

OUR BELIEF:

We are first and foremost an independent network by and for CIOs, with a strong focus on **inspiring** each other, **sharing** experiences and **networking**.

Together with the partners and trusted members, we determine the agenda and are also closely involved in the elaboration of the subjects. This guarantees the originality and quality of our events. We focus on content and added knowledge for all.

We look back on 18 years of independent co-existence, supported by the membership fee from our **trusted CxO** members combined with the financial contributions of **chosen Partners**. This ensures a professional back office and a smooth program execution.

We all believe strongly in our networking concept of sharing knowledge and experience and therefore there is a great openness among the members and partners. At the same time in line with GDPR we ensure privacy and confidentiality of our members and partners.

Valuable content, membership return and joint value creation are at the core of our network.

OUR EVENTS:

Two major flagship events around strategic topics with a number of premium guest speakers. These events are open and freely accessible by our trusted members, our partners and all other interested professionals. (CxO level and CxO-1 level).

Three CIO Masterclasses (Accessible only by trusted members and one C-level managing director of a partner) on which a specific subject is debated in depth behind closed doors under the Chatham house rules)

Next to the Masterclasses we organize **2 CIO Speaker's Café's** per year, where more informal contacts are central. Two CIO – members address their peers and provide insight in their strategic agenda (Accessible by trusted members and two named partner members)

We are open for **initiatives** by our trusted members and chosen partners to organize a meeting, work sessions with their colleagues or any feasible "out of the box "Initiatives .. These will be screened and examined by the CIOforum board.

OUR CHOSEN PARTNERS:

We prefer to talk about partners and not sponsors, because the focus is on building the knowledge and value base of the CIOforum. Anyone can share this on the basis of equality and genuine belief in concept. There is no gold - silver or bronze division.

For a specific event, a number of partners co-lead with assigned CIOs and contribute in terms of location, catering and speakers.

Every partner can propose speakers that enrich the agenda with valuable content and food for thought. Commercial presentations are not allowed.

In an effort to broaden our membership base we provide a set of 4 “wild card CxO memberships” for the privileged clients of each partner during a period of one year. This allows the “wild card client” to have open access to all events with the CIOforum logo.

To improve our interaction with our Partners we organize two meetings during the year to provide interactive feedback on past and future event planning on subjects that are paramount for our community.

A list of recent active partners can be found on the partner webpage of our website <https://www.cioforum.be/partners/>

OUR TRUSTED MEMBERS:

Our members are mainly Flemish-speaking and come from renown names: Agfa-Gevaert, Umicore, De Persgroep, Melexis, Wabco, Recticel, Komatsu, BASF, HeidelbergCement, Port of Antwerp, Cerba Healthcare,...

Each Member and his Direct Reports have access to all our events. Membership finds its value in a genuine interest in our belief.

In our member community we proudly count four elected Belgian CIOs of the year.

We expect our members to take initiative within the network community to get the return and value add, that they can expect, as a trusted member.

The CIOforum Operational Board acts as a sounding board for your proposals.

During our two main events we strive for originality and open up to new potential members and interested parties, in order to increase the exposure to other areas of interest and grow the existing network. At past events we featured CEOs from Umicore, Agfa, Port of Antwerp, Guard Square, NxtPort and the Beacon as speakers.

OUR FUTURE AMBITIONS:

We are working on partnerships with mind-like organizations. We plan to extend our horizon to broader subjects that contain Socio and World economical topics, Human and Technology subjects.

We will develop this type of cooperation more in coming years, with a focus on digitization and the three necessary building blocks: strategy, technology and people.

This is where the symbiosis between existing networks is taking place and we open the debates for CHROs, CEOs and our existing community.

The recent flagship event in December 2019 again has proven the value as well as potential of this approach. Long gone are the days that ICT stands in isolation as a mere support function. In the digital world, the strategic angle linked to any initiative has to take center stages and needs to be understood by every C-level in the organization.

We have good relationships with other networks such as Beltug and we are in close cooperation with the University of Antwerp Management School.

FINAL REMARK:

This is in a nutshell the value proposition of the CIOforum Belgian Business.

If you are looking for even more detail and insight we refer to our website that gives you even more detailed data www.cioforum.be

Or have a look at our recorded live streams at:

<https://vimeo.com/348154395>

<https://vimeo.com/user26797206>