AI SUSTAINABILITY COMPACT

Digital Goes Green's commitment under the Antalya AI Pledge

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At COP31, Digital Goes Green endorsed the Antalya AI Pledge and registered a commitment under its measurement, transparency and accountability track. We have pledged to put environmental responsibility and accountability at the heart of AI investment decisions, and to develop practical governance recommendations with stakeholders by COP32. The AI Sustainability Compact is how we will deliver it.

The decision nobody holds

An AI infrastructure investment relies on power, water, grid capacity, suppliers, compute access and resilience, and each of these is assessed by a different actor within its own mandate. Utilities evaluate connection capacity, water authorities assess supply, planners weigh land and environmental impact, developers set technical requirements, investors test financial viability and security authorities address cyber and physical risk. These assessments increasingly concern the same projects, yet no one holds the question of whether the investment can deliver the capability, access and benefit it was meant to. The Pledge asks for consensus-based standards and shared measurement, and neither exists yet for the decision itself.

What seven cases show

In 2026 DGG examined seven documented AI infrastructure decisions across seven jurisdictions in Europe, Asia and North America, each reconstructed from public evidence. The same pattern appears in different forms. A planning permission grants consent while pushing power and utility arrangements into later conditions. A capacity allocation awards megawatts that still depend on utility agreements and construction before they serve anyone. A publicly funded system is delivered and accepted under one mechanism, while compute reaches its intended users through an entirely separate one. The connecting mechanisms exist and are often well designed, and the question of how they add up to an investment that delivers its purpose is held by nobody in particular.

The programme

The Compact's first year runs three to four working sessions, two public papers and one public event, together forming the governance recommendations we have committed to deliver by COP32. Participants choose the questions, compare approaches across organisations and jurisdictions and shape outputs published under agreed terms. The starting questions are how power availability aligns with equipment deployment, how investment connects to access for intended users and how service continuity holds across suppliers. DGG prepares the research, convenes the sessions and drafts the outputs, and participants apply the findings to their own decisions.

Join the founding group

We are looking for investors and lenders, developers and compute operators, infrastructure and utility providers, public authorities and researchers, each contributing within their own role. Founding participants will be confirmed by 31 January 2027 and recognised in the first published paper. DGG is independent of commercial interests in energy, water and compute, participation requires no private deal information and nothing in the programme certifies or endorses an investment. Organisations with a specific decision in view can also work with DGG separately and in confidence.

Digital Goes Green is a foundation registered under Belgian law. The Compact builds on the Digital Sustainability Governance framework, introduced in January 2024.