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Annual Report

Our impact on research,
on people, and on the planet.

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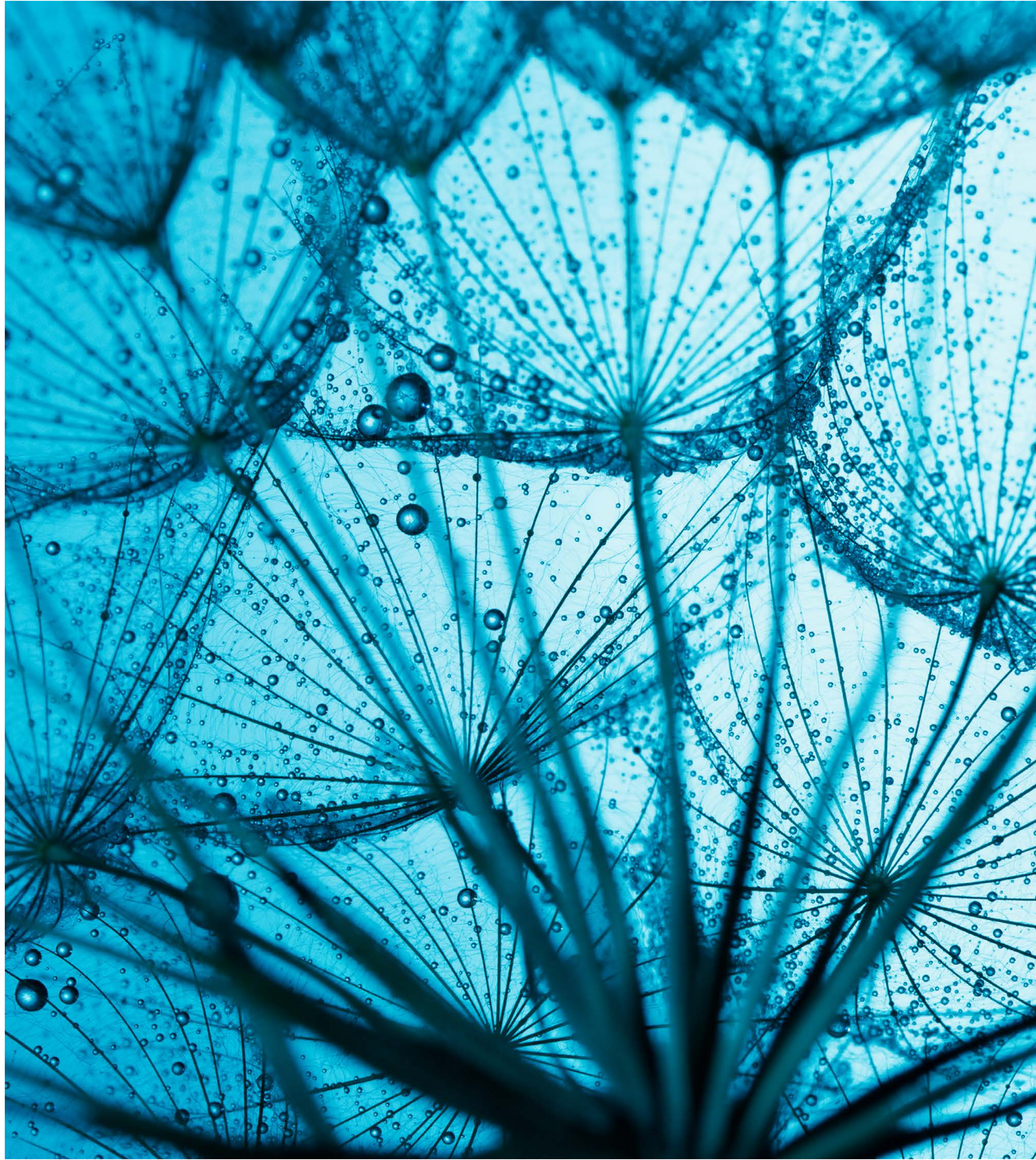

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01. Welcome

Stephen Leicht

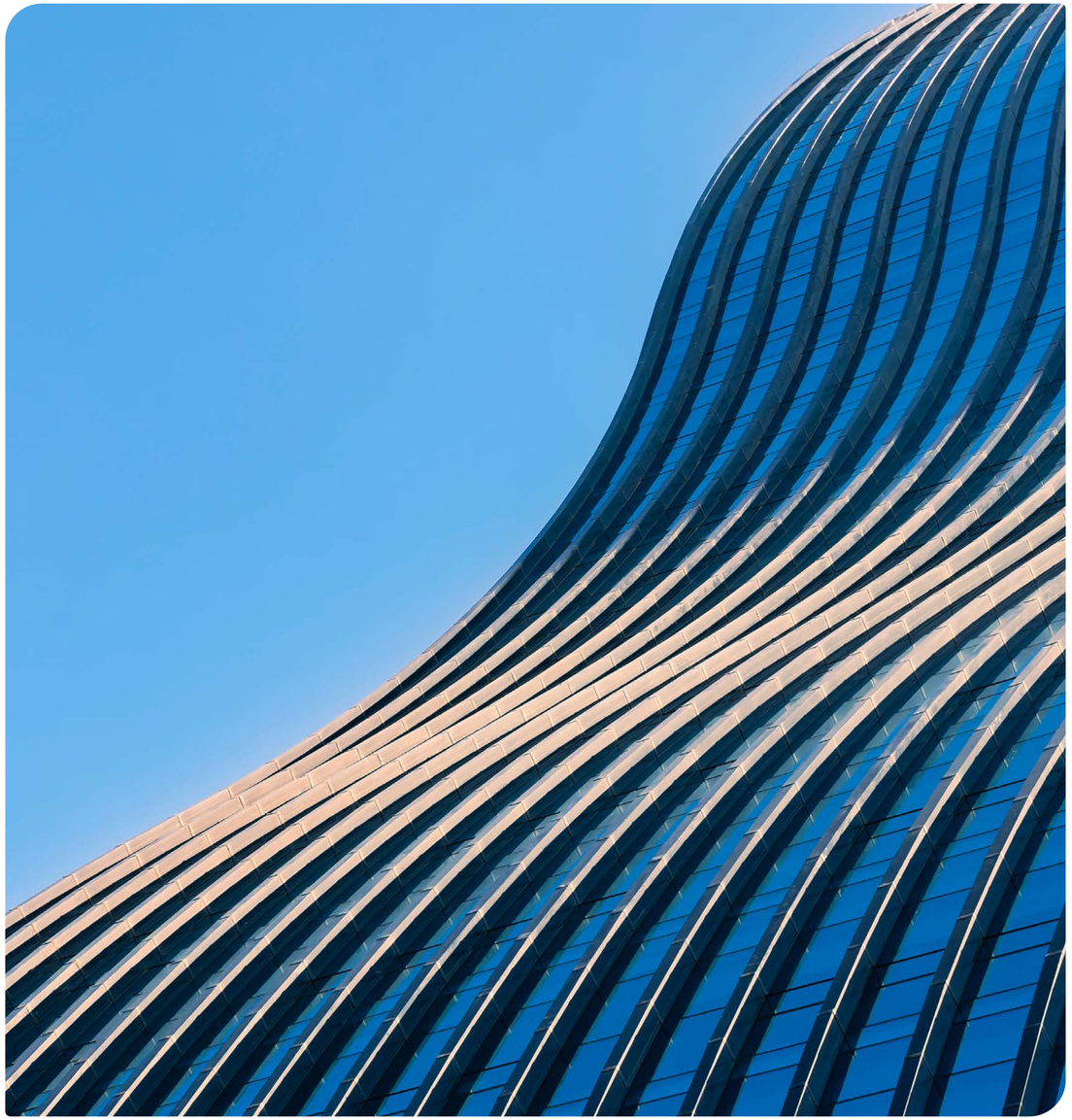
Chief Executive Officer, Digital Science

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2025.

