

The Beltug Innovation Task Force – Mission & Scope

1 Background

With the coming of 5G, IoT, blockchain and AI, and the growing importance of data, more and more companies are looking for ways they can use innovative digital solutions to improve their processes and increase efficiency.

The Innovation Task Force will offer businesses and organisations a platform to:

- Exchange experiences
- Discuss the barriers and find ways to bring these to the right platforms/regulators/organisations
- Inspire digitisation policies and act as an informal expert group for national and international (EU) interlocutors (e.g. via emerging solutions like smart contracts and self-sovereign identity).

2 Scope & mission

The Innovation Task Force will provide a platform for experts to exchange experiences and best practices. Beltug will use the findings and suggestions of the Task Force to inform its body of members, and to develop positions, activities and more, when and if relevant.

This high-level, multidisciplinary Innovation 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 digital innovation. Topics can extend beyond the national borders of Belgium.

Organisation of events is not intended to be within the scope of this initiative, as that is already part of the regular Beltug activities.

Conclusions, best practices and insights will be communicated to the other members via the regular Beltug member activities.

3 Members: who can apply?

Typically, the members of the Innovation Task Force will be practitioners in matters of digital innovation.

They must be Beltug members, from the user side. (People from the ICT supplier side – Beltug Associate Members – will only be allowed in exceptional cases). They will be knowledgeable people with a high willingness to share their expertise.

Innovation Task Force members may therefore come from all areas of companies and organisations.

Beltug members interested in joining the Innovation Task Force can apply to [Danielle Jacobs](#). Only one person per company may be a formal member of the Task Force. The Task Force may not be used in any way for commercial purposes.

4 Participation

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

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

Meetings will be run according to 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. Conclusions of Task Force conversations may be used to share knowledge and best practices.

5 Some proposed topics

This list is the result of a short brainstorming on the types of topics that may be covered by the Task Force. Its purpose is to show the broad range of potential topics; it is in no way a comprehensive list. All potential topics will be handled in a flexible and agile way.

- What new innovations are around the corner?
- How to prepare for a new technology?
- How to detect opportunities for digital innovation within the organisation?
- How to build a business case for innovative technology?
- What use cases could be helpful to build awareness of the possibilities?

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