



THINK GLOBAL – ACT LOCAL





## What is GUIDE SHARE EUROPE?

- Established in 1959
- The Premier IBM User Group in Europe
- Focussed on ICT solutions based on IBM architecture (not zEnterprise only)
- A non-profit association led by volunteers
- Pan-European; organised in 11 Regions
- Over 150 Working Groups across Europe
- Representing more than 1,300 IBM high end customers
- A member of the IUGC (International User Group Council) with 23,000 member companies worldwide



## GSE's Mission is to G-I-V-E

### **G Guidance**

The ability to share knowledge between our members and between vendors and members to assist in the implementation and operation of IT solutions.

### **I Influence**

The ability to influence the suppliers of products, solutions and services being offered to our members and to ensure that vendors and other IT related bodies act in the best interests of our members.

### **V Vision**

The ability to help our members understand and contribute to the way the IT industry develops.

### **E Education**

The ability for our members to access high quality technical and management information from a variety of sources, including IT vendors, other members and educational bodies.

## GSE Mission is T-A-K-E

### T Technology

The ability to contact members and vendors and discuss about the possibilities of the proposed **technologies** and the way to implement them.

### A Advantage

The **advantage** to take back home extra information to optimize your technology, to learn about new experiences and by implementing the advantages having impact on your TCO cost.

### K Knowledge

Exploit the combined **knowledge** of member companies and IBM research to ensure maximum business value

### E Experience

Exchange **experiences**, ideas and business values to be able to implement this new knowledge and technology in your environment based on the networking of its members.



## As an active GSE Member you benefit from:

- **15% discount** on the enrolment fee of the IBM Education and Technical Conferences in Europe
- **Learning how other IBM users** implement new technology, methodologies and applications to improve the effectiveness of their IT
- **Working closely with IBM,** e.g. organize one-to-one meetings with IBM Executives at GSE conferences
- **Influencing IBM's** future marketing and customer support policy
- **Having a real say** in new product development



## Some GSE Activities

- Organise European and National Conferences and Councils
- Organise Working Groups
- Participate in the Early Support Process (ESP)
- Provide access to IBM's Product Development through the GSE Requirements System → 400 requirements per year on products
- Provide members with GSE Publications and regular updates to GSE news and information
- Conduct various surveys to determine themes and topics for future conferences and councils



## Working Groups are at the very heart of GSE

- A total of over 150 Working Groups across Europe, in all presenting over 12,000 Information Days per year.
- Working Groups are also key to identifying specific subjects, requirements and concerns that can then be explored fully as part of conference programmes.
- Active member participation in these groups is fundamental to the aims of the GSE. As such, there are numerous opportunities to share ideas and solutions with industry colleagues, both on a regional and international level.

### Active Working Groups 2013:

- Very Large Users François Matthijs, Jacques De Wilde, Ludwig Van Den Bergh (14/06)
- Large Users Geert Maes , Marc Claes, **Mia Malaise**, Ludwig Van Den Bergh (7 or 14/10)
- Storage Management Geert Maes , Marc Van Hoof, Walter Casteels
- z/OS Systems Renaud Colin, Koen Devos, Jean-Paul Goemaere (12/06)
- VM/VSE Leo Van Dongen, Christelle Etienne
- Linux Systems Carlo Werbrouck, **Nathalie Kempnaers**, Eric Michiels (14/05)
- Enterprise Security Frank Ternest, Simon Caus, Johan Van Mengsel (7/06)
- Tivoli Workload Scheduler Patrick Van Cutsem, Guy Verschueren, Bart Gyselinck, Sven Vermeulen, Frank Goubert (30/05)
- IMS & DB2 Systems Jan Tielemans, Gilbert Sieben, Bart Steegmans
- CICS Systems Dirk De Schutter, Patrick van Rumste, Geert Engelen
- Architecture Erik Ombelets, **Vacancy**, Eric Michiels

### New Working group

#### Young Professionals

Jens Depuydt , Seppe Van Mellaerts, Pieter Rogge, Jean\_Philippe Charlets

Information to contact GSE working group board on :

<http://www.gsebelux.com/>

GSE international on :

<http://www.gse.org/>





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