At Digital Science, we believe research is the single most powerful transformational force for the long-term improvement of society. We help make that a reality by building world-leading, innovative, AI-focused solutions; by supporting open, collaborative, and inclusive research; and by constantly showing up as a trusted partner right across the research ecosystem.

This report highlights how we've put our commitments into practice – it's a snapshot of what we achieved in 2025 to advance our aims across three areas of impact: on research, on people, and on the planet.

In 2025, I served my third year as President of Digital Science – also my 10th year in leadership with the company – supporting our then CEO, Dr Daniel Hook. I became CEO in August 2026, and I'm grateful to Daniel for his years of service to this company, its people, and our community. The progress reflected in these pages is due to Daniel and the many teams of dedicated, highly experienced people who are the mainstay of Digital Science.



The research environment was already shifting fast in 2025 – funding pressures, geopolitical uncertainty, the pace of change in AI – but the strength of Digital Science's global research community was clear. Over 9,000 researchers were trained across 24 countries through our partnership with TCC Africa. Publishers and research organizations used our tools to flag potential research fraud and security risks before they spread. Overleaf's collaborative tools were in regular use by over 20 million researchers. Sci Foo once again brought scientists, technologists, and policymakers into a room with no fixed agenda but each other's ideas. Different communities, all connected by the same commitment to research and innovation.

Digital Science also takes its responsibilities as a corporate citizen seriously. Having committed to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions across the value chain by 2050, this report provides an update on progress over the previous year. We're heading in the right direction but we still have a way to go.

That's the story of 2025: real progress, told plainly, with more transformation on the way.

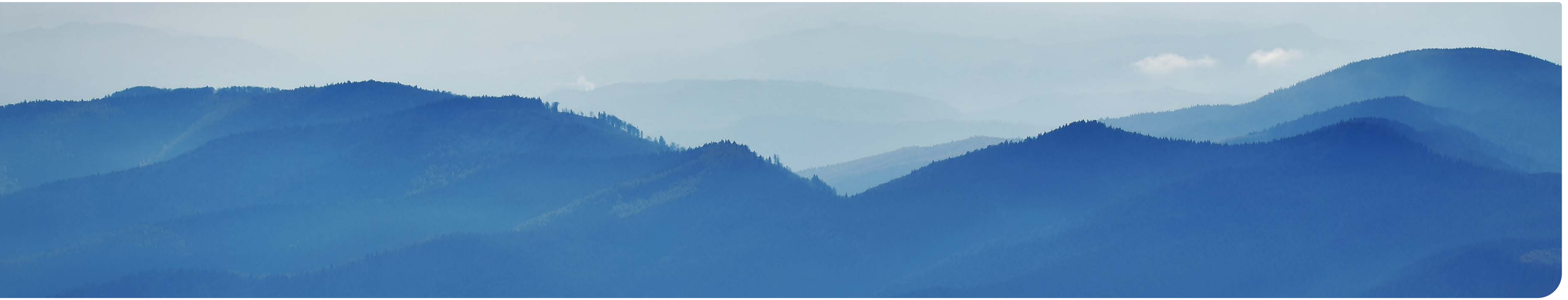
02. 2025 in summary

Our impact on research

- 43,000 researchers across 212 countries have now contributed to a decade of The State of Open Data, a collaboration between Digital Science and Springer Nature, published open access.
- Over 9,000 participants across 24 countries have been trained through our partnership with TCC Africa.
- Two Catalyst Grants supporting open data visualization were awarded in the program's 15th year.
- Our Scientometric Researcher Access to Data program was relaunched, expanding no-cost access for scientometrics researchers.

Our impact on people

- We have over 700 colleagues in 36 countries.
- Our annual engagement survey resulted in an overall calculated engagement score of 64%.
- 500 colleagues from around the world came together in April at our company retreat in PortAventura, Spain.



Our impact on the planet

- Our commitment to set science-based targets was approved and published on the SBTi Target Dashboard in August.
- In December we submitted near-term, long-term, and net-zero emissions reduction targets to the SBTi for validation. (Validation was subsequently received in April 2026.)
- Our first EcoVadis assessment was completed, earning Digital Science a Committed badge.
- 2025 was the third reporting year of our greenhouse gas emissions in line with the GHG Protocol.

Governance and conduct

- Our external Advisory Board was formally established, and in January we announced its members, who met three times during the year.
- Our Information Security and Privacy Management System continues to be independently audited and certified to ISO/IEC 27001:2022 and ISO/IEC 27701:2019.
- A DS Behaviours Framework and a set of leadership principles were introduced, translating our values into shared expectations.

03. About Digital Science

Digital Science was launched in 2010 by members of the research community, with the aim of revolutionizing the way science is done. We provide software and data that make the research process simpler and more efficient, for researchers and for the institutions, funders, publishers, and governments around them.

Our products include Altmetric, Dimensions, Figshare, IFI CLAIMS Patent Services, metaphacts, Overleaf, ReadCube, Symplectic Elements, and Writefull. We are a Holtzbrinck company.

