



DENIM: DIGITAL INTELLIGENCE FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURING

PATHWAYS TO PRACTICE

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ICT Research & Innovation Ecosystem



- **Approx 40 Staff:** (researchers, engineers, admin, students)
- **4.5 M€/annum,**
- **Working with 200 companies in Ireland & EU, > 60 projects per year**



Research Areas



Digital Platforms

Architecture design and engineering; Smart systems integration; Open and scalable IoT platform for data integration, visualisation, fusion and distribution.



Advanced Digital Skills

Educational approaches based on Communities of Practice, Supporting digital transformation through a new education and training framework.



Future Networks

Lifecycle management for reliable embedded networks; QoX provisioning for reliable, low latency wireless networks (WSN, LPWAN, 4G/5G).



Cyber Secure Systems

Secure digital value chains: Distributed Ledger Technology for secure trusted interaction between "things". Secure Services for IoT-driven control.

Transforming Industries - Make things connected, secure and smart



Smart
Energy



Smart Buildings
& Construction



Sustainable
Manufacturing



Smart
Communities

CURRENT CHALLENGES



Disparate Data Sets
across Systems & Roles



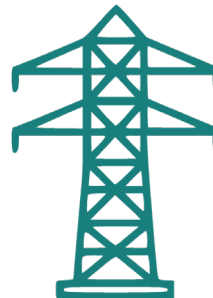
Energy Efficiency
Independent of
Production Process



Manual "what-if"
Scenario Creation and
Analysis



Cadence-based
Planning and Decision
making



Limited interaction
with Grid



Digital Skills Gap
between Energy, IT &
Data Experts



Academia



Technology Providers



CONSORTIUM: USE CASES



Sustainable production planning & maximising the use of renewable energy (Ireland)



Edge Intelligence for continuous energy optimisation of industrial machines (Italy)



Energy-efficient steelmaking and forging processes management (Spain)



Digital Twin of machining processes for production planning (Slovenia)



KEY STRATEGIES



Systems need to collaborate across technologies, industries, and responsibilities to uncover energy flows and unlock energy efficiencies.

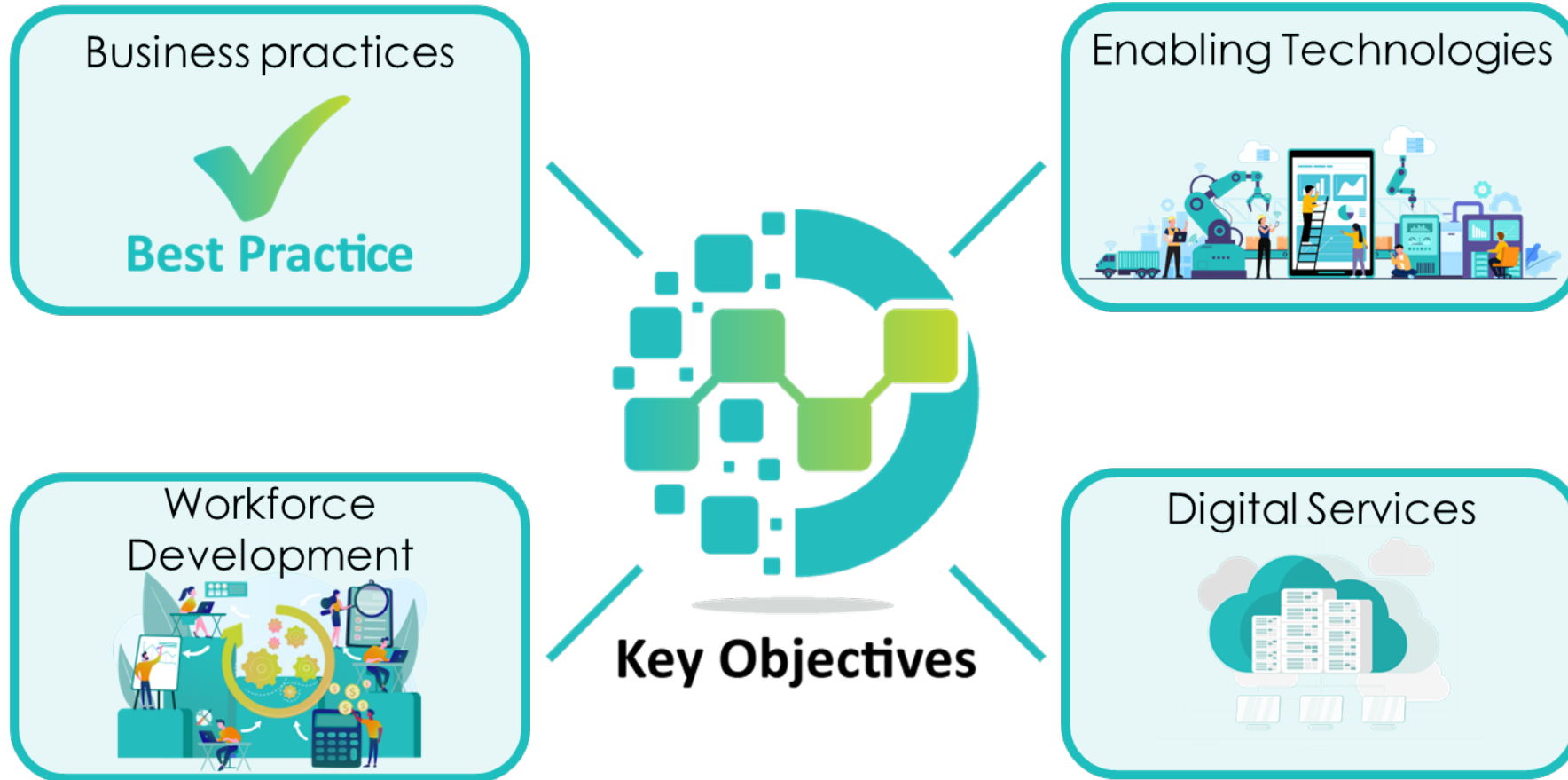


Continuous performance assessment is essential to ensure precise predictions and efficient energy target management.



Manufacturing systems must evolve and adapt to changing operation conditions, requirements & system configurations to support & promote sustainability.

