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# CIO & CISO Think Tank

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September 17, 2026

Central European Time

**Registration**

9:30 AM-10:15 AM

**Morning Networking**

10:15 AM-10:40 AM

**Opening Remarks**

10:40 AM-10:45 AM

**PANEL**

**Bridging the Gap: Mastering the Art of Business-Technology Harmony**

11:15 AM-12:00 PM

Bridging the gap between business and technology is not easy and requires discipline and balance between technology, people, and business. For so many organizations today, technology is the business. Technology needs to be understood as a critical enabler in every part of the organization from the front line to the back office. It creates new value by crunching data to deliver new insights, it spurs innovation, and it disrupts traditional business models.

For business and technology leaders alike, new actions and behavioral changes can help their organizations make this shift. CIOs and CISOs must take responsibility for problems, they should convey that when technology fails, many people typically share responsibility.

**Coffee Break**

12:00 PM-12:15 PM

## PANEL

12:15 PM-1:00 PM

### Empowering Collaboration: IT and Security to Defend with SSE / SASE in the age of AI

This session will explore how Security Service Edge (SSE) supports the Security Access Service Edge (SASE) framework, fortifying defenses through a unified strategy. Learn more about the expanding challenges posed by GenAI in networking and cybersecurity, including AI-driven traffic surges, data leakage risks, and access control complexities. With technologies reshaping security paradigms, the need for trust and cooperation across technology and security teams has never been more vital. Participants will gain actionable insights through real-world examples and expert perspectives, highlighting current trends in secure networking but also offer practical strategies to tackle AI-related challenges effectively. From managing performance under surging traffic to ensuring robust data protection, the discussion empowers IT leaders with the tools to succeed. Additionally, this event provides exclusive networking opportunities with industry pioneers, fostering collaboration and sharing innovations that shape the future of technology and enterprise security.

## Lunch

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

## PANEL

2:00 PM-2:45 PM

### Navigating the Cyber Frontier: CISO Strategies for Effective Risk Management

In the context of effective cyber risk management, the challenge lies in keeping up with evolving technology, particularly during cloud or technology transformations. The adoption of threat intelligence, Gen AI, the metaverse, and machine learning presents both opportunities and challenges, with a need for technology leaders to grasp the security implications. While these technologies enhance cyber risk management, they also offer efficiencies through task automation. Striking a balance between risks and rewards is crucial for gaining trust and staying competitive. Looking forward, organizations must explore innovative approaches to cyber risk management, emphasizing resilience against third-party risks. Collaboration with the leadership team is essential to take an enterprise-wide view of current and future threats, develop action plans, safeguard critical assets, and facilitate quick recovery. Early collaboration with the executive team is encouraged to integrate risk management into transformation strategies and extract maximum benefits from emerging technologies.

## Networking Break

2:55 PM-3:10 PM

## Closing Remarks & Raffle Giveaway

3:55 PM-4:00 PM

## Cocktail Networking

4:00 PM-5:00 PM

## PANEL

3:10 PM-3:55 PM

### Next-Level Innovations: Unveiling Gen AI - The Hype, The Reality, and The Future

We will explore the evolution of Gen AI, from its inception to its transformative impact across various industries. Experts will discuss the disparity between the media-driven hype and the technology's real-world capabilities, sharing case studies and addressing current challenges. The conversation will also cover the economic and ethical implications of Gen AI, providing insights into its future advancements and regulatory landscape. Attendees will gain a nuanced understanding of Gen AI's potential and the strategic considerations necessary for its successful integration into diverse sectors.

# **Do Cloud Right: Experiences and Best Practices Driving a Hybrid Cloud Strategy**

In a world where agility, scalability, and resilience are business imperatives, getting cloud strategy right is more critical than ever. This keynote will explore what it truly means to "Do Cloud Right" - focusing on real-world experiences and proven best practices that guide successful hybrid cloud adoption.

From managing legacy systems and modernizing applications to balancing security, compliance, and performance, this session will uncover how leading organizations are building flexible, future-ready architectures that meet evolving business demands. Learn how to optimize your hybrid environment, avoid common pitfalls, and unlock the full value of your cloud investments.

Whether you're in the early stages of your cloud journey or looking to refine your existing approach, this keynote offers actionable insights to help IT and business leaders align cloud strategy with long-term business goals.

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