Our Vision

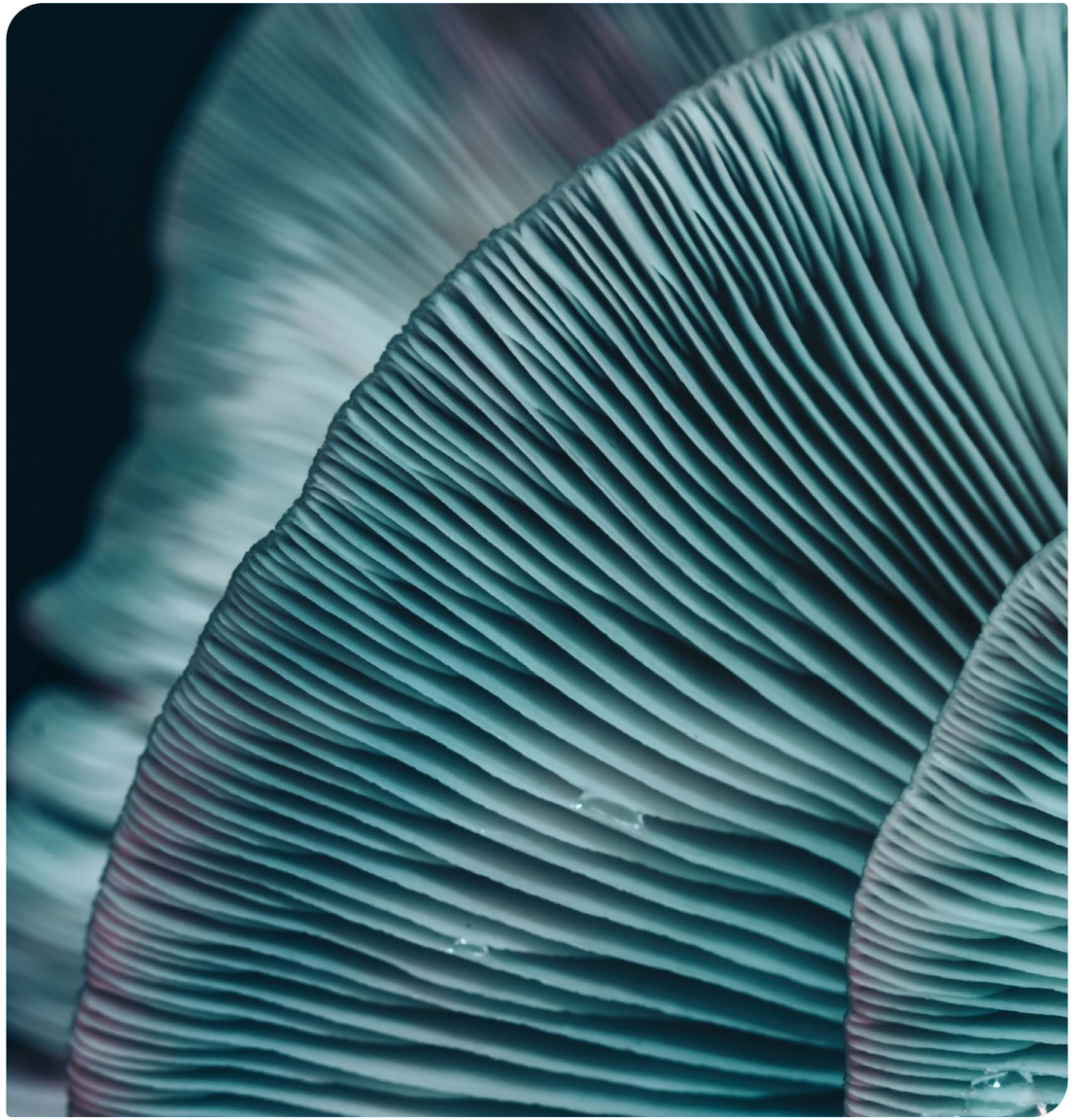
We believe research is the single most powerful transformational force for the long-term improvement of society.

Our Mission

We enhance the positive impact of research and innovation on humanity by enabling the research community to make smarter decisions and communicate outcomes that inspire change.

Our Values

Our core values shape everything we do. They guide our daily actions, define our partnerships, and strengthen our commitment to the global research community.



Brave in the pursuit of better

Collaborative and inclusive

Always open minded

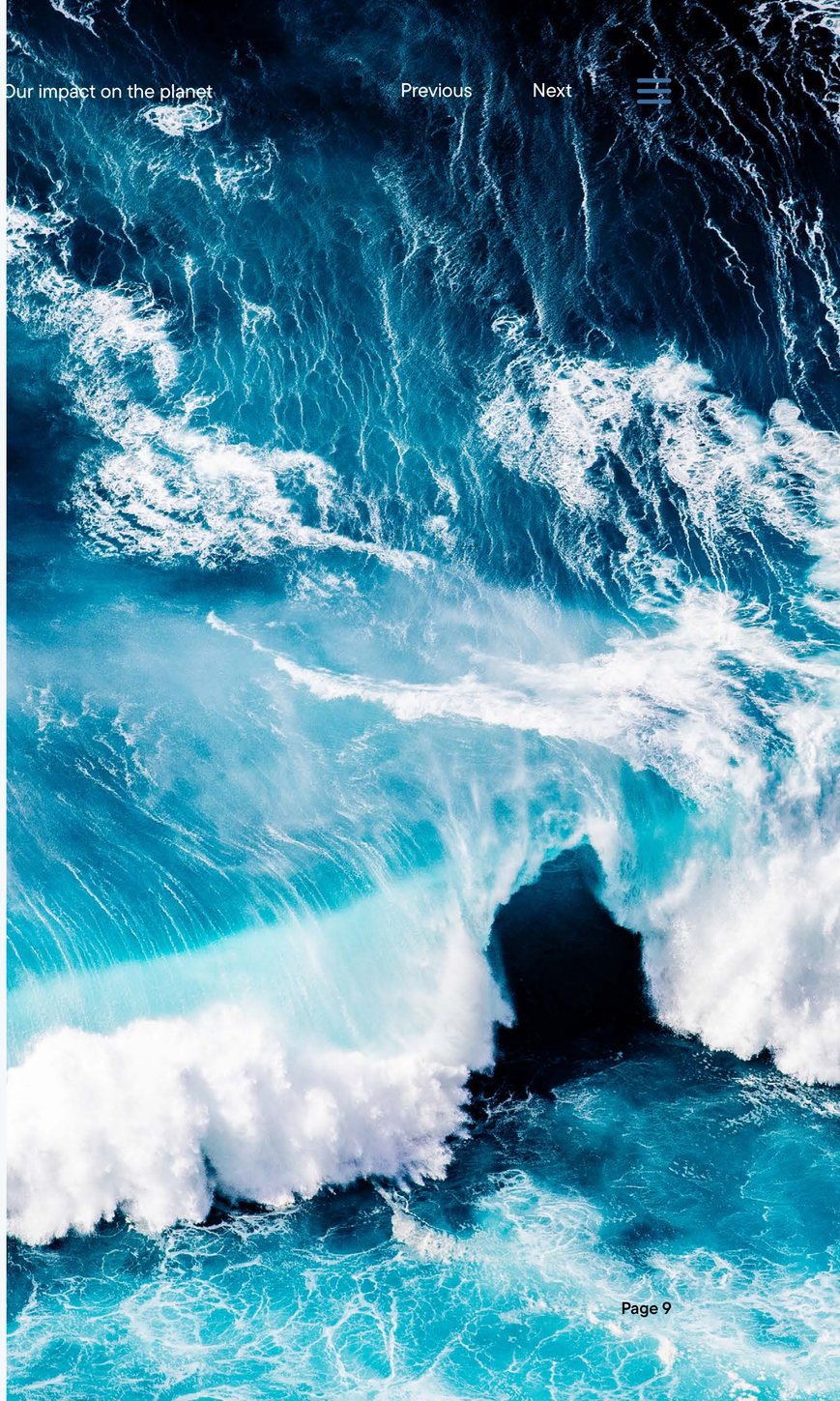
From and for the community

04. How we manage our impact

We believe that, as a trusted stakeholder in the research ecosystem, we must be responsible, transparent, and sustainable. Guided by our Open Principles, we put stakeholder benefits at the forefront of our work, take a community-centered approach, and establish trust through transparency — including by publishing this report.

Material topics

Our parent company Holtzbrinck conducted a double materiality analysis across the group in 2024, identifying our most significant impacts as climate change, our own workforce, and business conduct. These are the areas in which we set targets and monitor our performance, and they guide the priorities we report on in the pages that follow. We are currently reviewing and updating these across Holtzbrinck.



Commitments and progress in 2025

In our 2024 Annual Report we set out a number of commitments across our three areas of impact. We report our progress against each of them here.

