

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear active GSE Members, Friends, Colleagues and prospective Members

Another year is coming to a close. We were still challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic but were also happy to have many on-site events again (European and national conferences & various national Working Group Sessions).

First and foremost, I would like to thank our member companies and individual members for their continued participation in our numerous activities.

Furthermore, I want to express my special thanks and appreciation to our GSE Officers (Region Managers, Technical Coordinators, Working Group Chair(wo)men, Vice Chair(wo)men, Working Group and Region Administrators), who invested a lot of their precious time and efforts in organising all kind of activities. We also very much appreciate the contribution of our excellent speakers, who enrich our events with their experiences and insights within our GSE community.

I am particularly grateful to our European Strategic Partners and sponsors for their valuable support. Without them, we could not cover the cost for all the activities as a non-profit organisation.

On the pages that follow, you will find a review of some European activities in 2022. Our Regions offer and offered many opportunities to share ideas and solutions and gain knowledge through various channels on diversified topics.

The next year's schedule is not final yet but is in full swing (new Technical University around the topic "Mainframe Modernisation", DACH, Nordic and UK Annual Conferences, Guide Technology Council...). Stay tuned and visit the GSE Event Site regularly, we will keep you updated.

Please feel free to forward our news to other people in or outside your company. We would be very pleased if new members will join our association!

I look forward to a successful 2023.

Cordially yours.

Peter Groth
President
GUIDE SHARE EUROPE



ELECTIONS OF GSE OFFICERS FOR THE TERM 2023-2024



During the meeting held in Mainz on 23 October, the GSE Steering Committee was invited to vote for the nominated officers to the European Committee for the term 2023-2024. We are pleased to announce that both officeholders have been re-elected:

President:	Peter Groth, Germany
Director Administration & Finance:	Detlef Felser, Switzerland

BDO, Switzerland, have also been re-elected as GSE's statutory auditors.

We thank the nominees for agreeing to candidate for another term, and congratulate them on their re-election.

GSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MAINZ / GERMANY, 24 OCTOBER 2022

The board of directors presented the balance sheets and the profit and loss statements for the period ending 31 December 2021 at the Hilton Mainz on 24 October 2022. Discharge was granted to the Officers of the European Committee, the Steering Committee and the Regions Committee, for conducting the association's business during the year ending 31 December 2021. The financial documents and minutes are available for our members in the member portal <http://gsemember.gse.org/>.

GSE WORKING GROUPS

GSE Working Groups are formed whenever a group of members shares an interest in a specific topic that they wish to discuss, resolve or investigate. Active member participation in these groups is fundamental to the aims of GSE.

Visit your Region's website to learn about the working groups offered and when the next meetings will take place.

If you are interested in setting up a new group in your region, please feel free to contact your GSE Region Manager or Technical Coordinator.

VIRTUAL GSE ENTERPRISE MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP MEETINGS 2022

This year again, the European GSE Enterprise Modernization Group Meetings in Spring and Autumn were held as Virtual Editions. Many people dialled in from 04-06 April and from 04-06 October 2022 to obtain the latest information on today's hot mainframe topics.

Anderson Pedrassa succeeds Scott Davis as the IBM Representative. We thank Scott Davis for his contribution as IBM Representative throughout the years. He was the heart and soul of the group. Scott, all the best for your new adventures!

See the contact details of the EM Board under <https://www.gse.org/working-groups/european-working-groups/>.

GSE GUIDE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (GTC), MUNICH / GERMANY, 7-8 NOVEMBER 2022

Finally, after we had to postpone our event several times due to the pandemic situation, our GSE Guide Technology Council took place on 7. – 8. November at the IBM Watson Center in Munich – invited was a selected group of IT Managers, Industry Specialists and Solution Architects.

