Digital Innovation & Circular Economy Network+

Advisory Group

Terms of Reference
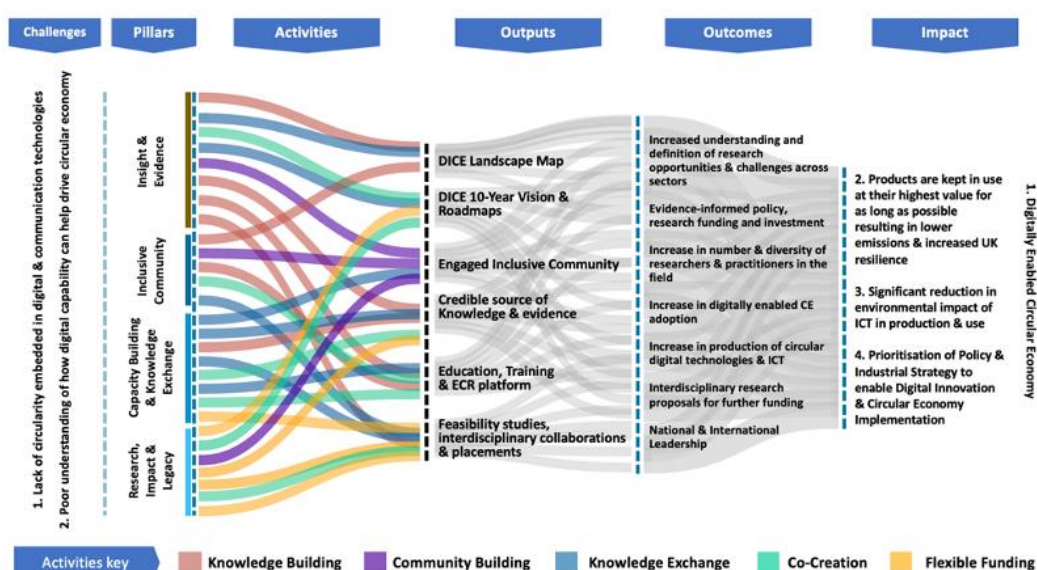
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DICE Network+

This three-year EPSRC funded **Digital Innovation and the Circular Economy (DICE) Network+** will bring together partners from across research landscapes in interdisciplinary collaboration to build CE knowledge, share research & insight and providing the evidence base to unlock future funding and commercial focus.

The initiative has engaged an interdisciplinary team of academic experts from nine UK universities - Exeter, Nottingham, Open University, Queen's University Belfast, Salford, Sheffield, Southampton, Surrey, and Swansea – with a focus on two key challenges:

- **Embed:** Embedding sustainability and circularity within digital and communication technologies.
- **Enable:** Realising the potential of the digital revolution to enable a circular economy.

Adopting a 'network of networks' approach, the DICE Network+ will collaborate with industry partners, policymakers and wider academic teams to drive the UK's transition to a circular economy through digital innovation. Planned activities include a 10-year vision and roadmap, knowledge repository, roadshows and webinars, knowledge exchange placements, plus feasibility studies and demonstrator calls.

The network's Theory of Change is below:

Advisory Group Purpose

As a key part of the project, the DICE Advisory Group is established to provide advice, input and challenge to guide the network's work programme.

Advisory Group Membership

The Group is composed of senior leaders from key stakeholder groups, such as industry, policy makers, third sector groups and academic experts.

All members will be appointed at the discretion of the DICE Project Lead and membership may be publicised through the project external communications, including website.

A Chair will be appointed for the term of the programme.

Principles of participation

The aim is for active participation from members of the Advisory Group, supporting the network team. Members of the group should seek to:

- Consider research, information and data from a wide range or sources, including events, discussion forums and wider industry networks.
- Seek input from the wider sector they represent, sharing current thinking and relevant emergent topics relevant to the network.
- Provide views on the prioritsation of cross-cutting industry challenges to be considered within the network.
- Represent the interests of their industry and sector more generally, not solely their host organisation.
- Advocate for DICE Network+ within their host organisation and wider sector, providing introductions and assisting to extend the network reach.
- Make a time commitment which enables them to actively engage both at the biannual meetings and as reasonably required between such meetings.
- Support additional activities as advised by the Chair from time to time.

Decision making

The role of the Group is advisory in nature. The views and input of the Advisory Group members are provided on a voluntary basis. The Advisory Group will not make any decisions on behalf of the DICE Network+.

Frequency of meetings

Members will be asked to attend biannual meetings, which may be held in person, virtually or as hybrid sessions to enable best engagement. Meetings will be scheduled as far in advance as possible, with the agenda with reports and updates being circulated at least 14 days prior to each meeting. Additional ad hoc meetings may be required to support the project.

Support

Secretariat support will be provided by the DICE Network+ project team, led by Network Manager Georgie Hopkins (DICE-Network@exeter.ac.uk)

Confidentiality

The proceedings of DICE Advisory Group and any meeting notes or outputs of the meetings should be treated as sensitive and confidential. The secretariat will provide information to support briefing on behalf of the Advisory Group.

Conflict of Interest

It is the responsibility of members to bring potential or actual conflicts of interest to the attention of the Chair or Secretariat as soon as they become aware of them. The Chair will make the decision on any action to be taken.

Advisory Group Membership Details

First Name	Last Name	Organisation	Position	Date of appt
Tim	Lawrence	Digital Catapult	Chair	April-2025
Gordan	Bateman	Investor Ladder	Member	April-2025
Melissa	Conlon	Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre	Member	April-2025
Mike	Fraser	University of Bristol	Member	April-2025
Scott	Manton	Kao Data	Member	April-2025
Paula	Muir-McLeod	EPSRC, UKRI	Member	April-2025
Ben	Sheridan	British Standards Institute	Member	April-2025
Lloyd	Tinkler	Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre	Member	April-2025
Lily	Tozer	DESNZ	Member	April-2025
Darren	West	SAP UK Ltd	Member	April-2025

Schedule of meetings

Meeting	Date	Location
No. 1	17 June 2025, 10am-12pm	Online (Teams)
No. 2	9 December 2025, 9.30am-2pm	In person (Harlow)
No. 3	Early June 2026	Online (Teams)
No. 4	Early Dec 2026	Online (Teams)
No. 5	Early June 2027	Online (Teams)
No. 6	Early Dec 2027	In person