Commitment	Progress in 2025	Status
Planet Set science-based emissions reduction targets aligned with the Paris Agreement.	Our commitment was approved by SBTi and published on the SBTi's public Target Dashboard in August 2025. Near-term, long-term and net-zero targets were submitted for validation in December 2025.	Complete
Planet Refine our emissions tracking and metrics.	Published 2025 emissions in line with GHG Protocol reporting. Following the internal audit conducted during SBTi preparation, 2023 and 2024 figures were restated and data collection processes strengthened.	In Progress
People Formally establish and operationalise the external Advisory Board.	Members were announced on 30 January 2025. The Board met three times during the year, each time addressing practical problems of strategic importance.	Complete
People Hold a retreat to strengthen connections between remote-working colleagues.	The Digital Science Retreat was held from 31 March to 2 April 2025 in PortAventura, Spain, bringing around 500 colleagues together from around the world to meet face to face.	Complete
Research Drive open research forward, guided by our Open Principles and alignment with the Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information.	Relaunched the Scientometric Researcher Access to Data program; extended the ORCID Public Data File partnership; began a new partnership with AfLIA to support open data participation in Africa.	In Progress
Research Collaborate in and invest in projects that transform how research is done.	Continued support for the Research on Research Institute, now hosted by University College London and working with 55 partners. 15th year of the Catalyst Grant program.	In Progress

Status is self-assessed. "Complete" means the commitment as stated was met during 2025; in every case, our work in these areas continues.

Governance

Digital Science operates a two-tier governance structure that combines strategic management with independent external guidance.

Management Board — five leaders who direct the business and are accountable for its strategy and performance.

Advisory Board — six external members from research funding, strategy and policy, philanthropy, and technology development, who meet three times a year to provide guidance and alignment with the communities Digital Science supports. Established in 2024, its members were announced in January 2025.

Advisory Board members:

- Jackie Hunter (Chair, Biocortex, Brainomix and the Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst)
- Chonnettia Jones (Addgene)
- Linda O'Brien (Griffith University and the Stawell Underground Physics Laboratory)
- Hemai Parthasarathy (formerly Google X)
- Joanne Sheppard (Holtzbrinck Publishing Group)
- Christian Herzog (advisor, Digital Science) appointed in November 2025

"Digital Science is a global leader in its support for all aspects of research, such as its innovative products that foster open and collaborative research. It is an exciting time to be joining the Digital Science journey as an Advisory Board member, and I commend the company for its vision in appointing such a board."

Advisory Board Chair Jackie Hunter

Business conduct

Our Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behavior we expect of everyone at Digital Science, translating our values into guidance for everyday decisions — from how we treat one another to how we work with customers, partners, and the wider research community.

Our whistleblowing policy provides a safe and confidential route for raising concerns about conduct falling short of those standards, without fear of retaliation. Concerns raised are treated seriously and handled with discretion.

These are reinforced by the DS Behaviours Framework, which sets the expectation that colleagues act with integrity and advocate for ethical and responsible practice.

Information security, privacy, and risk

Digital Science is committed to preserving the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of its information assets, including customer data in its control. Our policies and procedures are designed to meet global privacy standards and obligations, and we comply with the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU and the UK GDPR.

Our Information Security and Privacy Management System has been independently audited and certified as compliant with ISO/IEC 27001:2022 for information security management and ISO/IEC 27701:2019 for privacy information management.

Artificial intelligence

We have invested in AI technology and methodologies since 2013. Our stakeholders in the research community and in industry play a critical role in ensuring our AI-based solutions are built for real-world needs, and we are committed to developing and deploying them responsibly through:

Ethical standards — we prioritize transparency and fairness in AI development and deployment.

User empowerment — we design AI solutions that augment human intelligence, keeping users at the centre of decision-making.

Continuous improvement — ongoing engagement with the community means we refine AI-based applications as needs and challenges emerge.

In line with this commitment, we involve the people who use our tools before we release them. Early users of AI Assist in Overleaf were invited to provide feedback that helped shape the tool's development.

> *"To go further and faster in knowledge discovery we need to move past human-powered knowledge discovery. To do this, the machines need structure and pattern. Every research-generating organization should be prioritizing this."*

Mark Hahnel, VP Open Research at Digital Science and Founder of Figshare

05. Our impact on research

Recognizing the transformational role of research, Digital Science supports the broader ecosystem to achieve our overarching goal of enabling open, collaborative, inclusive research. The pages that follow share the work we did in 2025 to make research more open, more trustworthy, and more widely accessible, including the partnerships, programs, and investments we support across the community.

Open research and open data

Our four Open Principles — community ownership, open infrastructure, stakeholder focus, and trust — align Digital Science with the Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information.

During 2025, we relaunched the Scientometric Researcher Access to Data program, which offers scientometrics researchers no-cost access to Altmetric and Dimensions data, expanded to include Dimensions on Google BigQuery. Kathryn Weber-Boer was appointed Director Scientometrics – Scientometric Researcher Engagement, to lead the program and build a community of expert users.

> *"The SRAD program is built around key principles of accessibility, responsible data use, and community empowerment. Through tailored training and dynamic community engagement, it's our hope that we can contribute to driving innovation in the fields of Scientometrics, Research Policy, and Innovation Studies."*

Kathryn Weber-Boer, Director Scientometrics — Scientometric Researcher Engagement

Our partnership with ORCID hosts their annual Public Data File on Google BigQuery, making a dataset that is free but unwieldy into one that practical to analyze. The 2023, 2024, and 2025 files are now available.

A new partnership with the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions, started in October, supports open data awareness and participation in Africa, with Figshare and AfLIA building an open access repository portal to host AfLIA conference proceedings from 2023 onward. Figshare is also a member of the UNESCO Global Open Science Partnership.

A decade of The State of Open Data

For ten years, Digital Science, Figshare, and Springer Nature have collaborated on The State of Open Data, which tracks open science practice through researcher surveys. The 2025 special edition brings together responses from 43,000 researchers across 212 countries, published open access on Figshare. Findings include:

- Awareness of the FAIR principles has risen sharply across all disciplines, with unfamiliarity down by 40 to 60 percentage points since 2018.
- Active use of AI in data processing rose from 22.1% to 31.9% in a single year.
- Support for data mandates differs markedly by region, stable in Germany and India but declining significantly in North America.
- 69.2% of researchers believe they receive insufficient credit for sharing data.

Research integrity

Trust in science depends on the integrity of the scholarly record. Digital Science supports the research community in protecting that record, through the tools we build for publishers and funders and through research of our own.

Continuing our support for forensic scientometrics (FoSci), in 2025 we released findings that millions of dollars of taxpayers' money had been awarded to researchers associated with a fictitious network. Dr Leslie McIntosh, VP of Research Integrity and Research Security at Digital Science and a co-founder of the FoSci movement, led the research. She focused on the Pharmakon Neuroscience Network, which between 2019 and 2022 was listed on more than 120 research publications involving 331 unique authors

and associated with 232 organizations and institutions in 40 countries. Despite being exposed as fictitious in 2022, little had been done to correct the record: as of September 2025, only three related publications had been retracted. Dr McIntosh presented her findings at the 10th International Congress on Peer Review and Scientific Publication in Chicago, and the work was covered by Times Higher Education.

By highlighting key indicators of research integrity – such as retractions, tortured phrases, or unusual co-authorship patterns – the Dimensions Author Check API helps to rapidly identify potential issues for concern. These include continuously improving indicators that will identify paper mills and increase trust in science.