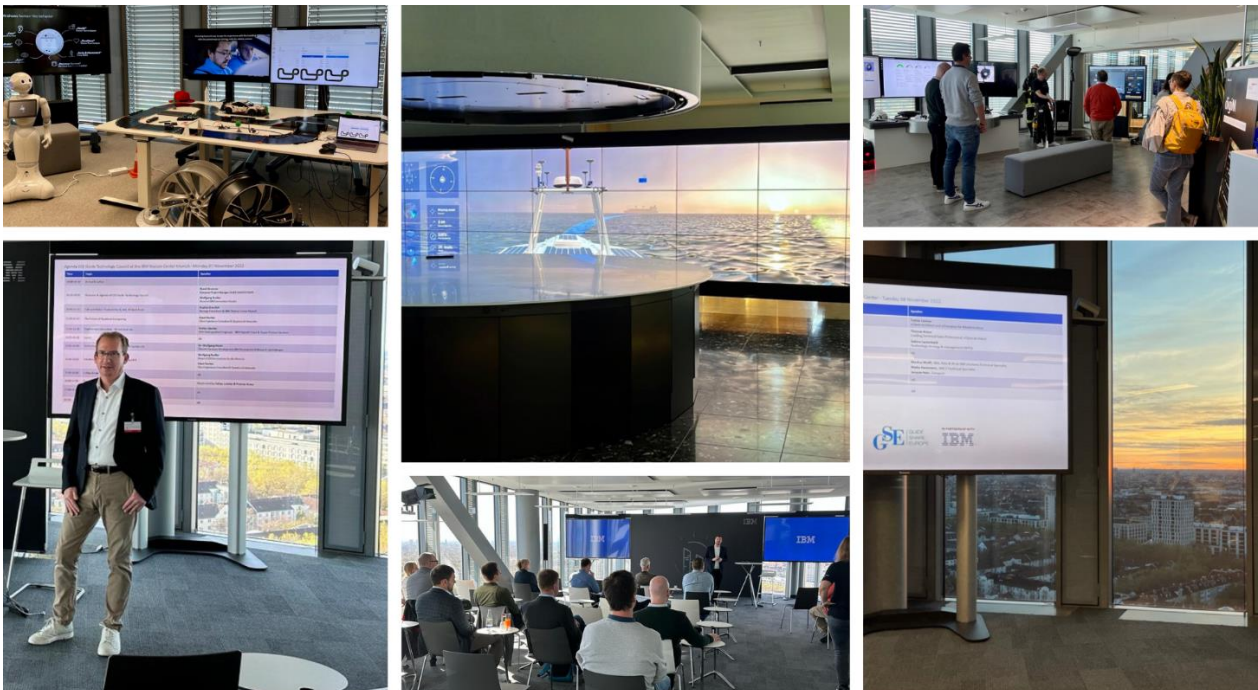
On the first day, the event started after a warm welcome by Ruedi Brunner and Wolfgang Rodler (Head of IBM Innovation Studio), followed by compelling presentations with topics Trustworthy AI, Quantum Computing, Confidential Computing and a Technology Outlook related to AI on z16. Between the sessions, there was the chance to go on an Industry Lab Tour where the participants had the opportunity to see many AI driven Client Experiences like - how a harbor will be controlled in the future by AI, or how in industry factories AI takes advantage of scanning pieces on defect. And, last but not least, how the great “Mayflower” fully-autonomous and AI powered marine research vessel works.

The end of the first day was terminated at the Restaurant “Spatenhaus an der Oper” in Munich where a delicious Meal was served.

On the second day after having a Coffee, the participants got new insights about Application Modernization, Mainframe & Business Agility - and finally a presentation about SQL and Seagrass, showing how AI on zSystems works.

All participants shared the opinion that the GSE GTC hosted by the IBM Watson Center in Munich was a very informative and outstanding event and we thank IBM Watson Center and the whole team for making this event possible!

Ruedi Brunner, European Project Manager, GUIDE SHARE EUROPE



VIRTUAL EUROPEAN OPERATIONS TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, 16-20 MAY 2022

The conference was hosted online by IBM and the participation was free of charge.

The attendees learnt about exciting enhancements within the IBM Z Service Management portfolio, including Z System Automation, Z NetView, Service Management Unite, Z ChatOps, the IBM Z Service Management Suite and Z Service Automation Suite, OMEGAMON, Workload Scheduler and Z Storage and GDPS.

A key part of the conference were design discussions, sharing best practices, and to learn about upcoming development features.

We shared with the participants the IBM Z Systems Management Strategy, presented recent offering updates and discussed over product futures and requirements.