INNOVATION PILLARS



SOLUTION AT A GLANCE

 Secure and real-time data collection, aggregation and processing

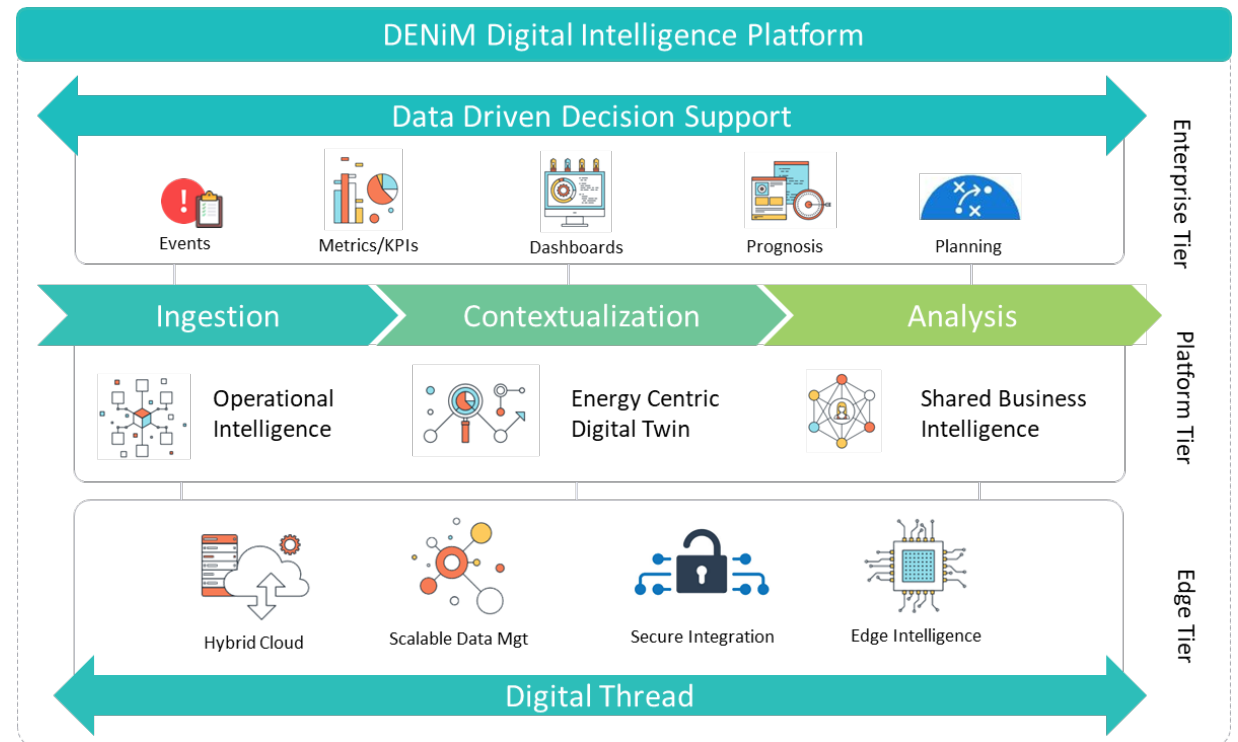
 Holistic Approach to Energy Efficiency

 Continuous Event-Driven Analysis based on Accurate Models

 Digitalisation Supporting Collaborative Decision Making

 Integration of Renewables with Production Process

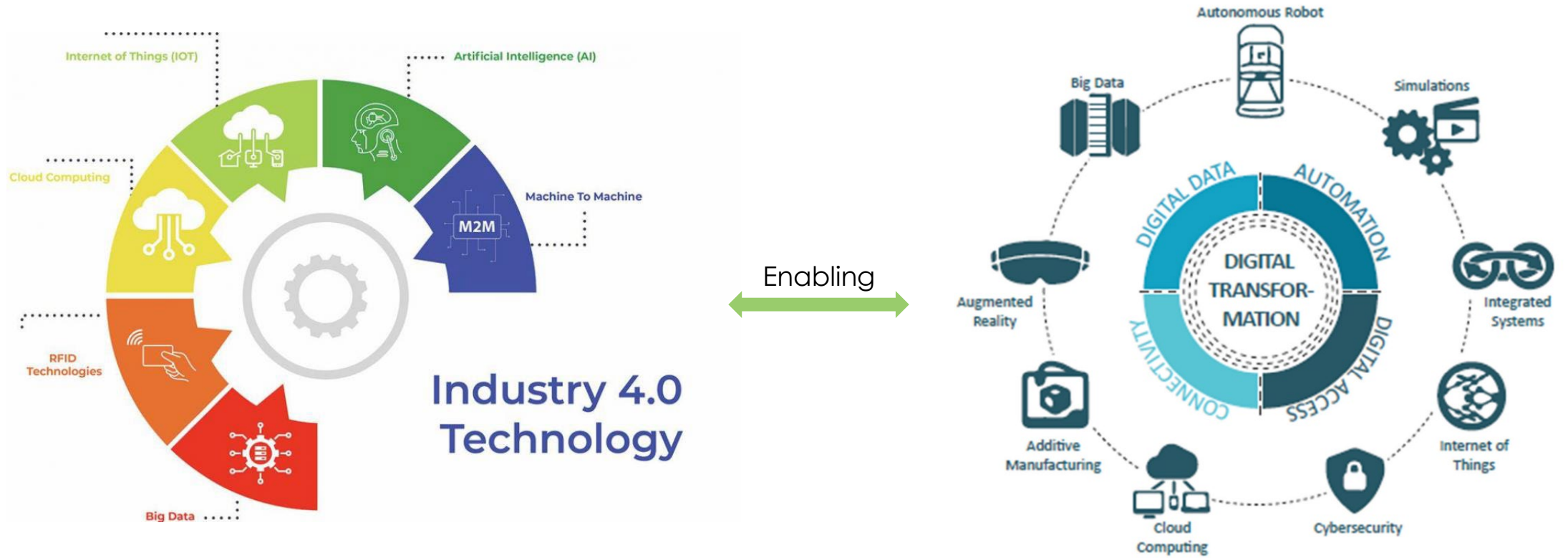
 Assessment of soft skills, upskilling & improved awareness



PATHWAYS TO PRACTICE

HOW DO WE MAKE THE DENIM AMBITION A REALITY

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN MANUFACTURING



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PATHWAY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

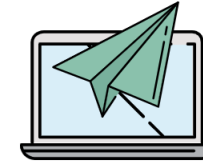
A pathway is made up of different levels or milestones that represent the evolving steps towards the most advanced situation

For DENiM it is about defining the pathway for energy efficiency using digital technologies

Benefit of pathways?

- Can facilitate and stimulate the discussion and identification of innovation strategies for company/sector-specific scenarios (and replication!).
- Allow us to demonstrate how R&D projects are contributing solutions for future smart manufacturing
- Pathways are supported by cross-cutting aspects that enable progress along the pathways, e.g. tools, skills, training, infrastructure, cyber security etc.