Research integrity checks can be resource-intensive, particularly for publishers handling high volumes of submissions. In July 2025 we launched the Dimensions Author Check API, which enables publishers to evaluate researchers' publication and collaboration histories as part of their editorial and submission workflows, highlighting key indicators such as retractions, tortured phrases, and unusual co-authorship patterns. We also provided start-up funding to the VeriMe Cooperative, which is developing privacy-first digital verification for researchers, as a further step toward building trust in and safeguarding research.

Capacity building and equitable access

Now in its sixth year, our partnership with the Training Centre in Communication (TCC) Africa provides training that helps African researchers increase the reach of their work, advances open access adoption, and improves the representation of African scholarship in Dimensions. In 2025 the focus was research integrity and open access capacity building.

The Africa Research Integrity Project held workshops in Kenya and in Morocco with CNRST and the Arab States Research and Education Network. Between March 2024 and October 2025, 3,719 people participated in project workshops. Further workshops are planned in Burundi, Liberia, Malawi, Rwanda, and Tunisia.

A free online course in open data management for librarians, facilitated with AfLIA, Figshare, and the Africa PID Alliance, runs twice a year.

Over 9,000 participants across 24 countries were trained on Dimensions during 2025.

The partnership was represented at the National Open Research Festival in Dublin and the 5th Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium annual conference in Nairobi.

Supporting research on research

We continue to support the Research on Research Institute, hosted by University College London, which runs a program of metascience research with 55 partners worldwide, many of them research funders. In 2025 RoRI published Funding by Algorithm, the first comprehensive assessment of the use of AI in research funding processes, and began the AFIRE program, which helps funders run rigorous experiments in funding approaches. RoRI also hosted Metascience 2025 in London, the largest gathering yet on the subject, with 800 researchers, funders, and policymakers from 61 countries.

The Catalyst Grant, in its 15th year, offers up to £25,000 in development funding for new software tools and technologies. The 2025 awards, on the theme of data visualization, went to FigureTwo, which turns static research figures into interactive data-connected visuals, and to Pathfinder from Syntheos, which maps how ideas spread across more than 100,000 research communities.

We also contributed to national research infrastructure. Commissioned by the Australian Research Data Commons, we developed a benchmarking framework for Australia's National PID Strategy and, following public consultation, published the Australian National Persistent Identifier Benchmarking Toolkit openly on Figshare in October. The accompanying report describes a mixed scorecard and makes 23 recommendations.

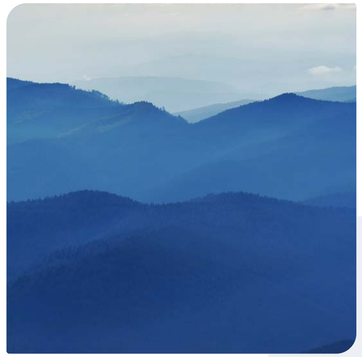
Sci Foo

Digital Science co-organized the 2025 Science Foo Camp in collaboration with O'Reilly Media and Google, with support from Nature. Sci Foo is unusual among scientific meetings in three ways: it is invitation-only; the invitees come from many different areas of science rather than a single subject such as physics, chemistry, or biology; and the meeting has no fixed agenda, with the invited scientists, technologists, and policymakers setting the program during the conference itself, based on their shared professional interests and enthusiasms. Bringing together people who would not usually work together is the point of it.

Over 200 attendees gathered at the unconference at X (Google X) in Mountainview, California. Many themes were discussed at the unconference, including the tension between enthusiasm and skepticism around AI and large language models in research and education; the impact of reduced federal science funding on labs and jobs; the use of machine learning as a general-purpose scientific instrument across fields like astrobiology, meteorology, and drug discovery; and human augmentation and inclusive design of the body, from wearable technology to adaptive prosthetics.

Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals

Research that supports the Sustainable Development Goals is not always labeled as such, which makes national and institutional contributions hard to track. Through Dimensions we automatically tag relevant publications and grants with an SDG classification, which can then be used for reporting through Altmetric and Symplectic Elements. In this way, we support SDG 17, the final Sustainable Development Goal that aims to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.



06. Our impact on people

At the heart of Digital Science is our global team of over 700 colleagues in 36 countries across Australasia, Europe, and the Americas, who are passionate about their work and share a common purpose: to advance research that propels humanity forward. Together, we are dedicated to building a workplace that is safe and inclusive, and that gives colleagues a sense of community. 2025 was also a year of significant change for the company as we reorganized the business, and that change is reflected in what our colleagues told us during the year, including through the employee engagement survey (see page 22).

Supporting colleagues

We aim to support colleagues from the day they join, with onboarding designed to give clarity and a warm welcome, and through training, flexible working, and a culture in which people can do their best work.

Flexible and hybrid work — trust and autonomy are fundamental; colleagues have freedom to manage their work alongside personal commitments.

Global collaboration — our culture intentionally connects colleagues across borders and teams.

Continuous learning — in 2025, colleagues spent an average of 4 hours 15 minutes each in our DS Learning system.

Returning from leave — we provide a supportive environment for colleagues returning from long-term leave.

Through the Accelerate Leadership Programme, we are developing a pipeline of future leaders, building capability beyond technical expertise and fostering a network of senior leaders who drive collaboration across the business. The programme comprises three four-day in-person modules, masterclasses from industry and company leaders, 360-degree profiling, and a team project addressing a real business challenge over a 6-month period.

Our 2025 retreat

For a company that works remotely, time together in person is rare and valuable. From 31 March to 2 April 2025 we held the Digital Science Retreat in PortAventura, Spain, bringing about 500 colleagues from around the world together to catch up face to face. With a packed agenda, we shared how we are addressing the challenges we face and the opportunities emerging across our industry. The gathering was essential for building professional connections and strengthening our culture, and for making sure the whole team was aligned on our goals, our customers, and how we use new technology like AI responsibly.

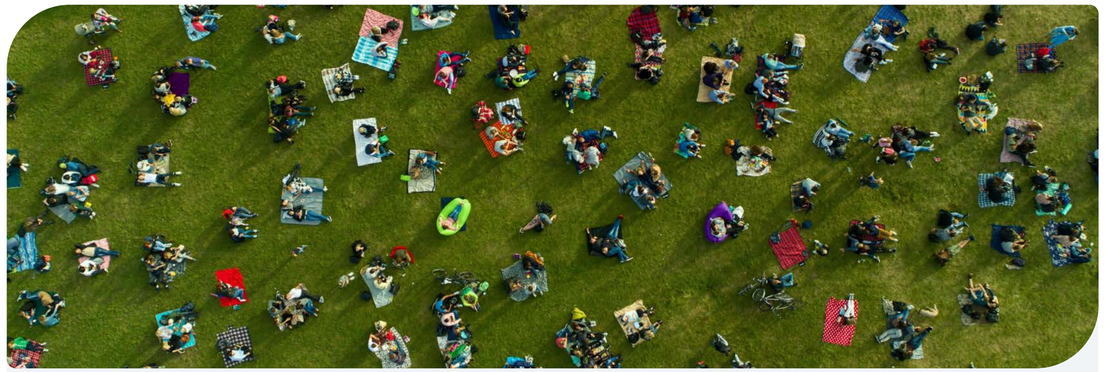
As we said in our 2024 report, we continue to weigh the benefits of bringing colleagues together against cost and the environmental impact of the travel involved, and we aim to alternate whole-company gatherings with smaller team retreats for that reason.

