

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear GSE Members, partners, and community friends,

2025 became another defining year for our organization. We proved once again that progress in enterprise IT is strongest when driven by community, not competition. Our network expanded its knowledge base, our Working Groups grew in size and impact, and our conferences connected professionals across industries, generations, and continents.

We continued to support modernization paths — from hybrid cloud to automation — while reinforcing the relevance of open collaboration in a rapidly changing technical world. A particularly exciting moment was the community-driven launch of the new AI Working Group, marking a new chapter in how AI is explored in mainframe environments.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our contributors. Thank you to every speaker, sponsor, coordinator, and volunteer who invested their expertise and time into GSE - GUIDE SHARE EUROPE - this year. You strengthen the foundation that thousands rely on to learn, connect and innovate.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our [European Strategic Partners](#). Your unwavering support enables us to flourish and expand our organization. Your valuable contributions ensure that we can continue to provide meaningful benefits to our members.

Looking ahead, 2026 already holds exciting opportunities — and I invite you to continue shaping GSE - GUIDE SHARE EUROPE - with us.

With deep appreciation,

Peter Groth

President

GUIDE SHARE EUROPE



HIGHLIGHTS 2025



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GSE Annual General Meeting

Empowering Innovation

2025

19 SEPTEMBER, 2025 (01:15 - 01:30 PM)

Stuttgart Marriott Hotel Sindelfingen, Germany

GSE Annual General Meeting 2025 SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 | SINDELFINGEN, GERMANY

The Annual General Meeting convened at the Stuttgart Marriott Hotel Sindelfingen, Germany on 19 September 2025 — a moment that reflected our strong governance and energized European member network. The Board successfully presented the 2024 Financial Statements, including the approved Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss results, and discharge was granted to the Officers of both the European and Regions Committees for their 2024 term. The statements and reports remain available to members via the GSE Member Portal. This meeting once again showed that GSE is built on trust, transparency, and the collective strength of a truly exceptional community leading enterprise IT across Europe.

GSE WORKING GROUPS

In 2025, our working groups once again demonstrated what sets GSE apart — a thriving expert network built on practical knowledge exchange, cross-border collaboration, and a shared passion for innovation. Through our continuously expanding ecosystem, members turned discussions into real outcomes, strengthened peer trust, and reinforced GSE's role as Europe's most hands-on, influential community shaping the future of enterprise IT.

For more details, please visit: <https://www.gse.org/working-groups>



GSE European Enterprise Modernization Working Group Events

In the spring we held our first working group meeting in Dresden together with the German ADL Guide. In addition to many new features presented by IBM around 50 participants engaged in intensive discussions about application modernization.

Our second meeting took place in Oslo in the fall. Besides the "Give and Take" sessions, the elections for chairpersons were held.

Alexander L. Pawlik was confirmed as chairperson, and Ina Krüger from Datev was elected vice chairperson. Gülcin Demirel did not run for re-election — we thank her for her outstanding support over the past years.



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GSE Conference 2025 – Unleash Your Digital Excellence

March 31 – April 4, 2025 | DRESDEN, GERMANY

Five days, three conference tracks, one shared goal: accelerating enterprise IT excellence. The event brought together around 200 experts from all GSE regions, delivering a program rich in hybrid cloud strategies, sustainability in IT, AI-powered automation, enterprise modernization, and infrastructure evolution. Attendees benefited from hands-on labs, technical deep dives, panel exchanges, and a large exhibition area that showcased solutions from 10 leading industry providers.

A major annual meeting point for strategy and practical innovation at scale.

GSE BeLux Conference 2025

MAY 22, 2025 | MECHELEN, BELGIUM

The GSE BeLux Conference 2025 took place on 22 May 2025 at The Crescent/De Mot in Mechelen, Belgium. The focus of the conference was Mainframe Application Modernisation and Young Professionals – underscoring GSE's commitment to both technical excellence and next-generation talent.



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Nordic Region

Conference

2025

10 JUNE - 12 JUNE

Quality Hotel The Weaver, Gothenburg, Sweden

GSE Nordic Conference 2025

JUNE 10 – 12, 2025 | GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

This regional powerhouse event exceeded previous editions – attracting 150 participants and delivering 77 breakout sessions across 7 parallel tracks, framed by an opening and closing keynote. The sessions covered infrastructure resilience, system performance, enterprise security, workload operations, and application modernization. The community experience went far beyond the session rooms: a gala dinner at the hotel and a memorable group boat trip to Knarrholmen strengthened relationships and sparked discussions that continued long after the official agenda closed.

A celebration of community-driven expertise and Nordic enterprise IT strength.

Kickoff: GSE European AI Working Group

JULY 3, 2025 | FRANKFURT, GERMANY

The newest Working Group within GSE made a remarkable entrance. Mainframe professionals and AI practitioners from around the world gathered in Frankfurt, turning early-stage conversations into a structured roadmap for an AI-focused Working Group in enterprise IT. The sessions explored real implementations, integration patterns, applied use cases, tooling approaches and community collaboration goals – many centered on how AI and mainframe infrastructure intersect in production environments. The global diversity of participants created an exceptional atmosphere of shared ambition, fast alignment, and technical curiosity.

