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POST EVENT REPORT



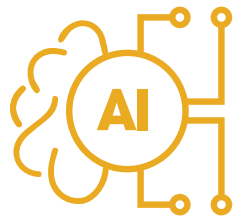
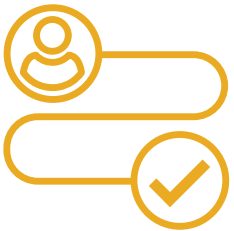
EVENT SUMMARY



The industry-led event brought together a diverse group of IT professionals from various industries including government, retail, manufacturing, construction, financial services, healthcare, and transportation across the Benelux region.

Designed to provide a unique forum for senior IT leaders to engage in peer-to-peer learning and networking, share best practices, and gain valuable insights to drive innovation and growth within their organisations. Featuring keynote speakers, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, the event enabled attendees to gain valuable connections and stay informed about the latest industry developments.

With a packed agenda covering the pressing topics within the Benelux region, ranging from navigating digital transformation and cyber resilience approaches, right through to leveraging AI tools and the changing role of CIOs and CISOs.



ATTENDANCE

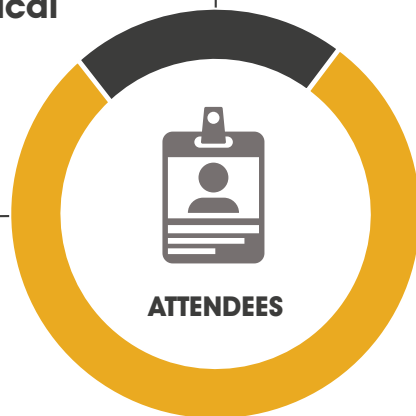


CIO Benelux attracted a diverse and engaged group of IT professionals from various industries and sectors across the Benelux region. In total, the event hosted over 100 attendees, including CIOs, CISOs, CTOs, IT Directors, Heads of Digital Transformation, Heads of AI, Security Architects, and Software Developers.

The majority of attendees represented key verticals from manufacturing, government, retail, and financial services industries, with additional representation from other sectors including travel, energy, entertainment, and healthcare.

**Heads of AI & Data,
Security Architects,
VP Technical**
(22%)

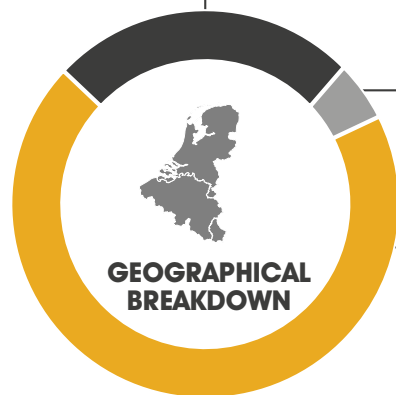
**CIOs
CISOs
CTOs**
(78%)



NETHERLANDS
(24%)

LUXEMBOURG
(6%)

BELGIUM
(70%)



2024 SPEAKERS 1/2



-  **workato** Mike Kiersey - Vice President of Solution Consulting, Global - Workato
-  **BNP PARIBAS FORTIS** Anthony Belpaire - Head of AI - BNP Paribas Fortis
-  **CANDRIAM** Holger Spohn - CISO - Candriam
-  **HCLTech** Ishtiyaaq Maniyar - Associate Vice President & Head of Banking Benelux - HCLTech
-  **ING** Bahadır Samli - CIO - ING Belgium
-  **nexent bank** Burak Duygulu - Head of Core Banking - Nexent Bank
-  **ManageEngine** Vivin Sathyan - Official Spokesperson - ManageEngine
-  **rubrik** Filip Verloy - Field CTO, EMEA & APJ - Rubrik
-  **Harrods** Paul Davies - CISO - Harrods
-  **hunkemöller** Daniela Almeida Lourenço - Global CISO - Hunkemöller
-  **tomtom** Cassandra Moons - AI Data Protection Officer - TomTom
-  **illumio** Michael Adjei - Director, Systems Engineering, EMEA - Illumio
-  **ECSC** Roberto Cascella - CTO - ECSC
-  **European Commission** Christian D'Cunha - Head of Unit H3 Cyber Coordination - European Commission



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Walter Coenraets - CISO - Federal Police Belgium



Dan Nechita (Moderator) - EU Director - TPN (Transatlantic Policy Network)



Olivier Leruth - CIO - Ecotal Group



Patrick Mana - Cyber Security Project Manager - Eurocontrol



Olivier Lepretre - Cyber Security and Architecture Director - Eurostar



Nina Olesen - COO - Women4Cyber



Dr Sander Meijer - Global Lead Enterprise Architect - Royal BAM Group



Charmaine Tumulad - Global Information Security Risk & Compliance Officer - Bridgestone



Remi Verhoeven - Head of Data & AI - Dura Vermeer



Benjamin Bado - Head of Data Science & Digital Innovation - Puratos



Juan Carlos Arce (Moderator) - Global Head of Digital Ownership - Stellantis



Laurie-Anne Bourdain - CISO UMC Sint-Pieter - CHU Saint-Pierre



FEEDBACK & TESTIMONIALS



“Thank you for hosting an inspiring and well-organised event.
Looking forward to continue driving innovation and collaboration across our industries.”
Global Information Security Risk & Compliance Officer - Bridgestone

“A day packed with lessons and best practices for a successful digital transformation.”
CIO - Ecotal Group

“Flawless organisation and great networking with co-panellists, and thoughtful discussions.”
Head of AI - BNP Paribas

“Great inspirational speakers, discussing interesting topics that are relevant to us all.”
Head of Data & AI - Dura Vermeer

“I really enjoyed the fact there’s a focus on the different sectors. Different viewpoints on
how various challenges are looking like today and tomorrow.”
COO - Women4Cyber

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



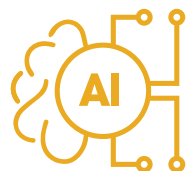
CIO Benelux covered a variety of topics that were discussed by industry-leading IT thought leaders across multiple sectors.

Keynote presentations featured thought-provoking discussions such as:

- Leveraging IT for Seamless Post-M&A Integration
- Cyber Resilience by Design: Why Gender Balance is a Strategic Imperative
- Future of Enterprise Connectivity
- To be a CISO: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Our industry-led panels explored essential topics such as:

- Selecting the Right Tools: Innovation & Effective Change Management
- Navigating Digital Transformation: Reinventing Financial Services for a Digital-First Future
- From Personalisation to Protection: Enhancing the Customer Journey in the Age of AI
- Digital Defenders: Modern Governance Through Collaboration and Digital Transformation



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We look forward to seeing you again next year in October 2026.

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