Inclusion and belonging

We nurture belonging through five colleague-led Employee Resource Groups: voluntary communities that provide space for connection and shared experience, drive awareness, and champion diverse perspectives. Membership and events are open to all colleagues. One such group is Women @ Digital Science:

"I'm proud of how we foster a supportive community and influence company policy relating to the experiences of women and non-binary colleagues. Our 'Supporting people through menopause' event is a powerful example of how we provide vital education, equipping our entire community with the knowledge to create a more compassionate and supportive workplace for all."

Abigail Hallowes, Co-chair of Women @ Digital Science, and VP Publisher & Enterprise Markets.



Women @ Digital Science — fosters a supportive community for women and non-binary colleagues, champions gender equity and advocates for professional growth.

Pride — builds community, encourages allyship, and raises the experiences and concerns of LGBTQIA+ colleagues with leadership.

Disability and Neurodiversity — a point of contact for disabled and neurodivergent colleagues and their allies, providing information on reasonable adjustments and working to reduce stigma.

Ethniverse — advances a culture of diversity, inclusion and belonging, providing a safe space for colleagues from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

Sustainability & Environment — brings together colleagues interested in our environmental performance and in how we reduce our footprint.

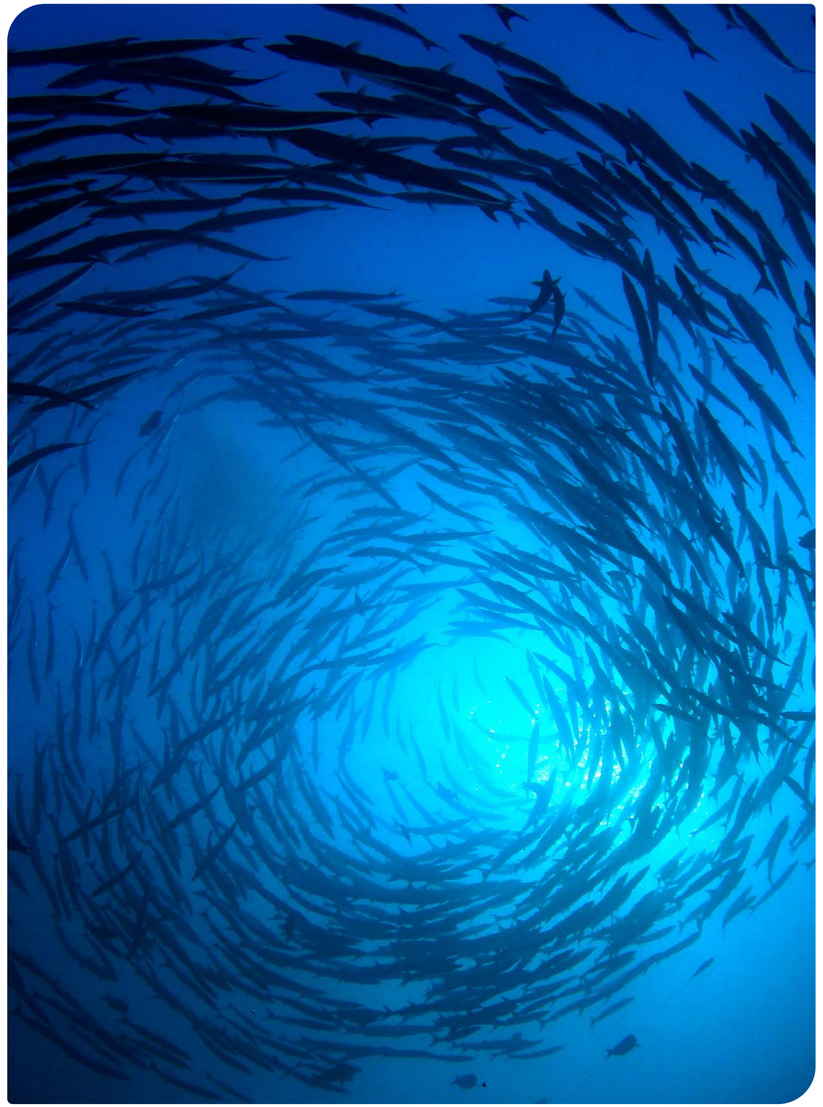
Employee engagement

The best measure of our culture is what our people tell us about it. In September 2025, we invited every colleague to take part in our annual engagement survey - more than half the company responded — giving an overall calculated engagement score of 64%.

Colleagues rated their relationship with their manager especially highly at 80%. Almost nine in ten (88%) agreed that their manager genuinely cares about their wellbeing, and 93% felt able to arrange time away from work when they need it. Most colleagues (82%) said the work we do is important, 76% were proud to work for Digital Science, and 75% experienced Digital Science as an inclusive place where they can be themselves.

We also listened to where colleagues want us to do better. The results reflected the significant change we underwent as we reorganized the business. Colleagues asked for clearer direction and greater confidence in where the company is heading, more consistent recognition for good work, and above all visible action in response to their feedback.

In response we developed the DS Behaviours Framework, which translates our values into shared expectations for how colleagues collaborate and get work done, alongside the DS Leadership Principles to guide consistent and transparent decision-making.



07. Our impact on the planet

Digital Science considers environmental sustainability a core aspect of responsible business practice. Climate change is one of our three material topics.

Within the Digital Science value chain, our impact on climate change is direct, through our use of fuel, electricity, and heating, and indirect, including through business travel and purchased goods and services. As a distributed software company with no printed products and no manufacturing, the large majority of our footprint is indirect. Our efforts to reduce emissions are therefore focused on our supply chain and on business travel.

Our targets

In August 2025, our commitment to set targets with the Science Based Targets initiative was approved and published on the SBTi Target Dashboard. In December, we submitted our targets for validation, with the targets (validated by SBTi in April 2026) shown here.

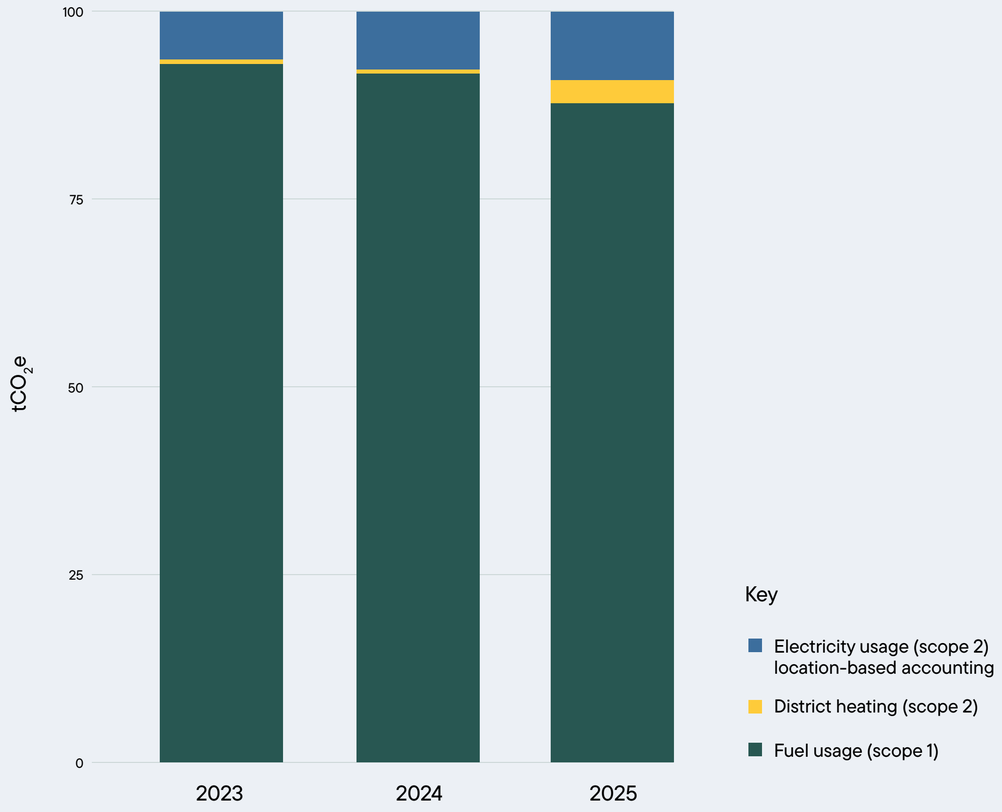
Target	Commitment	From 2023 base
Near-term, by 2035	Reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 emissions 63.0%	43.2 → 16.0
Near-term, by 2035	Reduce absolute scope 3 emissions 37.5%	6,175.0 → 3,859.4
Long-term, by 2050	Reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 emissions 90.0%	43.2 → 4.3
Long-term, by 2050	Reduce absolute scope 3 emissions 90.0%	6,175.0 → 617.5
Net zero, by 2050	Achieve net-zero emissions across the value chain	—