16TH GSE ISP SYMPOSIUM, DRESDEN / GERMANY, 04-07 OCTOBER 2022

The well-established IBM Spectrum Protect Symposium was again hosted by GUIDE SHARE EUROPE as an in-person event.

Over 160 people attended the conference at The Bilderberg Bellevue Hotel in Dresden to keep up with the very latest features and plans of the ISP-team within IBM, to gain hints and tips on upgrading archive and backup services, as well as to learn how to exploit the forthcoming new functionality and to acquire additional technical insight into Spectrum Protect. They took full advantage of the presentations from the IBM Development team, as well as contributions from other experienced and established ISP users. The participants enjoyed the three evening events, where they had enough time for conversations with peer professionals in an open and informal atmosphere.

The IBM Spectrum Protect Symposium is organized every 2 years.



Group attending the GSE ISP Symposium 2022

#Feedback ISP 2022



"The ISP in Dresden was very interesting and offered many opportunities for genuine exchange of knowledge. We look forward to the next event!"



Oliver Klenk, Jochen Zimmermann and Markus Schreiner (Robert Bosch GmbH)

GSE SPRING EVENT, MILAN / ITALY, 09-10 MAY 2022

The GSE Guide Spring Event took place at the Hilton Hotel Milan, a metropolis in Italy's northern Lombardy region.

This event under the motto "Get served a fantastic hot plate with Modernization, Innovation and Security – topped with AI and Quantum" came up with a very attractive agenda which was packed with late-breaking subjects within the IT world. These were presented by IBM and industry experts, who shared their best practices and insights.

The event started with the traditional welcome cocktail on Sunday evening where the attendees had the chance to meet in a casual environment.

The first day ended with a panel discussion on innovations.

The GSE Guide Spring Event closed on the second day with the presentation of Cyber Security in the Quantum Age.

We are convinced that the participants left with a lot of new impressions about current and future technologies.

The event was organised in partnership with IBM.



16TH EUROPEAN GSE / IBM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY FOR VSE, Z/VM, KVM AND LINUX ON IBM ZSYSTEMS, MAINZ / GERMANY, 24-26 OCTOBER 2022

The objective of this European event was to offer a forum to IT managers, technical system professionals and application developers to learn from each other, provide and share own experience reports, hear from IBM and its partners about new developments and solutions.

Business data analysis with AI is key for enterprises to provide the best value to their customers. The IBM zSystems and LinuxONE platforms holding critical processes and data play a key role in this enablement, so the motto this year was: "IBM zSystems celebrating 50 years of virtualization on the path to Hybrid Cloud and AI".

The speakers offered first-hand information about technology evolution and how to gain advantages with the IT. The agenda covered new announcements, several international customer stories, IT optimization, Cloud and AI enablement topics and many other significant topics that reflect the potential of Virtualization with z/VM and KVM, using VSE and Linux on IBM zSystems platform to IT managers and IT professionals.

This year, the Technical University was held in Mainz, the capital and largest city of Rhineland-Palatinate.



GSE ENTERPRISE MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP EVENT, KASSEL / GERMANY, 21-23 MARCH 2023

Save the date for the GSE Enterprise Modernization Working Group Event!

You will find more information on the [Event Site](#) as it becomes available.



OUTLOOK ON GSE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2023

21-23 March	GSE Enterprise Modernization Working Group Event	Kassel, Germany
22-25 May	GSE European Operations Technical Conference (EOTC)	Böblingen, Germany
June	GSE Guide Technology Council (GTC)	tba
23-25 October	17 th European GSE / IBM Technical University for VSEn, z/VM, KVM and Linux on IBM zSystems	tba, Germany

Visit our Event Site to learn what is coming up next: <https://www.gse.org/european-events/>.

HIGHLIGHTS 2022

GSE's official language is English, but in order to build on both cultural and language strengths, we are grouped into 10 geographical regions. As such, members have the opportunity to communicate in their native language when participating in Working Groups, National Events or special projects.

Would you like to know what is going on in your or other regions?

Find the contact details of the Region Managers or Technical Coordinators or their website links under <https://www.gse.org/regions/>

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