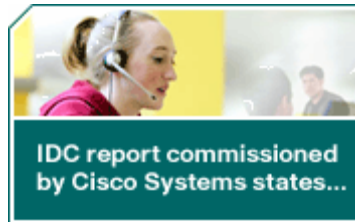


- **CISCO SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES: BRINGING VALUE FOR NETWORK PROFESSIONALS**
- **SURVEY by International Data Corporation "Networking Skills in Europe: Will an Increasing Shortage Hamper Competitiveness in the Global Market?"**

By 2008 there will be a shortage of up to half a million people across Europe with the advanced technology skills, such as skills on Wireless, Network Security and IP Telephony, needed to drive European business, according to a study and white paper by International Data Corporation, commissioned by Cisco Systems.

IDC surveyed over 950 CIO-level respondents in 31 countries in Western and Eastern Europe. According to the survey there will be an average advanced technology skills gap of 15.8 per cent by 2008.

In Ukraine demand for specialists with skills on Wireless, Network Security and IP Telephony will outstrip supply by more than 34% per cent in 2008, which will equal 33 300 specialists.



- **CISCO NETWORKING ACADEMY PROGRAM**

Presentation of Cisco Systems corporate social responsibility program, a learning program for students implemented in partnership with educational institutions in more than 160 countries of the World.

The Cisco Networking Academy Program is a comprehensive e-learning program that provides students with the Internet technology skills essential in a global economy. The Networking Academy delivers

- web-based content,
- online assessment,
- student performance tracking,
- hands-on labs,
- instructor training and support.

The Program leads to a recognized industry certification, which is seen as important by 72 percent of the organizations in 31 countries of Europe surveyed by IDC.