Targets as submitted in December 2025. Absolute figures in tonnes CO_2e, derived from our restated 2023 baseline. Scope 3 shown on the mandatory-categories basis.

Our emissions

In order to manage and reduce our emissions we must first measure them, and transparency supports our accountability. We began reporting in our 2024 report, covering 2023 and 2024, and subsequently published a correction after an internal audit conducted as part of SBTi preparation identified a discrepancy in both years. 2025 is our third year of emissions data reported, in line with the GHG Protocol.

GHG emissions



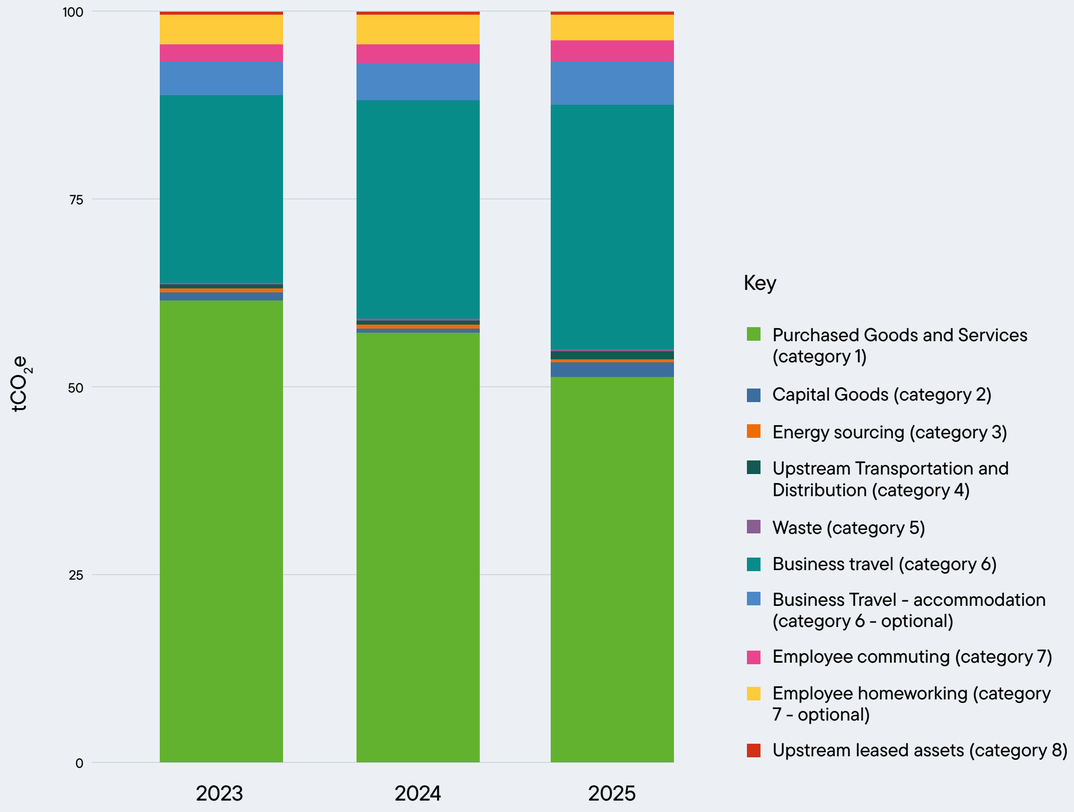
Scope 1 & 2 emissions (tonnes CO_2e)	2023	2024	2025
Fuel usage (scope 1)	40.0	34.3	16.8
District heating (scope 2)	0.3	0.3	0.6
Electricity (scope 2)	2.9	2.8	1.7
Total scope 1 and 2, market-based	**43.2**	**37.4**	**19.1**

The office closure in 2024 resulted in a decrease in heating emissions for the majority of 2025. A new office opened in October of 2025 which will result in increased emissions for 2026.

Waste type and treatment	Unit	2023	2024	2025
Mixed recyclable (sent for recycling)	tonnes	0.2	0.1	0.04
Food waste (sent for anaerobic digestion)	tonnes	0.1	0	0.0
General waste (sent for incineration or landfil)	tonnes	18.1	20.7	23.0
Water (discharge volume)	cubic metres	574.9	248.1	0.0*

* Our carbon accounting software does not have a methodology for estimating water consumption when data is not provided.

GHG emissions



Scope 3 emissions (tonnes CO_2e)	2023	2024	2025
Purchased goods and services (category 1)	4,133.2	3,578.7	3,179.7
Capital goods (category 2)	82.8	52.5	119.1
Energy sourcing (category 3)	26.1	27.6	21.5
Upstream transportation and distribution (category 4)	30.7	27.1	66.0
Waste (category 5)	18.4	20.8	23.0
Business travel (category 6)	1,707.4	1,800.3	2,003.4
Business travel - accommodation (category 6 - optional)	269.0	315.8	354.9
Employee commuting (category 7)	165.5	159.0	180.2
Employee homeworking (category 7 - optional)	266.1	246.0	212.1
Upstream leased assets (category 8)	11.0	11.0	10.2
Total scope 3 emissions (location-based accounting)	6,175.0	5,676.8	5,603.1
Total scope 3 emissions (location-based accounting) including optionals	6,710.0	6,238.6	6,170.0

Energy and renewable electricity

Our energy consumption in 2025 was 59.27 MWh in relation to Scope 1, 269.87 MWh for Scope 2, and an estimated 873.27 MWh for Scope 3.

We purchase unbundled renewable electricity certificates equivalent to 100% of our purchased electricity, which falls within scope 2. Certificates have been applied to our 2023, 2024, and 2025 footprints. As they are unbundled, they are reflected in our market-based scope 2 figure rather than the location-based one. Our scope 1 emissions arise from direct fuel combustion and are not affected by them.