A milestone moment that built momentum for real AI collaboration in enterprise systems.





19th International GSE Conference for VSE, z/VM, KVM and Linux on IBM Z & LinuxONE

SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2025 | SINDELFINGEN, GERMANY

One of the most enduring GSE event series delivered again: deep platform expertise, modernization pathways, and critical enterprise security frameworks. The 2025 edition blended technical vigor with celebration, honoring three major anniversaries at once — 60 years of VSE, 25 years of Linux on IBM Z, and 10 years of IBM LinuxONE. The celebrations created a powerful theme throughout the event: reflecting on evolution, validating achievements, and identifying what comes next in open systems, virtualization, Linux innovation, and secure mainframe operations.

A reminder that legacy platforms, when fueled by modernization and community, become tomorrow's infrastructure advantage.

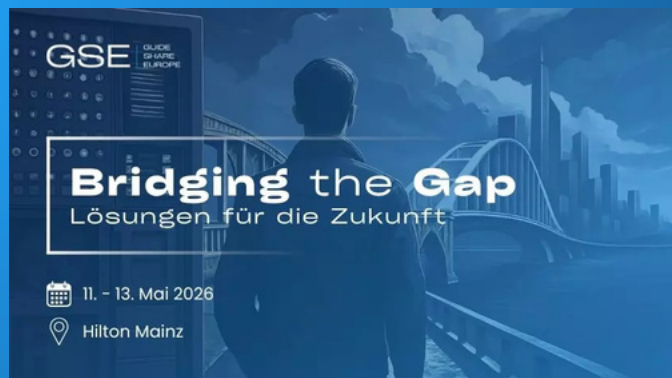
GSE European AI Working Group Event

NOVEMBER 27, 2025 | FRANKFURT, GERMANY

The event on 27 November 2025 in Frankfurt was a huge success — fully booked and sold out, proving once again the incredible demand for open, vendor-neutral AI exchange in Europe. With an inspiring agenda, strong enterprise use cases and many new faces joining the community, the conference not only delivered outstanding insights, but also marked a powerful moment of growth, fresh perspectives, and renewed energy across the GSE AI network.



Looking Ahead – Events in 2026



GSE DACH Annual Conference 2026

May 11–13, 2026 | Mainz, Germany

Conference language: German

The 2026 edition will bridge strategic vision and technical practitioner expertise under the theme “Bridging the Gap – Solutions for the Future”. Enterprise IT leaders and mainframe professionals will explore architecture trends, cloud integration strategies, next-gen infrastructure, applied security and large-scale modernization approaches. Technical communities and European Working Groups will run in parallel, accompanied by a specialized solution exhibition and structured networking formats designed to inspire cross-industry learning.

A conference built to connect challenges with practical answers — where strategy meets implementation.

Register now



Looking Ahead – Events in 2026



18th GSE ISP Symposium

**September 28–30, 2026
| Leipzig, Germany**

Symposium language: English

A three-day technical forum for storage architects, operations specialists and infrastructure engineers, focusing on ISP design, platform optimization, new capabilities, applied best practices and enterprise security frameworks. The agenda will again combine keynotes, parallel expert deep dives, practitioner experience reports, vendor insight exchange, and a central technology exhibition — all developed by the community for the community.

The premier 2026 storage innovation stage for mainframe environments.

More Information



20th International GSE Conference for VSE, Linux, Virtualization, AI and Hybrid Cloud on IBM Z & IBM LinuxONE

**September 28–30, 2026
| Leipzig, Germany**

Conference language: English

This enduring global event series continues in 2026 — focusing on modern mainframe strategies, Linux-based development and operations, virtualization platforms, AI enablement, and secure hybrid-cloud integration for enterprise IT landscapes. The conference is designed to unite system engineers, developers, vendors, and enterprise architects exploring the convergence of open systems and mainframe infrastructure.

A clear window into the rapidly evolving future of enterprise platforms at scale.

More Information



Visit our Event Site

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

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>.

Join Us – Become a Member

Curious, collaborative, technical, independent – this is what defines GSE. We grow because members shape the agenda, share expertise, and expand regions with new ideas. If you're working with enterprise systems, mainframe infrastructure, Linux, automation, security or AI, this is your community.

Membership includes:

- Access to 70+ expert-led Working Groups
- Free or discounted event participation across national and European conferences
- Entry to the GSE Knowledge Library (session decks, papers, white papers)
- Hands-on training formats and practical technical workshops
- 30% discount on IBM Learning Subscriptions (a new 2025 benefit supporting IBM enterprise education)
- Young professional initiatives, mentoring, and early-career support
- Direct expert and vendor exchange across industries

View the full benefits overview [here](#)

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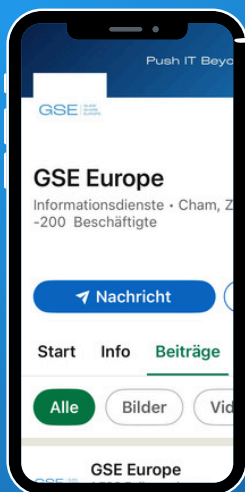
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