

# CIO NORDICS

24TH MARCH 2026 | STOCKHOLM | GRAND HOTEL

## EVENT AGENDA



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08:15  
09:00

## WELCOME COFFEE, PASTRIES AND REGISTRATION

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## CIO NORDICS OPENING REMARKS

Medwyn Roberts - Head of Research, EMEA  
Pete Nieminen - ICT Leaders Finland



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## The Sovereignty-Modernization Paradox: Why European IT Leaders are Stuck and What Breaks the Deadlock

Niilo Fredrikson - CEO - Matrix 42



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## KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Annsofi Eriksson - CIO - Sveriges Radio



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## RETAIL PANEL

Including participants from:



ÅHLÉNS Axfood SPENDRUPS 187 Trustpilot

### Smart Retail, Nordic Style: AI That Boosts Margins

Josephine Darlington (Moderator) - Strategic Initiative Developer Retail - AI Sweden

Ludvig Strand - Emerging Tech & AI Future Analyst - Axel Johnson

Stefan Erlandsson - CIO - Åhléns



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## RETAIL PANEL CONT.

Maria Burvall Haag - Head of Tech Price and Assortment - Axfood

Jonny Engel - CIO - Spendrups

Sara Hajian - Director of Applied AI - Trustpilot

Celine Zu - Engagement Manager and Data & AI Strategist



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## Why 95% of AI Agentic Projects Fail - And How Enterprise MCP Unlocks Success



Michael Söderholm - Head of Nordics - Workato

Kadday Oucif - Solutions Architect, Workato



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## NETWORKING FIKA!



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## CITRUS CIRCUIT: COLLABORATION HOUR

### 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?





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## CITRUS CIRCUIT: COLLABORATION HOUR CONT.

### 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?

### Circuit 3: "AI Management: From Pulp to Progress"

- How can CIOs tackle the complexities of AI Management Systems and maintain control and transparency?
- Which AI implementation and operational challenges create the most 'pulp' for IT leaders?
- What steps can CIOs take to future-proof AI Management?

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## NETWORKING LUNCH

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### Building Efficient IT Infrastructure Without the Hype

**Erik Wästlin** - Architect, Integration, Test, and Automation Professional - Solutions Delivery - **Perforce Delphix**  
**Paul Hermsen** - Senior Sales Solution Engineer - **Perforce Delphix**



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## FINANCIAL SERVICES PANEL

Including participants from: **Borgo** **Nordea** **Nykredit** **TRATON** **Handelsbanken** **novo holdings**



### Back Office to Boardroom: Rising Importance of IT in Financial Services

**Stephan Erne (Moderator)** - Former Chief Digital Officer - Handelsbanken

**Carolin Runnquist** - CIO - Borgo

**Mattias Fras** - Group Head of AI Hub - Nordea

**Thore Dankert** - Head of Digital - Novo Holdings

**Marie Sjølund Jensen** - Head of Software PE - Nykredit

**Helena Hörnebrant** - CIO - Traton

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### Taking the Driver's Seat in Enterprise Transformation: Securing Adoption at Scale

**Morten Rye Christensen** - CIO - Semler IT

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### 72 Hours to Independence: Rethinking Resilience Architecture When Geopolitics Cuts the Cord

**Richard Cassidy** - EMEA CISO - Rubrik



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## MANUFACTURING PANEL

Including participants from:



From Factory Floor to Smart Core: Powering Manufacturing with Data & AI

Per Andersson - Director of Digital Workplace - DeLaval  
Cecilia Jap - CIO - Egetis Therapeutics  
Markus K uchler - Head of Global IT Security - Epiroc  
Magnus Karlsson - Head of Tech Ecommerce - Epiroc  
Ola Hammarlund - Head of Digital Platforms - Getinge  
Yogini Kale - Enterprise Architect - Scania  
Avinash Jha - Director- Head of API and Integrations - Volvo Group



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Your AI is Only as Smart as Your Integration Layer

Ulf Persson - SVP, Strategic Product Management  
and Analyst Relations - Seeburger



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## ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELCO PANEL

Including participants from:



Beyond the Grid: Sustainable Optimisation Through Digital Innovation

Mats Hultin (Moderator) - Partner, Burnt Oak Partners/Former Group CIO - Ericsson  
Shahbaz Wali Ahmad - Senior IT Architect - Vattenfall  
Lars Engvall - Information Systems and Technology Director Aira Home  
Neeraj Avasthi - Senior IT Director - Orsted  
Kristin Lindmark - CIO - Telenor Sverige



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## CIO NORDICS CLOSING REMARKS

Medwyn Roberts - Head of Research, EMEA



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NETWORKING DRINKS & CANAPÉS  
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