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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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Digital sovereignty and the importance of human-centric technology discussions

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:



Medwyn Roberts (Moderator) - Global Head of Research -
Citrus Events

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

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

Sébastien Cools - Former CIO - Delhaize Belgium

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**The Convergence of IT, OT and AI as The Foundation
for Autonomous Operations**

Homi Sihombing - Head of Digital - ABB Benelux



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NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

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AUTOMOTIVE PANEL

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

Including participants from:



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

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**Governing Data as the Infrastructure of Trust in
Critical Mobility**

Katia Bodard - Group DPO - Infrabel and TUC Rail



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How to prepare and respond to an AI-Driven threat landscape in 2027



Filip Verloy - Field CTO, EMEA & APJ - Rubrik



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NETWORKING LUNCH

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GOVERNMENT PANEL Sponsored by:



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

Including participants from:



Thomas Gageik (Moderator) - Guest Lecturer & Digital and Governance Strategist

Stephano Bosman - Managing Director - Schwarz Digits Benelux

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

Jorgen Gren - Director Technology, DGT - Eur. Commission



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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Ted Oliekan - CDO - Erasmus MC



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FINANCIAL SERVICES PANEL

The Intelligent Financial Enterprise: AI, Data & Trust

Including participants from:



Remi Verhoeven (Moderator) - Data & AI Expert

Michel Daher - CISO - Byblos Bank Europe

Christopher Franskin - CIO - DKV Belgium and ERGO Insurance

Arjen de Graaf - CIO - De Nederlandsche Bank

Aïssatou Sarr - Group Data Protection Officer - Utmost Group



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CIO BENELUX CLOSING REMARKS

Medwyn Roberts - Global Head of Research



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NETWORKING DRINKS & CANAPÉS
Unwind in the Exhibition Area



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