

The Beltug Privacy Council

1 Background

The implementation of the EU data protection regulation (GDPR) is a major focus for Beltug, which is committed to providing tools and activities for members to help them in supporting their compliance.

In the 2017 Beltug survey on 'The priorities of digital technology leaders', 75% of the respondents stated that they would like Beltug to start a special interest group around the GDPR.

2 Scope & mission

As privacy is an important subject for companies, Beltug has decided to launch the Privacy Council. The scope covers various aspects of data protection in the business domain, including but not limited to the GDPR.

The Council provides a platform for experts to exchange experiences and best practices. Beltug uses the findings and suggestions of the Council to inform its body of members, and to develop new tools, papers, positions, activities when and if relevant.

This high-level, multidisciplinary Council meets, discusses and makes suggestions and recommendations to Beltug regarding issues, activities and lobbying efforts that can be undertaken in the area of privacy. This includes the GDPR and its implementation in Belgium, and other related topics that are within the scope of Beltug's activities and interests.

Conclusions, best practices and insights may be communicated to the other members via the usual Beltug activities.

3 Members: who can apply?

Typically, Council members are practitioners in matters of privacy. Whether privacy is a specific part of their day-to-day responsibilities, or their responsibilities are directly impacted by privacy issues and compliance. They are knowledgeable professionals with a high willingness to share their expertise. Council members may come from all areas of companies and organisations.

Beltug members interested to be part of the Privacy Council can apply with [Danielle Jacobs](#). For formal membership of the Council, only 1 person per company will be allowed.

This Council is **in no way** a platform for commercial purposes.

4 Participation

The Privacy Council meets on a regular basis, to be determined by the Council members. Council members are expected to engage in the Council and attend the gatherings on a regular basis.

Council members should be prepared to host a Council meeting on occasion, at their company offices or elsewhere.

On occasion, the Privacy Council may invite non-member guests where this is relevant given the specific expertise or experience of such guests.

5 Confidentiality

Meetings follow the Chatham House Rule: participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed. However, the conclusions of the Council's conversations can be used to share knowledge and best practices with the Beltug community.