Beyond our value chain

Alongside reducing our own emissions, during 2025, we continued to invest in high-quality carbon offsets as a voluntary contribution to climate action outside our value chain. In 2024, we purchased 541 tonnes of offsets against our 2023 emissions; in 2025, we increased this, purchasing 2,777 tonnes against our 2024 emissions.

Offsets are additional to, and do not count toward, the emissions reductions committed in our science-based targets.

Our offsets are included in Holtzbrinck's group-wise purchasing plan. Together, we support a range of projects from forest conservation and regeneration, to carbon removal and biochar technologies.

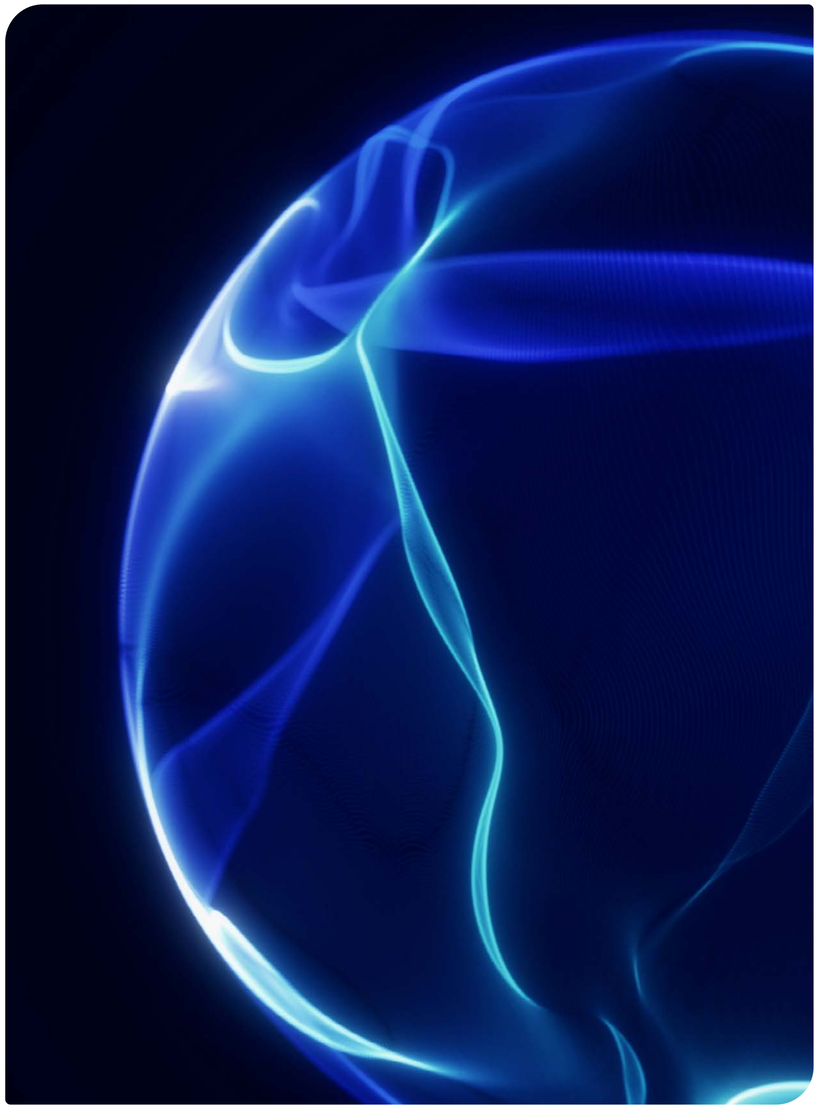
The environmental impact of AI

Technology presents a challenge when it comes to measuring and managing climate impacts. Specifically, the environmental impacts of AI use, including water extraction for data center cooling and electricity use, are not yet sufficiently quantified for us to report, and we would rather say so than present an incomplete picture as a complete one.

As we continue to develop our use of AI, both by colleagues in the course of their work and by customers through AI features in our solutions, we support the researchers working on ways to measure and reduce the climate-related impacts of AI, by making climate, energy, and materials research faster and more trustworthy for the people doing it.

Sustainable procurement

Purchased goods and services represent the largest single component of our footprint, at 3,179.7 tonnes CO_2e in 2025, 57% of our scope 3 emissions. Working with the suppliers who generate these emissions is therefore central to meeting our scope 3 target.



08. About this report

This is Digital Science's second Annual Report, covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2025. Data reported relate to all Digital Science operations and subsidiaries. Digital Science is a Holtzbrinck company.

Our 2024 Annual Report remains available on our website, together with the subsequent restatement of its emissions data.

Restatements

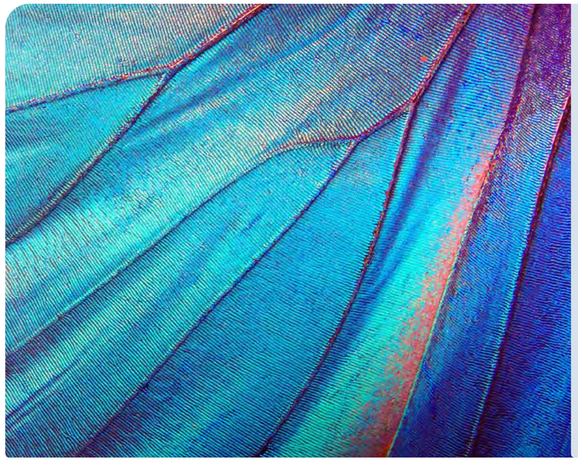
Our 2023 and 2024 greenhouse gas emissions were restated in April 2026, following an internal audit conducted in preparation for SBTi validation which identified a discrepancy in the original calculation. The restatement also reflected a recategorization of some emissions to align with evolving GHG Protocol standards and the consistent application of Energy Attribute Certificates across both years. Figures in this report are the restated series. Subsequent updates to the methodology used by our reporting platform may lead to further restatements.

External assessment

We seek external assessment of our progress on wider sustainability topics, for example through EcoVadis, a global provider of business sustainability and ESG ratings across four themes: Environment, Labor & Human Rights, Ethics, and Sustainable Procurement. Our first assessment, completed in 2025, earned Digital Science a Committed badge. We aim for continuous improvement: with this first assessment as a baseline, we will take further steps in 2026 and beyond. Our science-based targets are validated by the SBTi, and our Information Security and Privacy Management System is independently audited against ISO/IEC 27001:2022 and ISO/IEC 27701:2019.

Reporting frameworks

In preparation for regulatory disclosures, our material topics have already been mapped against the ESRS framework. Our current emissions data adheres to the GHG Protocol, though it has not yet undergone external assurance. Full independent third-party verification will be finalized and disclosed alongside our parent company Holtzbrinck's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) compliance publication.



Feedback and contact

We welcome feedback on this report and on our performance. Visit digital-science.com to get in touch.

About Digital Science

Digital Science was launched in 2010 by members of the research community with a bold mission: to revolutionize the way science is done. We've emphasized a community-driven approach right from the start, actively listening to our community's needs and shaping our offerings based on their real-world challenges.

From tracking research impact to supporting open research and data sharing, mapping the research landscape, enabling collaboration, and providing deep insights, analysis, and discovery, Digital Science has grown into a powerhouse of innovation, supporting every corner of the research ecosystem.

Today, one of our strongest areas of growth is industry, as we leverage our technology and the power of AI to help enterprises work smarter, collaborate better, and push the boundaries of discovery.

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