

# The Global Digital Infrastructure Survey 2021

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IJGlobal is delighted today (19 August) to be publishing the findings of the Global Digital Infrastructure Survey 2021 and associated report – sponsored by Allen & Overy and DigitalBridge, and run in partnership M&E Global.

This is the second version of this report (first published 2020) and drew in international responses from almost 200 infrastructure and energy industry professionals who are currently involved in delivering, financing/lending or advising on transactions in the digital infrastructure (DI) space.

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The highlights of this international survey (by percent of respondents) are:

- 70% – 5G and advanced data centres are developing most
- 70% – cyber security is the main building block needed in DI
- 65.3% – reducing costs is the main benefit of DI
- 61.1% – resilience is the second main benefit of DI
- 66% – the energy sector will save the most costs from DI
- 63% – smart cities will also save costs
- 71.3% – key benefit of DI for the power sector is to reduce outages and improve resilience
- 79.2 – main benefit of DI for the transport sector is usage optimisation
- 64.3% – cyber breaches constitute the overall biggest risk of DI
- 62% – greatest risk to the public sector for not investing in DI
- 75.3% – governments and regulations are greatest obstacle to DI
- 56% – roads and railways are going to be most outpaced by DI
- 65.3% – lowering emissions is the greatest ESG benefit of DI

These findings identify a significant evolution from the inaugural Global Digital Infrastructure Survey (2020), showing a rapid development in the sector as the market evolves swiftly and participants become increasingly comfortable with it as an asset class.

IJGlobal anticipates this trend will continue in coming years with a corresponding uptick in market activity.



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