PATHWAY DESIGN



Readiness
Assessment

Milestone
Definition

Key Enablers

Pathway
Definition

Step 1

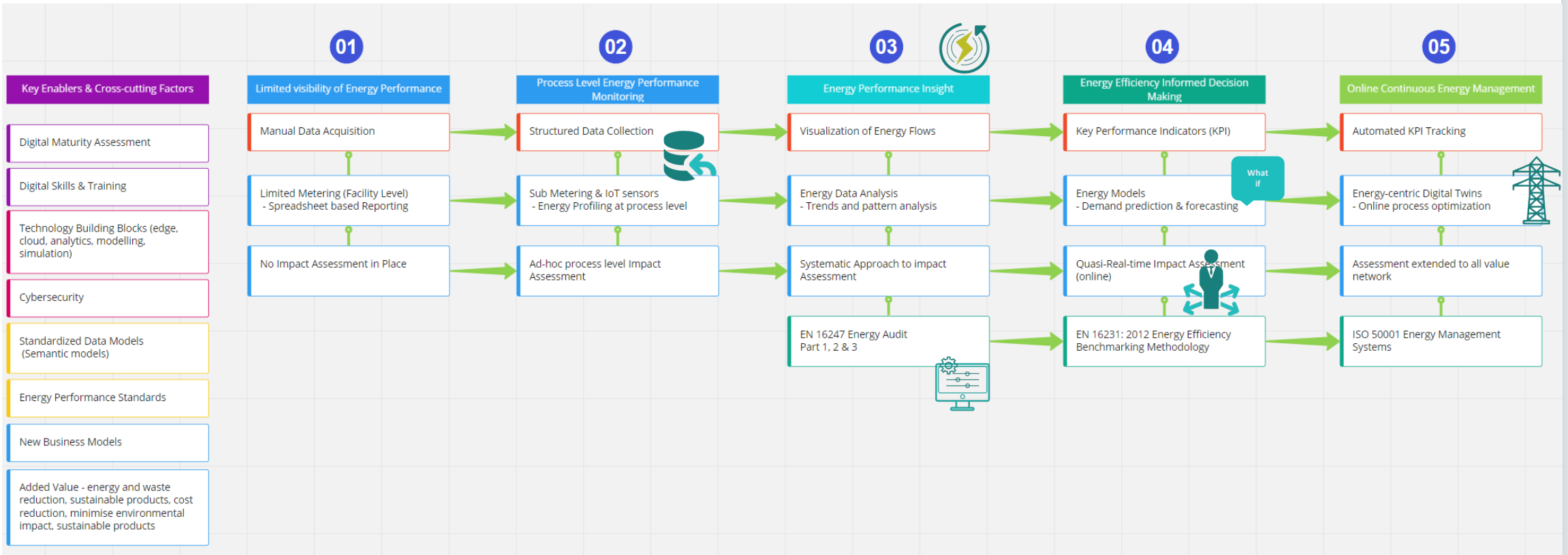
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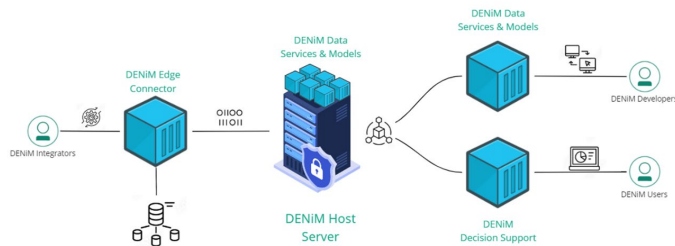
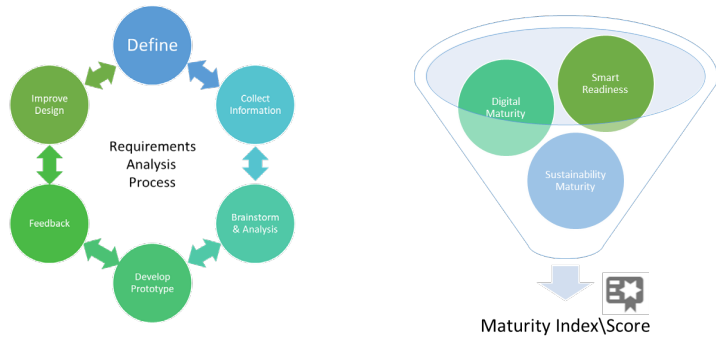
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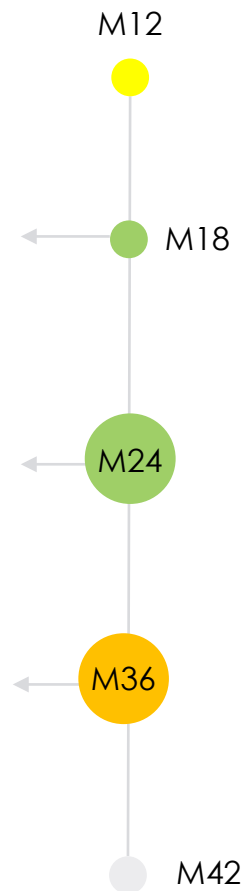
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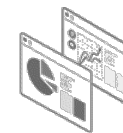
DESIGN LED APPROACH



