

Working Group Objectives 2014

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How do I Join a Working Group?

Any employee of a GSE member installation within the region can freely participate to the activities of any Working Group except if otherwise stated. To join, contact the **Working** Group Chairman (see Working Group Chairman section on each page for Telephone and E-mail address), or send a mail with your name and address to:

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In addition, at the beginning of the year, a letter is shipped to every member installation in the region with the list of employees currently registered as members of the various Working Groups. The Installation Representative is invited to alter this list and return it to the GSE Region Manager who will, in turn, inform the Chairman of each Working Group

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1. Very Large Users

Number of Member installations	15
Number of Meetings per Year	4
Average number of Participants	12

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General Objectives

- To inform CIOs and DP Managers of very large installations about all management aspects (both on an organisational and technical level) of other, similar installations.

Specific Objectives 2014

- During the meetings, each member of the Group will give a presentation of his company and IT-organisation, and an overview of problems, solutions and strategic decisions.
- In case important events of general interest occur, part of the meeting will be devoted to a presentation and discussion about the topic, or a special meeting with suppliers will be organised.

Target Membership

Chief Information Officers and Data Processing Managers of the largest accounts in the Region.

Membership is granted only after proposal by the Working Group Chairman to the current Working Group members.

Meeting Schedule 2014

Attendance to each of the 4 half-day meetings a year is by formal invitation sent to the Working Group Members.

Meeting dates and locations:

- 14/03/2014 at Innovative Solutions For Finance
- 13/06/2014 at Euroclear
- 26/09/2014 at Honda Europe
- 19/12/2014 at Toyota Motor Europe

Working Group Objectives 2014

2. Large Users

Number of Member installations	47
Number of Meetings per Year	2
Average number of Participants	15

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General Objectives

- to exchange information between managers of large and intermediate ICT organisations
 - to influence on the suppliers strategies and policies, e.g. quality and delivery of solutions, pricing
 - the emphasis will be put on managerial, legal and social aspects of Data Processing
- The meetings last half a day and are organised around one topic, give ample opportunity for discussion among the participants in order to learn about each other's experiences with management and technical matters.

Specific Objectives 2014

Will be defined during the first Working Group meeting.

Target Membership

Data Processing Managers of the larger accounts.

Meeting Schedule 2014

Formal invitations will be sent with the locations and the agenda at least 3 weeks before the meeting. So please reserve now some space in your agenda. The location will be : RealDolmen - A. Vaucampslaan 42, B - 1654 Huizingen.

The subject of the first meeting (jan-feb 2014) will be "Cloud in Practice"

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3. Storage Management

Number of Member installations	30
Number of Meetings per Year	2
Average number of Participants	20

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General Objectives

1. To provide a platform for Storage discussion that is driven by the members themselves.
2. To provide a platform for an exchange of experiences and strategies those responsible for and involved in Storage on z/Series and Open systems.
3. To raise requirements to IBM entered by our members on Storage issues.

Specific Objectives 2014

Will be defined during the first Working Group meeting.

Target Membership

EDP Managers, Storage Managers and their staff.

Meeting Schedule 2014

- The proposed dates will be decided at the planning meeting of the Working Group officers with the IBM Liaisons in January 2014.
- Formal invitations will be sent with the locations and the agenda at least 3 weeks before the meeting.

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4. z/OS Systems

Number of Member installations	44
Number of Meetings per Year	4
Average number of Participants	41

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General Objectives

- To learn about the experiences, initiatives and intentions of Systems Managers in other companies.
- To learn about the suppliers' products, services and policies.
- To raise Requirements towards z/OS and related products, and to formulate Regional or European Matters of Concern.

Specific Objectives 2014

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

Target Membership

Systems Managers of z/OS shops

Meeting Schedule 2014

Invitations to the meetings are sent to the Working Group members.

Schedule for 2014 (Dolmen Huizingen): 4 meetings / working year

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5. Hybrid Solutions

Number of Member installations 33
 Number of Meetings per Year 2
 Average number of Participants

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General Objectives

- Exchange experiences, approaches and best practices in the areas of:
 - Hybrid cloud en datacenter solutions;
 - Software defined & automatisation solutions;
 - Hypervisors;
 - In memory computing;
 - ...
- Learn about initiatives and projects in these areas.
- Explore the evolution towards new solutions and best practices.
- Evaluate and gather information about solutions provided by commercial organizations and the customer experience their clients have.
- Make it possible for participants to build a network of subject matter experts.

Specific Objectives 2014

- Will be defined during the first Working Group meeting.

Target Membership

- Managers, Architects, Consultants and specialist who are ready to share their experiences or who want to learn more about these subjects.

Meeting Schedule 2014

- Will be defined during the first Working Group meeting.

