

# Lodewijk De Meulemeester

With over 15 years of experience in the logistics sector of which 5 in CIS, covering various aspects for a wide range of customers, I built a thorough knowledge in the field of Supply Chain.

I consider Supply Chain as a relay race of goods, information and money, with a continuous strive to get to the finish line better/faster/cheaper.

Throughout my career I always had a figure driven and analytical approach and was continuously looking to IT solutions to make processes more secure, error-proof, efficient, and transparent.

Three years ago, I decided once again to get out of my comfort zone and take up the challenge as an IT and Innovation director within Ahlers Russia as in our world the importance of IT grows every day.

In this function I try to build bridges between the business departments and IT, trying to translate business into real IT solutions and vice versa. We do this by testing and scaling cloud technologies, apps, own built and off-the-shelf integrated software system, smart data analysis. And we also are having fun with drones, 3d printing, VR, and such.

I would like to join the Spiba Innovation and Intellectual Systems committee to build bridges not only within the Ahlers eco-system, but to go beyond this. I expect to get inspired and to inspire others, to share best practices, but also failures and learn from each other. value through IT.

## Experience

### **Director IT and Innovation Ahlers Global**

April 2019 – present

### **Director of IT and Innovation at Ahlers Russia**

March 2016 – April 2019

Focusing on **BI**

- **Business Integration**, collecting and sharing more and more relevant data in an efficient and collaborative way, to enable **Advanced Business Intelligence and Analytics** to trigger bigger efficiency and transparency in the Supply Chain of our customers
- **Systemize**, then analyze, to continuously optimize.

### **Previous jobs included:**

Director Contract Logistics at Ahlers Russia (2013 – 2016), General Manager at Ahlers Ukraine, Commercial Director at Ahlers Ukraine and other jobs in Belgium.

## Languages

Dutch – native language

English – full proficiency

French – working proficiency

Russian – working proficiency



## Education

**Vlerick Business School**, Mastering IT Management, 2016 – 2016 (Brussel/Leuven, Belgium)

**VIB** ([www.bevib.be](http://www.bevib.be)), Operational logistics Management, 2008 – 2009 (Antwerp, Belgium)

**Vlerick Business School**, Young Management Program, Management, 2007 – 2008  
(Gent/Brussels/Leuven, Belgium)

**IWT – ITR**, IRU License for transport within EU, 2006 – 2006 (Brussels, Belgium)

**Vlekho (Brussels)**, Master degree in Economics, 1999 – 2004 (Brussels, Belgium)

**Master thesis:** IT within transportation companies

**Activities and Societies:** President of Student Exchange Office for Erasmus students

**Erasmus:** Lappeenranta University of Technology, 2002 – 2003 (Finland)

**Sint-Jozefscollege**, major: maths and languages, 1993 – 1999 (Tielt, Belgium)