

Software Asset Management (SAM) Task Force – Mission & Scope

1 Background

Beltug members are very much interested in software asset management. For this reason, Beltug launched the Beltug SAM Task Force. This group of members will meet to discuss SAM issues, like

- Cloud: different models of licence metrics
- Exit strategies
- Vendor management and third-party risk management
- Licensing policies and common issues of major software suppliers
- Getting control over hybrid IT environments

2 Scope & Mission

The Task Force provides a platform for experts to exchange experiences and best practices.

The high-level, multidisciplinary SAM Task Force will meet, discuss and make suggestions and recommendations to Beltug regarding issues, activities and lobbying efforts that can be undertaken in the area of software asset management. Topics can extend beyond the national borders of Belgium. The members of the SAM Task Force will define the topics for discussion and the agendas for their meetings. Beltug will use the findings and suggestions of the SAM Task Force to inform its members, and to develop new tools, papers, positions, activities when and if relevant.

Organisation of events is not in the scope of this initiative, as that is already part of the regular Beltug activities.

3 Members: who can apply?

Typically, the members of the SAM Task Force will be practitioners in SAM matters. As SAM reaches into many parts of the organisation, members may come from a potentially extended range of areas: legal, contract management, procurement, software asset managers, vendor relations, CIOs and IT managers, software licensing, etc.

They must be Beltug members, from the user side (not providers). Whether or not SAM is a specific part of their day-to-day responsibilities, they will be knowledgeable people with a high willingness to share their expertise.

Beltug members interested to be part of SAM Task Force can apply at info@beltug.be. The SAM Task Force may not be used in any way for commercial purposes.

4 Participation

The SAM Task Force will meet on a regular basis, to be determined by the SAM Task Force members. SAM Task Force members are expected to be engaged in the SAM Task Force and attend the gatherings on a regular basis.

SAM Task Force members should be willing to host a SAM Task Force meeting at times, either at the company's offices or elsewhere.

5 Confidentiality

Meetings will 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 SAM Task Force's conversations can be used to share knowledge and best practices with the Beltug community.