Utilities Industry Program

Technology innovation at the grid edge continues to disrupt legacy utility business, forcing stakeholders to explore a new digitally enabled business and operating models for a more sustainable energy future. While the utility business, particularly in energy, is experiencing significant pressure, the most-digital activity is focused on optimizing existing processes. Scaling digital transformation by adopting platform business and ecosystems to co-create value still needs to gain hold in the sector. This program provides fact-based insight and actionable recommendations that will enable CIOs and their organizations to scale digital transformation while ensuring safe provisioning of utility services in the face of many uncertainties.

Recommended agenda for the utilities industry

**Sunday 3 November 2019**

10:00  The Future of Energy Disrupts Everything  Rich McAvey & Žarko Sumić

12:30  Sustaining the Future of Water  Lloyd Jones

13:00  Networking Lunch

15:45  From Tesla to Tesla the Question Remains: Do we need a Grid?  Žarko Sumić

16:15  Meetup: How Are You Addressing Digital Business Hurdles in Utilities?

16:45  Industry Sunday Closing Keynote: Creating a Culture of Innovation  Fons Trompenaars, Authority on Leadership and Cultural Diversity, THT Consulting

**Monday 4 November 2019**

09:30  Gartner Opening Keynote: Winning in the Turns: Leadership in a Digital Society

“Socioeconomic drivers and technology innovation are transforming utilities into digital enterprises. The reliable-service mandates are now joined by the need for new digitally enabled energy provisioning models. Utilities CIOs can leverage the content presented at Barcelona IT Symposium/Xpo 2019 to help them lead their firms through the period of ongoing digital disruption. At the same time, they need to ensure that their legacy system literally “keep the lights on” as they operate and optimize corporate IT assets.”

Žarko Sumić, Distinguished VP Analyst