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6. Linux on System z

Number of Member installations	34
Number of Meetings per Year	2
Average number of Participants	46

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General Objectives

- Exchange experiences, approaches and best practices in the area of Linux for System z, across several disciplines such as:
 - Application development;
 - Systems management, monitoring and automation;
 - Deployment topologies and architectures;
 - Consolidation, virtualization based on Hypervisors (z/VM,...);
 - Security (Tivoli,..);
 - Software distributions, software packages and middleware;
 - Sizing and Total Cost of Ownership.
- Address Functional and Non-Functional aspects of solutions based on Open Source initiatives having a link with Linux on System z.
- Learn about the experiences, initiatives and projects in the area of Cloud Computing, based on, but not exclusively limited to, Linux for System z.
- Explore the value of Linux for System z in the context of the zEnterprise and the evolution towards Hybrid Systems.
- Evaluate and compare Linux on System z with other platforms for deploying Linux solutions.
- Allow to build a network of subject matter experts making it possible to accelerate solution designs and problem solving that involve Linux for System z.
- Follow-up the initiatives taken by commercial organizations, and the Open Group in the area of Linux on System z.
- Build a community of subject matter experts in Belgium and Luxembourg.

Specific Objectives 2014

- Security topic and the open source community

Target Membership

IT Managers, IT Architects, IT Specialists, IT Project Managers and IT Consultants working essentially in Belgium and Luxembourg and who are ready to share their experiences or who want to learn more about the successful usage of Linux and other Open Source initiatives.

Meeting Schedule 2014: (preferably at client locations)

- One meeting in May and one in November

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7. Enterprise Systems Security

Number of Member installations	34
Number of Meetings per Year	4
Average number of Participants	22

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General Objectives

- To learn about, and to impact on the suppliers' offerings in the area of security management and risk analysis.
- To learn about other members' security policies, organisation and management.
- To learn about the regulations and recommendations issued by public authorities and the way other Security Officers deal with them.
- To exchange experiences, initiatives and intentions amongst specialists.
- To learn about new IBM announcements in the security environment.
- To set up combined meetings with other Working Groups of the Region and with other Security Groups (GSE and other organizations)
- To Promote Other Security Events

Specific Objectives 2014

Fixed places are already planned for 3 meetings for the next years. One is on hold.
Extend the attendee-list with non-z/OS related security people
Others will be defined during the first Working Group meeting.

Target Membership

Security Architects; Security Managers; Officers in Data Processing environments;
EDP Auditors; System Engineers

Meeting Schedule 2014

- March 14, combined meeting with the Linux Working Group – place TBA
- June 20, combined meeting with the IMS Working Group (?)– CA Belgium
- September 11, joint meeting with COMMON Group – place TBA
- December 14, z/OS oriented meeting – IBM Client Center Brussels

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8. Tivoli Workload Scheduler (TWS)

Number of Member installations	28
Number of Meetings per Year	1
Average number of Participants	40

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General Objectives

- To inform users about new announcements and developments in workload - scheduling.
- To learn about the experiences and initiatives of users in other installations.
- To present technical presentations which are closely linked to workload scheduling.

Specific Objectives 2014

TBD

Target Membership

TWS administrators / system analysts.

Meeting Schedule 2014

In 2014, one TWS User Day will be organized 22/5/2014 at the IBM Forum.

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9. IMS/VS and DB2 Systems	
Number of Member installations	38
Number of Meetings per Year	4
Average number of Participants	68
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General Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To learn about the experiences, initiatives and intentions of other IMS and/or DB2 shops. - To learn about, and to impact on the suppliers' offerings in the area of IMS and DB2. 	
Specific Objectives and Meeting Schedule 2014 Planning for two ½ day DB2 meetings and 1 Full day event with another Working Group. Planning for 1 day IMS meeting with the Dutch IMS User group	
Target Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Systems people and developers specialised in IMS or DB2. 	

Working Group Objectives 2014

10. CICS Systems

Number of Member installations 29
 Number of Meetings per Year 2
 Average number of Participants 18

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General Objectives

- To learn about the experiences, initiatives and intentions of other CICS Users.
- To learn about, and to impact on the suppliers' offerings in the area of CICS.
- To organise joint meetings with other Working Groups on cross-domain subjects (IMS/DB2, Security, Z/OS ..)

Specific Objectives 2014

In 2014 special attention will be paid to :

1. IBM Cics Announcements - New release of Websphere MQ, CICS TS V5.1.
2. User's practical Experiences – Colruyt, Euroclear, ADTS ...
3. EC12 Announcements – how can CICS take advantage ?
4. Continue participation of the Luxembourg CICS GSE members.
5. Link with MQ Series.

Target Membership

System people and developers specialised in CICS, Webservices and Transactional Messaging.

