

Sanoma Media Belgium

Sanoma Media Belgium is a media company that is part of the international Sanoma Group. Among its best-known brands are the magazines Flair, Libelle and Story. Beside its own channels LibelleTV and StoryFM, Sanoma Media Belgium also holds shares in the television channels Vier and Vijf.

Network Redesign for Sanoma Media Belgium

Sanoma Media Belgium and Cofely Quentris have been partners for more than ten years now. So when Sanoma's ICT Infrastructure Manager, Marc Engrie, heard about his company's planned move to Mechelen, he knew who to call on for Sanoma's network infrastructure redesign and initiated talks with Cofely Quentris a year in advance of the move.

Home is where the network is

Marc Engrie: 'Moving into new offices is a challenge for any IT department, especially if you work for a media company that has many online products. We had to be back online as soon as possible. That's why we planned the operation several months in advance, and factored in a testing phase at Cofely Quentris.'

'We shut down on a Thursday evening and the whole company was up and running again by the following Monday thanks to a tremendous effort by Cofely Quentris. In just under two days, Cofely Quentris teams managed to move and reconnect all our network hardware: cores, switches, routers, wireless access points, you name it.'

Straight-forward communication

'Right after the redesign, Cofely Quentris had a whole team on stand-by, ready to respond to any hiccup', Marc continues. 'And I wouldn't have worked with any other partner, because they really have some of the best engineers on board. *And* they know our company inside-out. Hence the transition went as smoothly as anyone could have hoped for such a risky operation.'

'Also, Cofely Quentris teams give you the facts straight away. I really appreciate their way of working. No fuzzy sales talk or marketing jargon: just honest, open communication.'

ISE in the pipeline

'During the project, Cofely Quentris also made our network infrastructure compatible with Cisco's Identity Services Engine (ISE). We are rolling out ISE in 2014, which will be a huge help in managing network access, both for freelancers and the different types of in-house employees, but also for any sort of devices, from company desktops to personal smartphones.'

'Sanoma Media Belgium will definitely continue to rely on Cofely Quentris's expertise and see Cofely Quentris as the inhouse trusted advisor. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend them to any other company.'

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'One word to define Cofely Quentris? Quality. Quality in design, implementation and follow-up. All based on an in-depth technical knowledge.' (Marc Engrie, ICT Infrastructure Manager, Sanoma)