Goal Setting



Implementation planning established
baseline, roadmap and pathway setting



P0 – Lab Prototype:
Integration Readiness



P1 – First prototype:
Integrated Prototype Deployed



Prototype Evaluation:
Refinement of DENiM Solution
– Decision Support Tools

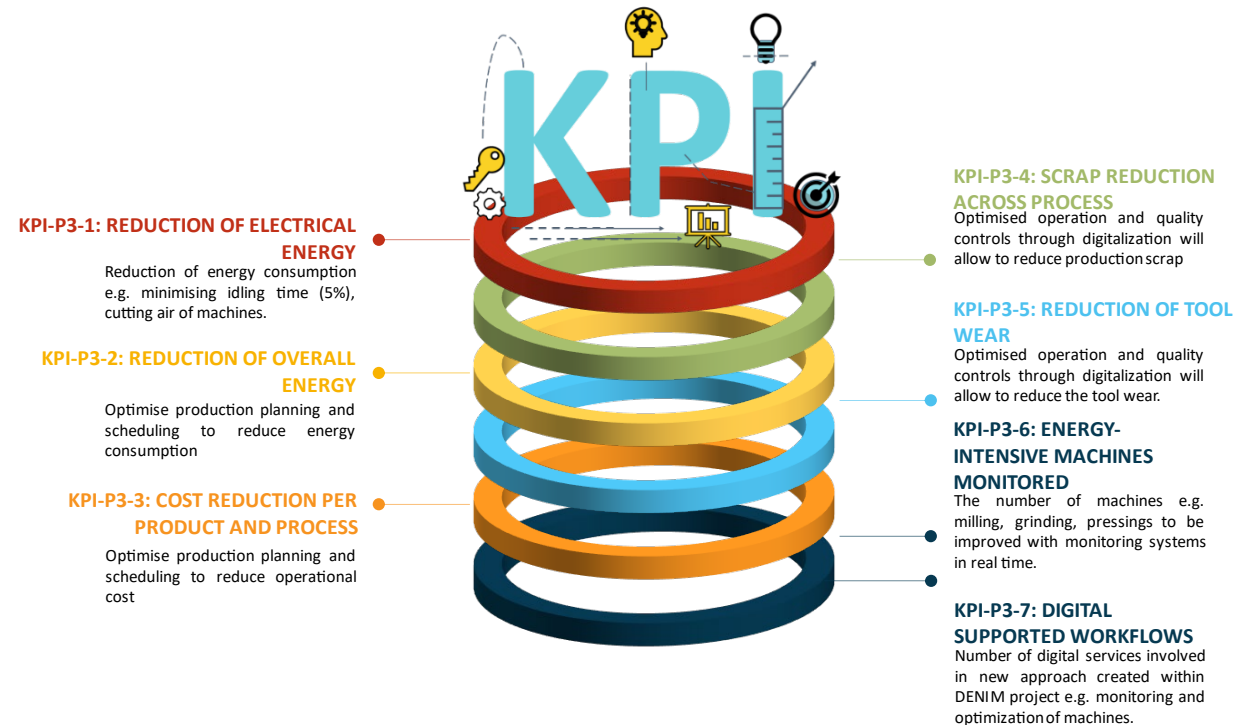


P2 - Final Prototype:
Full Digital Intelligence Platform

Implementation Planning

DENIM HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

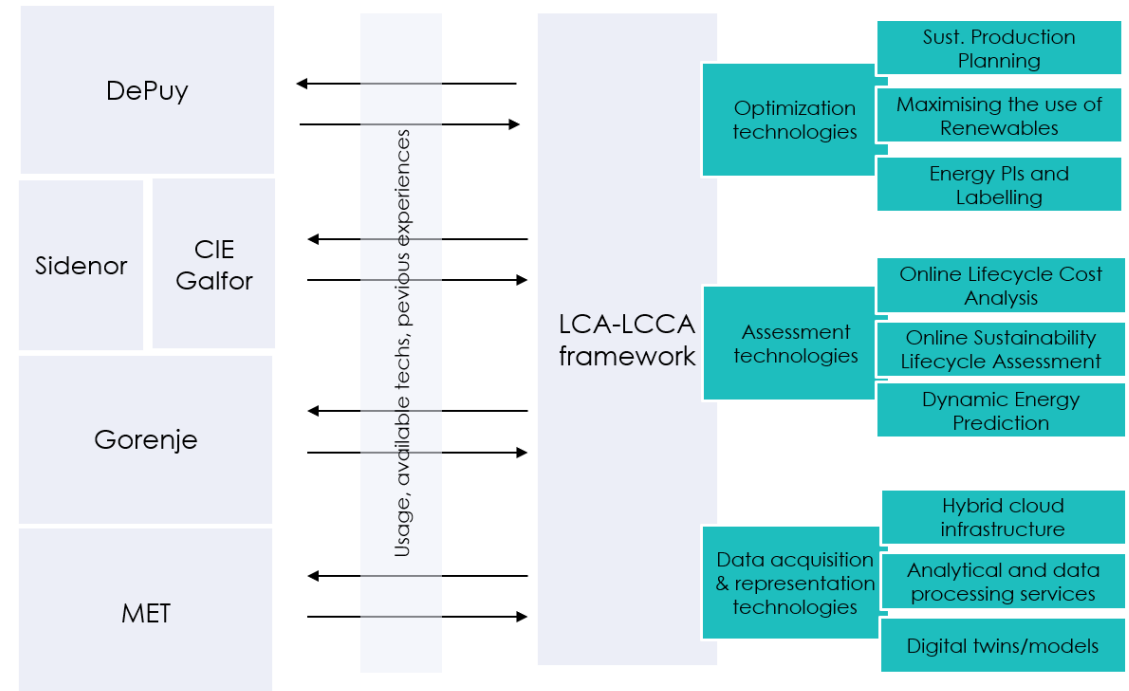
- Environmental Indicators
 - Inventory
 - waste, emissions, material, water, energy
 - Impact
 - Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) & Organisation Environmental Footprint (OEF)
- Economic & Cost Indicators
 - CAPEX
 - Ownership costs
 - OPEX
 - Direct & Indirect operational and maintenance costs

