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EVENT AGENDA



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WELCOME COFFEE, PASTRIES AND REGISTRATION



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CIO BENELUX OPENING REMARKS

Medwyn Roberts - Global Head of Research



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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Leonardo Cervera-Navas - Secretary General -
EDPS, European Data Protection Supervisor



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RETAIL PANEL

Winning Customer Loyalty in a Digital-First World

Including participants from:



Dr. Luciano Porto Barreto - Senior Security Product Manager -
Booking.com

Matthieu Ullens - Director, E-Commerce, Data & Digital
Transformation - Carrefour Belgium



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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



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NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK



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CITRUS CIRCUITS

**Circuit 1: Squeezing the Most Out of Your Data:
CIO Strategies for Understanding & Improving Data Quality**

- What are the core ingredients needed to create clean, reliable, and actionable business data?
- Can organisations identify potential 'sour spots' in data quality before they impact operations?
- Which IT-driven techniques can help refresh, refine, and future-proof a modern data ecosystem?

Moderators: Remi Verhoeven - Data & AI Expert



Circuit 2: Peeling Back Governance: A CIO's Guide to Regulations

- How can Nordic CIOs 'peel' through the EU AI Act by 2026 across AI risk levels?
- Where do the biggest challenges in regulatory compliance lie, and how can they be addressed?
- Which IT strategies and tools help CIOs 'squeeze' maximum efficiency from compliance?



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CITRUS CIRCUITS CONTINUED

Circuit 3: 'Squeezing the Most Out of Your Data: CIO Strategies for Understanding and Improving Data Quality'

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Moderators: Homi Sihombing - Head of Digital - ABB



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NETWORKING LUNCH

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



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AUTOMOTIVE PANEL

From Factory to Customer: End-to-End Digital Thread

Including participants from:



Juan Carlos Arce (Moderator) - Global Head of Digital Ownership - Stellantis
Sree Kesanakurthi - Group CISO & Compliance - ARC Europe
Charmaine Tumulad - Global Information Security Risk & Compliance Manager - Bridgestone
Richard van der Meer - CIO, EMEA - Nissan
Ivan Branco - Head of Information Management, AI & Analytics - Volvo Group Trucks Operations

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Ana-Maria Matejic - Cyber Leader & Advisory Board Member - European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)



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NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

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GOVERNMENT PANEL

Can Europe Have Both? Digital Sovereignty and Rapid Modernization in Government IT

Including participants from:



Holger Spohn - Principal Engineer (Cyber Defence - Advanced Principles) - NATO

Jorgen Gren - Director Technology, DGT - European Commission



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17:00

FINANCIAL SERVICES PANEL

The Intelligent Financial Enterprise: AI, Data & Trust

Including participants from:



Christopher Franskin - CIO - DKV Belgium and ERGO Insurance

Roel Marichal - IT Area Tribe Lead Transversal Capabilities & Functions - BNP Paribas Fortis

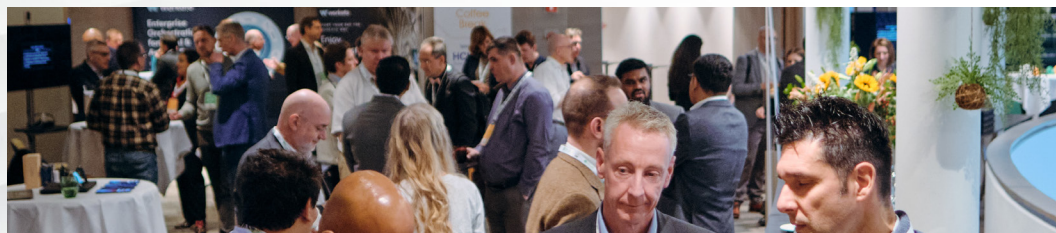
Ozana Popescu - Transformation Expert - ING Belgium

Aïssatou Sarr - Group Data Protection Officer - Utmost Group



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CIO BENELUX CLOSING REMARKS

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NETWORKING DRINKS & CANAPÉS
Unwind in the Exhibition Area



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