

Common Europe Congress 2022

Belgian students' motivations to attend the congress

A promotional banner for the Common Europe Congress 2022. The background is a gradient of orange and yellow. On the left, there is a red silhouette of a person with arms raised, holding a white object. Above this, the text 'REGISTER NOW' is written in red. Below the silhouette, the website 'www.comeur.org' is listed, followed by the 'common EUROPE' and 'common IBERIA' logos. On the right, a diamond icon is shown above the text '60th anniversary'. The main title 'Common Europe Congress' is in large red letters, followed by 'In collaboration with Common Iberia'. The dates '13 - 16 JUNE 2022' are prominently displayed. Below this, the topics 'Power Systems, IBM i, AIX and Linux Education' and 'IT Managers' Day, ISV Day and Expo' are listed. At the bottom right, the location 'HOTEL ALICANTE GOLF, ALICANTE, SPAIN' is mentioned.

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Wout

First and foremost, I see this opportunity as a nice, insightful and memorable way to finish my school career in my current university Howest. I myself don't have the most knowledge about IBM systems in general, but I'm convinced, looking at the various topics on the schedule this year and those I'd like to attend, this would change rather quickly. My interests lie primarily in the following talks/workshops:

- <https://commoneuropecongress2022.sched.com/event/zion/devsecops-on-ibm-i-now-and-into-the-future?linkback=grid>
- <https://commoneuropecongress2022.sched.com/event/zdqE/devops-on-ibm-i?linkback=grid>
- <https://commoneuropecongress2022.sched.com/event/zgd3/round-table-system-management-and-security?linkback=grid>
- <https://commoneuropecongress2022.sched.com/event/zZFr/kafka-and-nodejs?linkback=grid>

This mostly as these topics lean in close with my personal interest in DevSecOps, the field wherein I am currently also performing my internship.

I've also included an optimistic schedule of what talks, to the extent possible, I'd like to attend throughout the entire event.

I hope to learn a lot from this event and possibly gain new insight into the workings various systems, be it IBM-related systems or not, but also other concepts and stories about any IT-system to then take these to heart for further use in my young career.

Aurang

Through this email I would like to express my interest in participating in CEC2022.

After reading the brochure, I have become very excited about a possible participation in CEC and it appeals to me for the following reasons:

CEC appeals to me because I have always loved working on IT related topics, which is why I chose to pursue a professional career in the IT sector.

Developing myself into an excellent system administrator is of great importance to me because of my personal and professional interest in this area.

Despite the knowledge I have gained from my bachelor's degree in applied computer science, I still have a long way to go to reach my full potential.

In addition, the IT sector does not stand still, so I still have a lot to learn, especially when it comes to system administration.

I will soon start my first job as a system administrator, so I think this is a good opportunity to further develop and train myself.

I would like to learn more about the latest technological developments in the area of system administration, what the newest tools are,

how you can tackle certain issues efficiently.... and what the future holds for system administrators.

Therefore, CEC is an excellent opportunity to achieve my goals and it makes me a suitable candidate to participate in this congress!

Bo (applied later)

I would like to join CEC 2022, because I believe that I'm part of the target audience of such an interesting conference, that showcases the new & innovate items within the IBM landscape.

This event has a big international attire, which is something that I want to use in my career and has been of interest to me for a while now.

I also convinced that I can bring additional value thanks to my previous experience of CEC 2021. After CEC 2021, some questions and problems that were discussed, have been lingering in my mind and I have found some answers that might help the Common Group forward, such as why IBM Cloud isn't commonly used by (European) students, etc... I would love to be able to discuss this further during the conference.

I would love to join CEC again and share my insights that I've accumulated over time and thanks to CEC 2021.

Cyrille (applied later)

Having tasted from the previous CEC experience, I'd like to taste it again. It was an awesome event where I got to meet different people using IBM technology in all different kind of ways. From IBM i system administration to (for me the most exciting part) Linux & AIX and so much more.

What I loved so much about the congress was the unique opportunity to expand my network; I met people from all over Europe (and the US as well) and was introduced to IBM technology in an in-depth way, which I adore.

The thing that piqued my interest last time, was discovering how and what happens behind the curtain behind which IBM systems operate and keep other systems operating.

In addition, I would like to let my blog post about the 2021 edition of Common Europe Congress speak for itself: <https://blog.cyrille-mathi.eu/posts/cec-2021.html>

Michael

My name is Michael Vanhoutte and I'm currently in my last year of Computer Sciences – Software Engineering at Howest Hogeschool Bruges. I've always had a deep interest for IT and everything within it. When I first heard about the IBM congress in Alicante I was very excited to learn about everything it had to offer. In my current education we don't learn about infrastructure, databases and power systems in the same way that companies do. That really makes this an amazing learning opportunity to better my knowledge in these subjects.

When taking a first glance at the schedule I already saw a lot of interesting topics. The ones that particularly caught my eye are:

- Data Centric – Moving Business Logic into the Database: This one really interests me because it allows me to think in a different way than usual. Especially as a software engineer I always have to use application-centric thinking and never really get the opportunity to think out of the box. This seems especially interesting for me because it reduces the source code and improves security. These are ideals that a good software engineer should always strive towards.

- Developing Open-Source Applications on IBM i: This seems very interesting because I barely have any experience with open-source languages. Getting your foot in the with a session like this seems like the perfect starting point. Even if I'd never really have to use this in any of my personal or business applications. It still seems very interesting to learn more about it just to be able to comprehend applications that do use it.

- DevSecOps on IBM I – now and into the future: DevSecOps is a very useful approach to handling that side of the business. Knowing it's future and present would be very interesting to get a better understanding of the developing, security and operations aspect of things. In our school we don't have much opportunity to learn about this so this is the perfect chance to learn.

- Kafka and Node.js: As a software engineer I eat and breathe JavaScript. Learning about stuff that integrates with it is always useful. I hadn't previously heard about Kafka before so I decided to look it up to get a basic understanding about the concept. I haven't had to integrate many event streaming platforms with JavaScript so far and I think it would be a good idea to learn about it to further broaden my experience of JavaScript and add a new technology possibility to my future tech stacks.

There are many more speakers which will talk about very interesting subjects going from AIX / Linux to Personal Development. I'd love to be a part of the Common Europe Congress, as it would allow me to learn so much and give my future career a real kickstart. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my motivation, and hopefully until the 13th of June.