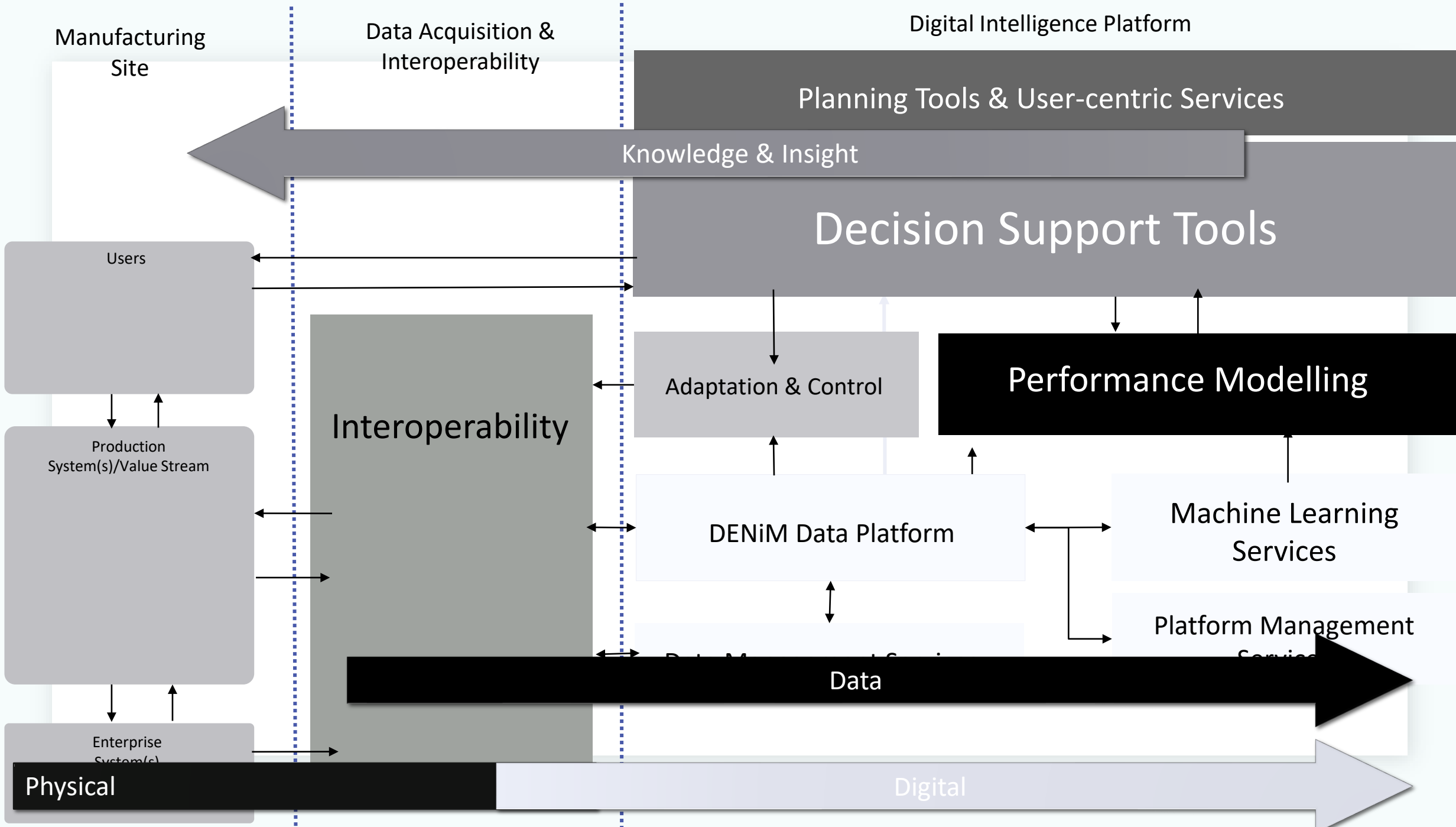


DENIM HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

DENiM Online Assessment Technologies

DENiM Cost Drivers

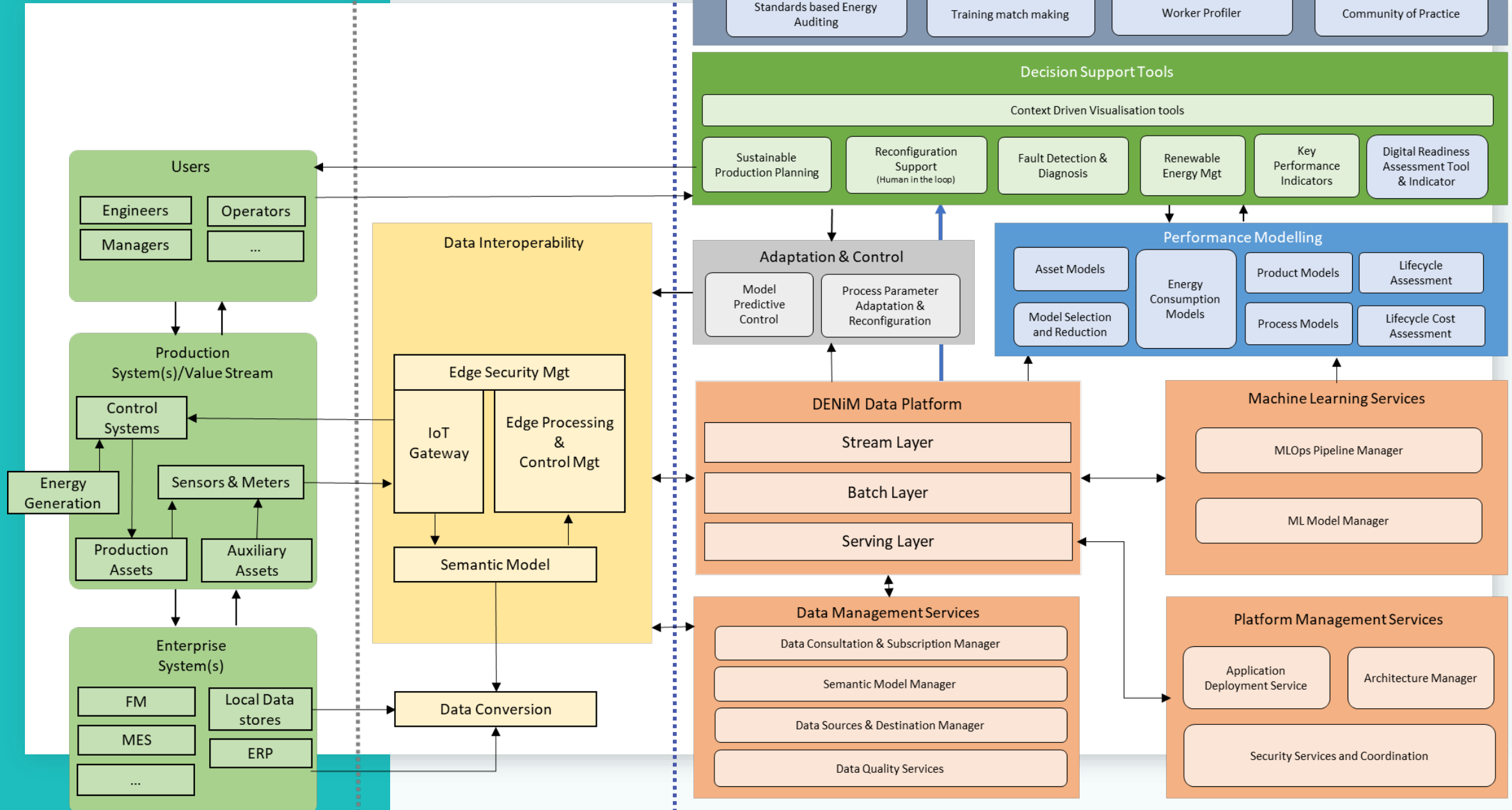




Manufacturing Site

Data Acquisition & Interoperability

Digital Intelligence Platform

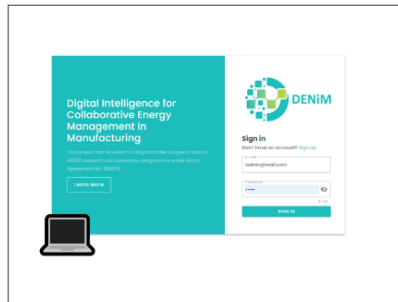


Digitisation to support sustainable production planning and maximising the use of renewable energy in Medical Device Manufacturing

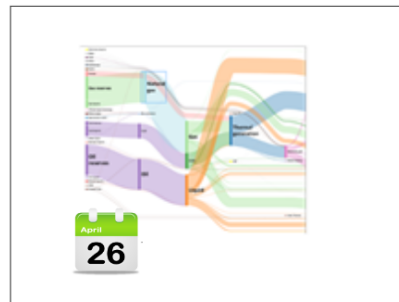


Target Benefits	DPS Cork Opportunity
Energy reduction	DPS energy cost 30-35%
Wastage / Scrap	Poly scrap value 2019 5-10%
Cost reduction	DPS Cork CIP target of approx. 10 -20%
Digital service	85% of all production and facilities equipment will be metered

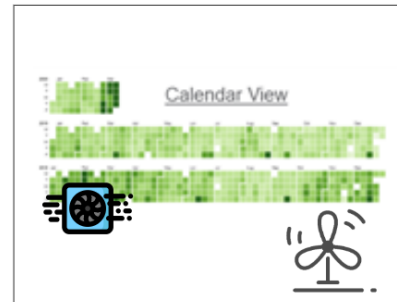
PILOT SCENARIO – CUSTOMER JOURNEY



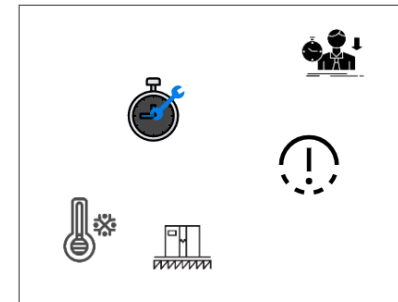
Trigger Action	
Julie opens her web browser and types in the URL to access the DENIM HMI	
Who	Operations team lead
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On site
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access DENIM via URL Login to system using credentials



Discovery Looking for inspiration	
Julie gets presented with the site level dashboard showing performance metrics and related data. Julie selects "Process view" and selects the Poly Stream and selects analysis period	
Who	Operations team lead
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DENIM HMI Process View
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select Process View from list Select time frame for analysis Select baseline time period Select Metrics e.g. energy flow, waste/scrap



Analysis Digging Deeper	
Julie wants to understand more on where most energy is being consumed, she therefore looks at the list of assets and their associated energy consumption	
Who	Operations team lead
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DENIM HMI - Asset View
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Views list of assets relating to poly stream Loads energy for given asset A heatmap is generated on a daily representation of energy

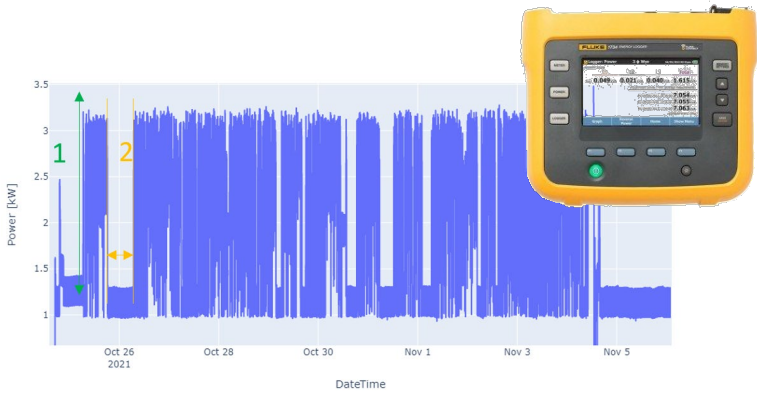
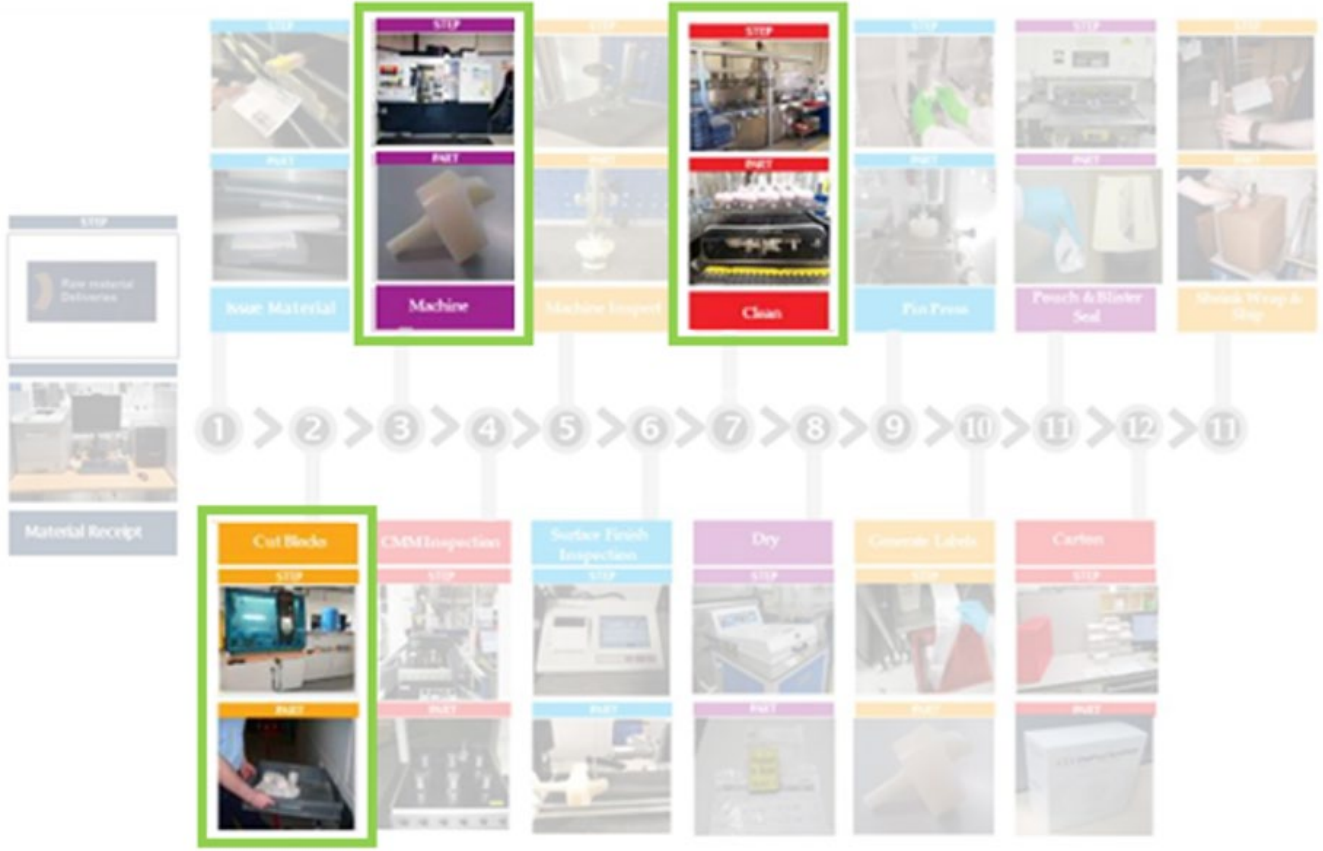


