second tier position in the World and enhance their role in their High-Tech niche, while providers of software products enter the elite of the World Software business, appearing one after another in the Gartner Magic Quadrants. Dialogue between the Software Industry and the Government becomes more stable and fruitful, still the prolongation of the Social tax incentives is a critical issue. Further growth of the Software industry in the Global market is limited by lack of State instruments in the field of High-Tech export promotion support. Development of the Educational system and introduction of PPP into the post-graduate training is another concern of the industry. Software Industry becomes more and more the soft power of reforms in the Russian Society and in the National Economy. Software creates new opportunities for development of innovative industries while the modernization of the traditional Russian economy is unthinkable without Information Technologies.