Meeting Schedule 2014

We will try to go for 2 CICS GSE meetings in 2014:

- May 2014 timeframe
- Nov 2014 timeframe

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11. Architecture**Number of Member installations** 42**Number of Meetings per Year** 3**Average number of Participants** 35

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General Objectives

- Exchange experiences, approaches and best practices in the area of Architecture, across several disciplines such as: Integration Architecture, Information Architecture, Infrastructure Architecture, Application Architecture, Enterprise Architecture, Systems Management, Security Architecture
- Examine how to create the bridge between Enterprise Architecture and IT Architecture
- Address Functional as well as Non-Functional aspects of IT solution designs
- Learn about the experiences, initiatives and projects in the area of Service Oriented Architectures (SOA), based on, but not limited to, IBM solutions
- Discuss about how Architecture ideally makes the link between the Business Requirements and the IT Projects
- Evaluate the usefulness of Architecture Frameworks, Governance, Processes and Tools
- Exchange proven Reference Architectures and Design Patterns
- Exchange feedback about Architecture Frameworks offered by the Open Group and commercial suppliers
- Discuss about the evolving role of the IT Architect and the IT Architect Profession
- Follow-up the initiatives taken by the Open Group, such as Skills Development and Certification
- Continue the close affinity with User Groups that focus on WebSphere middleware.

Specific Objectives 2014

- Try to make *Integration Architecture*, based on the IBM Integration Bus (WebSphere Message Broker) as ESB solution, a focus topic for the future.
- Spend time on the recent evolutions in the *Infrastructure Architecture*, namely hybrid solutions, workload optimized systems and expert integrated systems.
- Pay attention to Open Platform 3.0, launched by the Open Group (Social, Mobile, Analytics, Cloud)

Meeting Schedule 2014

- One meeting in 2014-Q1 (March 28, 2014, to be confirmed)
- One meeting in 2014-Q2 (May 30, 2014, to be confirmed)
- One meeting in 2014-Q4 (October 31, 2014, to be confirmed)

Target Membership

IT Architects, Solution Architects, Enterprise Architects, System Architects, Software IT Architects, Technical Solution Architects, IT Specialists with a broad interest, Project Managers with a broad interest, working essentially in Belgium and Luxembourg.

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12. Young Professionals	
Number of Member installations	8
Number of Meetings per Year	2
Average number of Participants	50
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General Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a bridge between the students of the high schools/universities and the young professional s of the IT department of the (large) companies. • Sharing of experiences of the start of an IT career • Learning about the possibilities within an IT career • Exchanging information about the organization of the IT department within a company • Exchanging information about the different roles within an IT department. 	
Alignment with other GSE working groups	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This working group will bring some topics within a general context • This working group will not bring really ‘in depth” topics • Other working groups may be contacted to gather some interesting info • The focus will be on an open approach 	
Specific Objectives 2014	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Meeting Schedule 2014	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 events will be organized: May and November or December 	
Target Membership	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students : the 2 last years, Bachelors and Masters • Young Professionals 	

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13. Ladies

Number of Member installations	3
Number of Meetings per Year	2
Average number of Participants	-

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General Objectives

The number of young people studying and choosing careers in ICT is decreasing, and is not keeping up with the growing demand.

An important skills gap is predicted in the sector and the shortage will affect all parts of the globe.

A shortage of qualified staff in the ICT sector will seriously weaken the whole economy.

Women are under-represented at all levels in the ICT sector , especially in decision-making positions in the ICT sector.

Successfully encouraging women to enter and stay in the sector could be a significant part of the solution for the skills gap.

Attracting more women into ICT jobs will not just help to address a problem that risks damaging the whole economy, but also contributes to realizing equal opportunities, goals and empowering women by enhancing their capacity to participate fully in the information society and shape its development.

Our main areas will be around education, recruitment, career development and return to work after leave.

We actively want to break the stereotypes and emphasize the attractiveness of the ICT sector. We are targeting both schools and universities and other education institutions to reach that goal. We want to attract experienced ICT women to be part and carry our vision as ambassadors out into their working environment.

We also going to social media and media to get our objectives known and to broaden our reach.

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TBD

Meeting Schedule 2014

- One meeting in March/April
- One meeting in October

Target Membership

All women within ICT; women ICT decision makers, educational institutions, government, students. We are looking for women who want to empower our goals and who want to share their experiences.

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14. Big Data

Number of Member installations 7
 Number of Meetings per Year 2
 Average number of Participants -

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General Objectives

Use of Big Data within IBM world.
 Big Data in combination with DB2, IMS, Security server,

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Big Data and Security
 Big Data and Infrastructure

Meeting Schedule 2014

Co meeting with Security workgroup
 Co Meeting with architecture workgroup

Target Membership

TBD