Target Areas Cause and effect	
Julie wants to see why auxiliary services have consumed so much during this period, therefore she selects auxiliary asset (e.g. AHU) and sees a timeline of activities over the period	
Who	Operations team lead
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DENIM HMI - Activity View
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selects view activities and events timeline is shown with events detected faults and issues are highlighted it is seen that the machine was operational outside of manufacturing time period



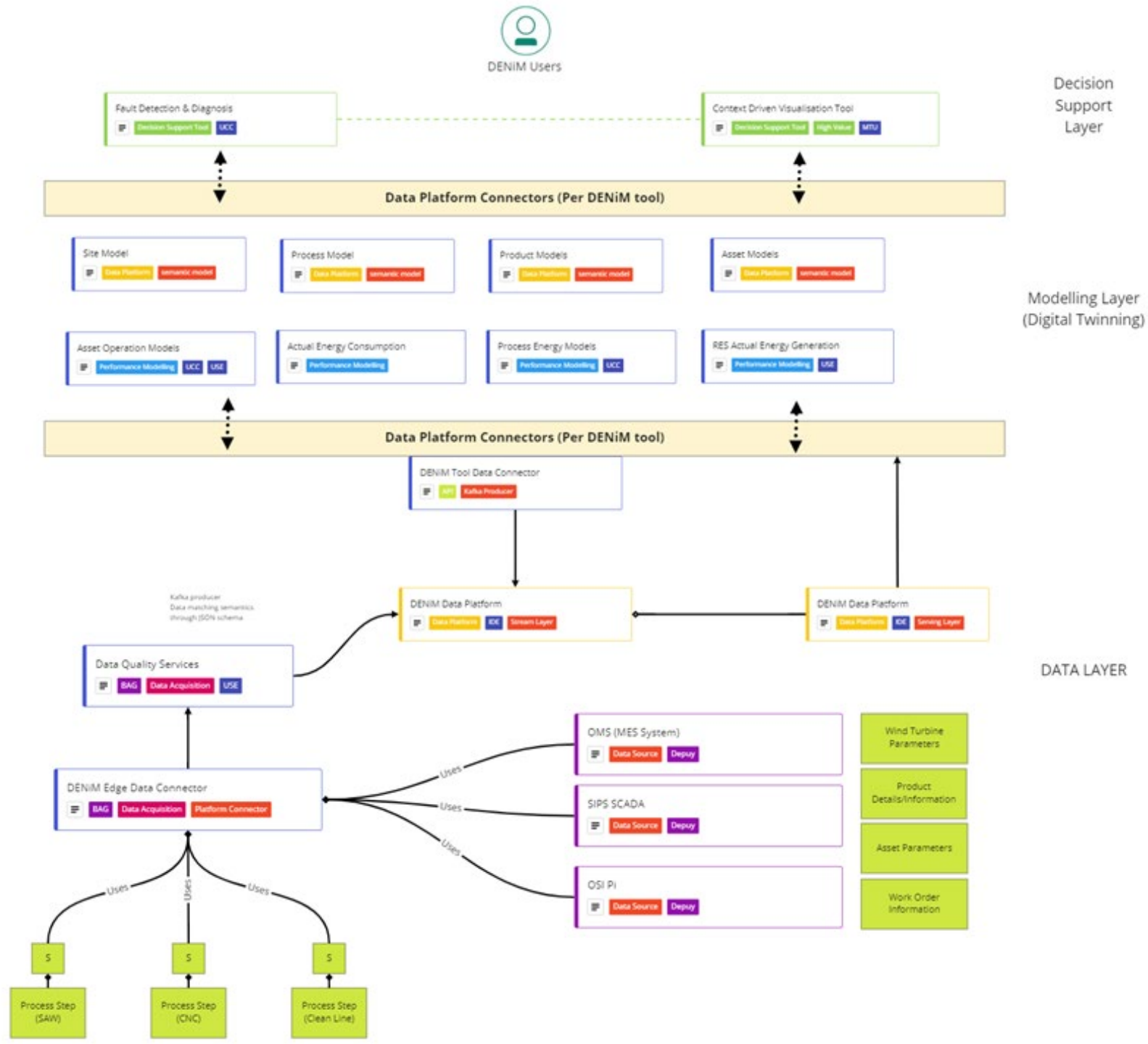
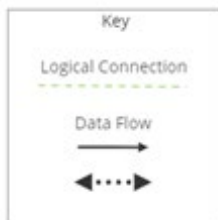
Report Final Conclusions	
Julie records the difference from the baseline and that energy has increased by 1%. this is due to auxiliary services fault. Julie contacts maintenance to understand if issues have been resolved	
Who	Operations Team Lead, Maintenance Team
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DENIM HMI - Collaboration Message
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generates report from findings Baseline performance for poly stream is provided a message is generated and sent to the Maintenance Team & Julies Manager

DEPUY PROTOTYPE

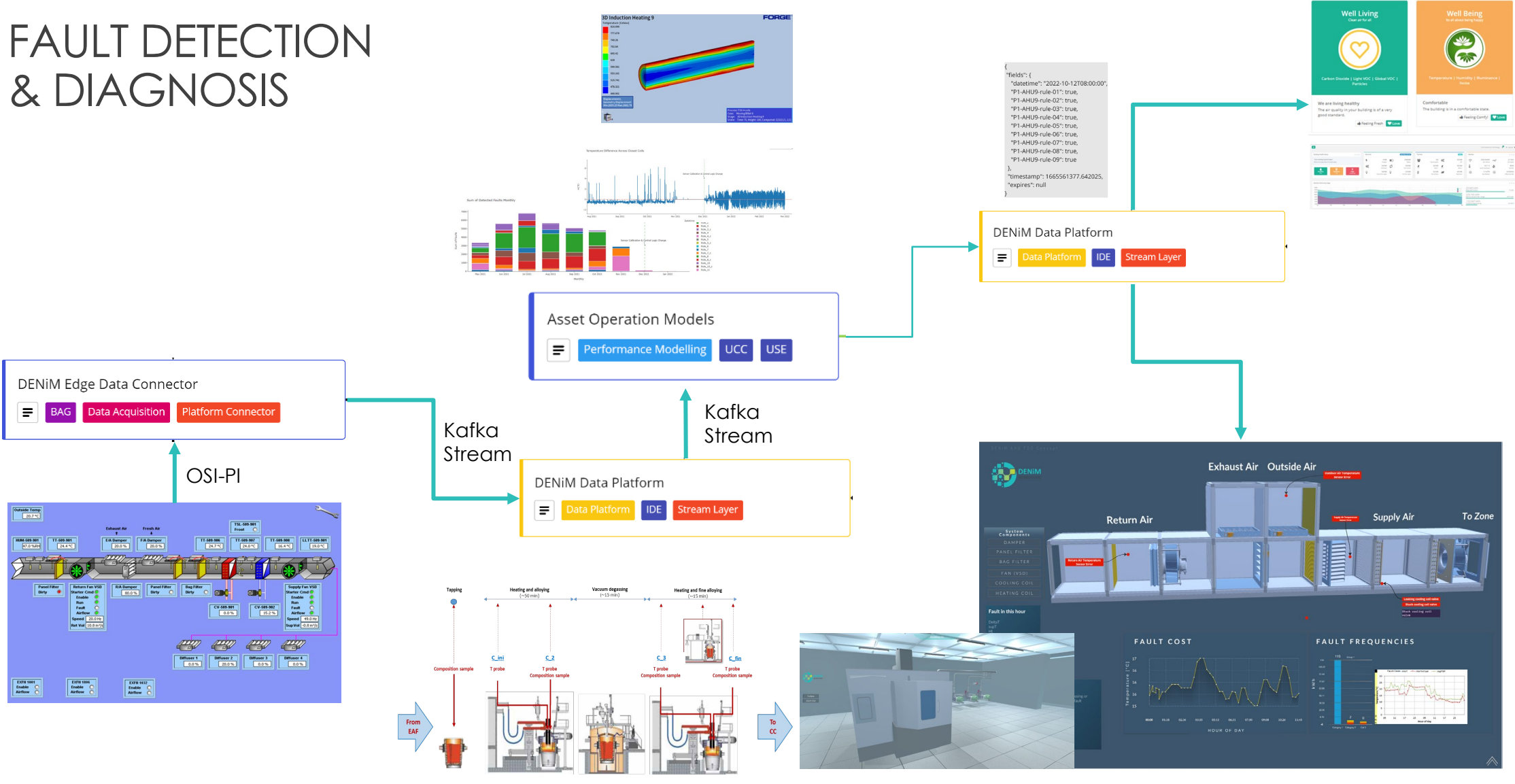


DEPUY ARCHITECTURE PATTERN

DENiM On Premise Deployment



FAULT DETECTION & DIAGNOSIS



WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

1. Lack of a Digital Transformation Strategy
2. Lack of relevant expertise & skills in-house
3. Complexity of Software & Technology integration
4. Reference Architecture & Common Information Model
5. Driving Adoption of New Tools & Processes (culture & change management)
6. Common assessment frame – baselining & benchmarking
7. Cyber security concerns – reluctance to share data
8. Budget Constraints

OPPORTUNITIES FOR KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Technical

- Common Requirements
- DENiM Reference Architecture could inform DiCIM platform definition
- Digital Maturity & Skills Assessment
- Promotion of best practice, standards

Dissemination & Communications

- Workshops, dissemination events & sharing of best practice
- Publication Opportunities
- Engine Initiative – Create Working Group with sister projects

Join the community

Informed Stakeholder

Stay informed about all project developments, events and meetings by subscribing to the newsletter.

Subscription will also give you the opportunity to follow the developments of DENiM's sister projects thanks to the collaboration with the European project aggregator [ENGINE](#).

Involved Stakeholder

Participate in our events and workshops by subscribing as involved stakeholders!

In addition to periodic updates, you will have the opportunity to participate in the development and learn more about the activities carried out in the project (such as meetings, workshops, events and more recent developments).

JOINT ACTION - ENGINE INITIATIVE



ENGINE, Digitalising Europe #6

A warm welcome to the 6th edition of the ENGINE newsletter. With this edition, ENGINE is growing as a cluster and moving from just a newsletter, to a group of consortia that collaborate together with the aim of maximising the impact of their research. The last months have been full of activities carried out by the ENGINE community, enjoy our projects!

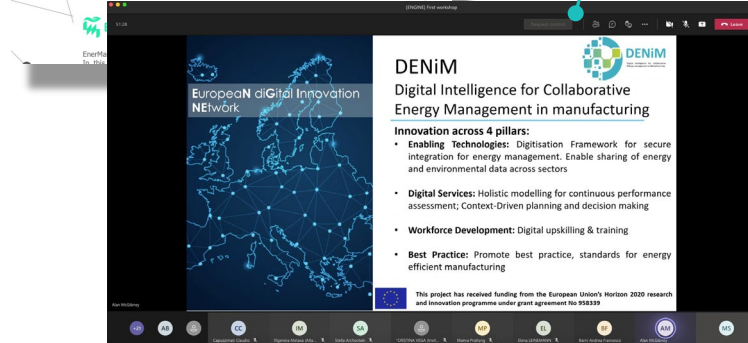
News from the network



Approaching first Prototype Milestone

The DENiM project is fast approaching its M18 milestone which will see the base prototype of the DENiM Digital Intelligence Platform being produced. The focus for this prototype is to ensure integration readiness across each of the DENiM modules and the four pilot sites. Significant progress has been made in the development of the core data platform and the integration of decision support tools with continuous engagement with our pilot partners. As part of our community of practice the project has held many workshops to ensure the needs of our industry partners are met during the development process. Looking forward to sharing the results of initial prototype soon!

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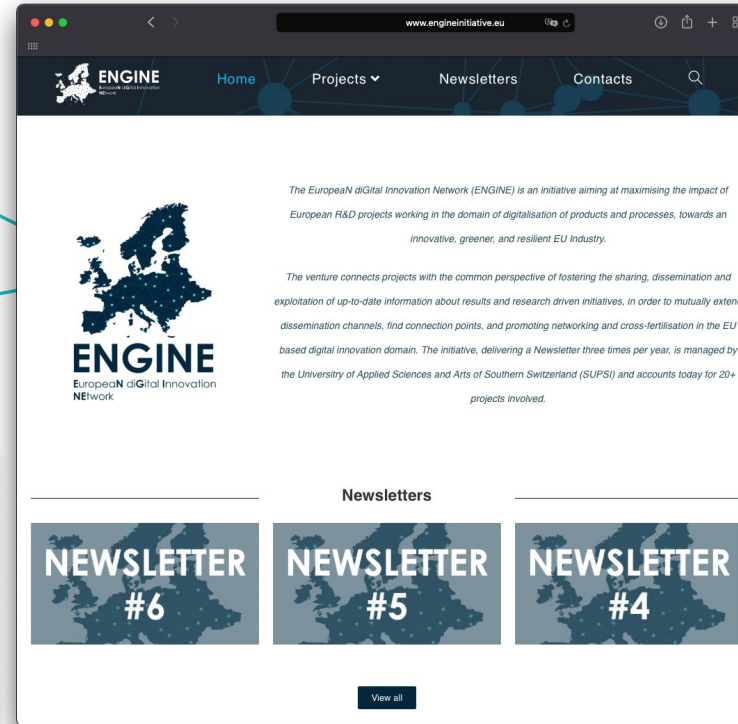


DENiM Digital Intelligence for Collaborative Energy Management in manufacturing

Innovation across 4 pillars:

- **Enabling Technologies:** Digitisation Framework for secure integration for energy management. Enable sharing of energy and environmental data across sectors
- **Digital Services:** Holistic modelling for continuous performance assessment; Context-Driven planning and decision making
- **Workforce Development:** Digital upskilling & training
- **Best Practice:** Promote best practice, standards for energy efficient manufacturing

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The European Digital Innovation Network (ENGINE) is an initiative aiming at maximising the impact of European R&D projects working in the domain of digitalisation of products and processes, towards an innovative, greener, and resilient EU Industry.

The venture connects projects with the common perspective of fostering the sharing, dissemination and exploitation of up-to-date information about results and research driven initiatives, in order to mutually extend dissemination channels, find connection points, and promoting networking and cross-fertilisation in the EU based digital innovation domain. The initiative, delivering a Newsletter three times per year, is managed by the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI) and accounts today for 20+ projects involved.

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Collaboration across European projects for knowledge sharing and maximizing exploitation effort



Workshops, collaborative newsletters



20+ EU project involved

FoF-09 Project Catalogue



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Introduction

All projects mentioned in this brochure; DENIM, ECOFACT, ENERMAN and E2COMATION are funded by Horizon 2020 and are grouped together under the call DT-FOF-09-2020 - Energy-efficient manufacturing system management (IA).

The specific objective of advanced manufacturing and processing research and innovation is to transform today's manufacturing enterprises, systems and processes. This will be done by leveraging key enabling technologies in order to achieve more knowledge-intensive, sustainable, resource- and energy-efficient trans-sectoral manufacturing and processing technologies, resulting in more innovative products, processes and services. Enabling new, sustainable products, processes and services and their competitive deployment, as well as advanced manufacturing and processing is also essential for achieving the objectives of the priority 'Societal challenges'.

To answer the specific problem for this call and to improve industrial energy efficiency requires the integration of energy data, such as historical data, real-time data and real-time predicted energy cost, into the production management systems. Manufacturing systems are complex because many parameters, related to environment, components, usage of materials, machines, cells, lines and supply chains, collectively influence the energy performance of production processes.

Different technologies of energy-efficient manufacturing have already been studied in the past. However, the challenge is now to combine all these technologies in a holistic, intelligent and interoperable approach to ensure a comprehensive implementation, providing significant energy savings. Collectively these projects will develop energy-efficient best practices to overcome the barriers limiting their application in the manufacturing sectors.

The following brochure contributes to identify innovation leaders, demonstrating new technologies and approaches, bringing down barriers or sharing good practices among recent EU funded projects.

Energy Efficiency Pathway for Manufacturing: White Paper

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Pathways to Energy Efficient Manufacturing through Digitisation

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Abstract

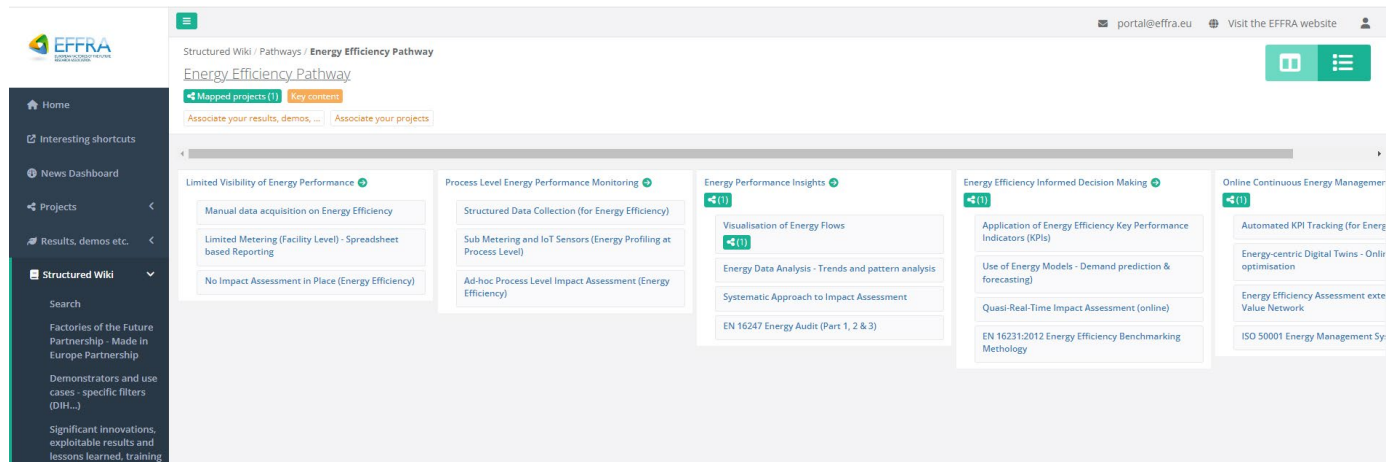
This article presents the outcomes of a collaborative activity across four EU funded projects, under DT-FOF-09-2020 - Energy-efficient manufacturing system management, focused on establishing innovative ways and best practice for leveraging digital technologies to implement more energy efficient manufacturing systems. The outcome of this work is the definition of a pathway towards energy efficiency that allows industry to understand their current situation and to stimulate the definition of a strategic road map to incorporate energy efficiency as a key criteria in operational and organisational decision making. This research presents the findings and the design of such a pathway.

Keywords

Digitisation; Energy Efficient Manufacturing; Pathways; Energy Management

Plain Language Summary

Manufacturing is one of the largest energy-consuming sectors and responsible for approximately a third of the global energy demand. Therefore, energy management is key to ensuring that manufacturing remains competitive as well as being sustainable as part of the global energy transition. Digital technologies will play a significant role in helping the manufacturing industry by providing the ability to automatically monitor and optimise energy usage, while continuously informing stakeholders with regard to the environmental and economic impact of the decisions made at all stages of the manufacturing process. This involves the integration and embedding of advanced digital services including secure-edge connectivity, the Internet of Things (IoT), data analytics, digital twin and automation within existing business roles such as process optimisation, production planning, facilities and energy management. However, this combined green and digital transition is a multi-faceted and complex task for any organisation as such this article explores approaches to reduce the barriers and minimise risk of making this transition. This results in the definition of an innovation pathway for energy efficiency through digitisation.



The screenshot shows the EFFRA Energy Efficiency Pathway website. The header includes the EFFRA logo and navigation links for Home, Interesting shortcuts, News Dashboard, Projects, Results, demos etc., and Structured Wiki. The main content area is titled 'Energy Efficiency Pathway' and features a grid of five topic cards: 'Limited Visibility of Energy Performance', 'Process Level Energy Performance Monitoring', 'Energy Performance Insights', 'Energy Efficiency Informed Decision Making', and 'Online Continuous Energy Manager'. Each card contains a list of related topics or documents, such as 'Manual data acquisition on Energy Efficiency' and 'Visualisation of Energy Flows'. A sidebar on the left provides search options and filters for various project categories.

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