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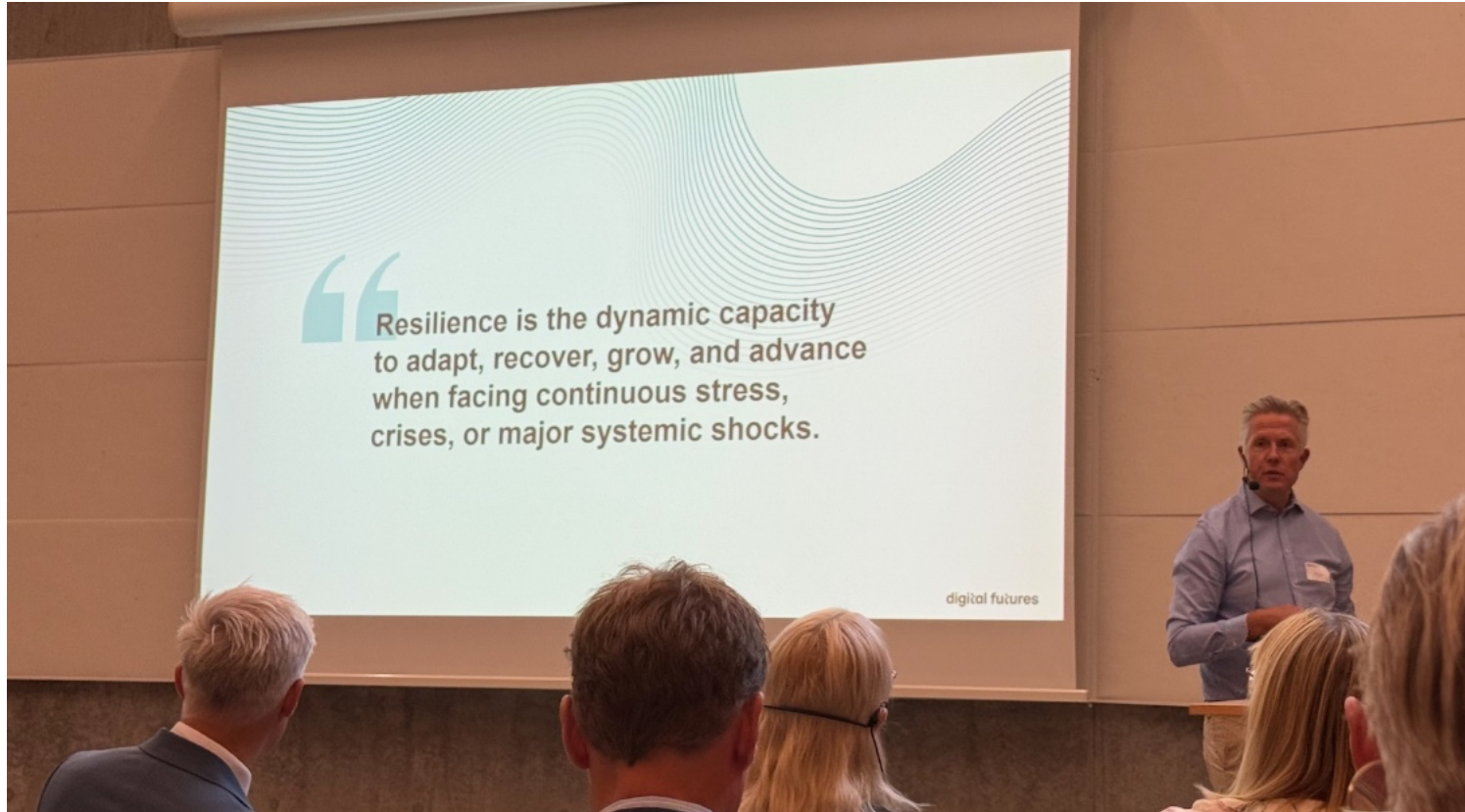


From Science to Societal Impact: Digital Futures sets the course for 2026–2030

Digital technologies are reshaping every aspect of society. Artificial intelligence, data-driven systems, and connected infrastructures are creating unprecedented opportunities to improve healthcare, education, industry, cities, and public services. At the same time, these technologies raise critical questions about trust, responsibility, sustainability, and the role of humans in an increasingly digital world.

With its new Strategic Plan 2026–2030, Digital Futures charts an ambitious course for the next five years: to accelerate the journey from scientific discovery to societal impact...

From Science to Societal Impact



Exploring resilience in the digital age

How can we build digital and physical systems that are better prepared for disruption? This question brought researchers, industry representatives and public-sector stakeholders together at the Digital Futures Resilience Workshop on 19 August...

Resilience Workshop



Scholars-in-Residence and Projects awarded funding by Digital Futures

- Three new Scholars-in-Residence to join Digital Futures
- Seed Projects receive funding to strengthen Digital Futures Working Groups
- Digital Futures supports ERC grant application with dedicated funding
- Seven projects receive Digital Futures Proof of Concept funding

Find out more about Digital Futures Open Calls

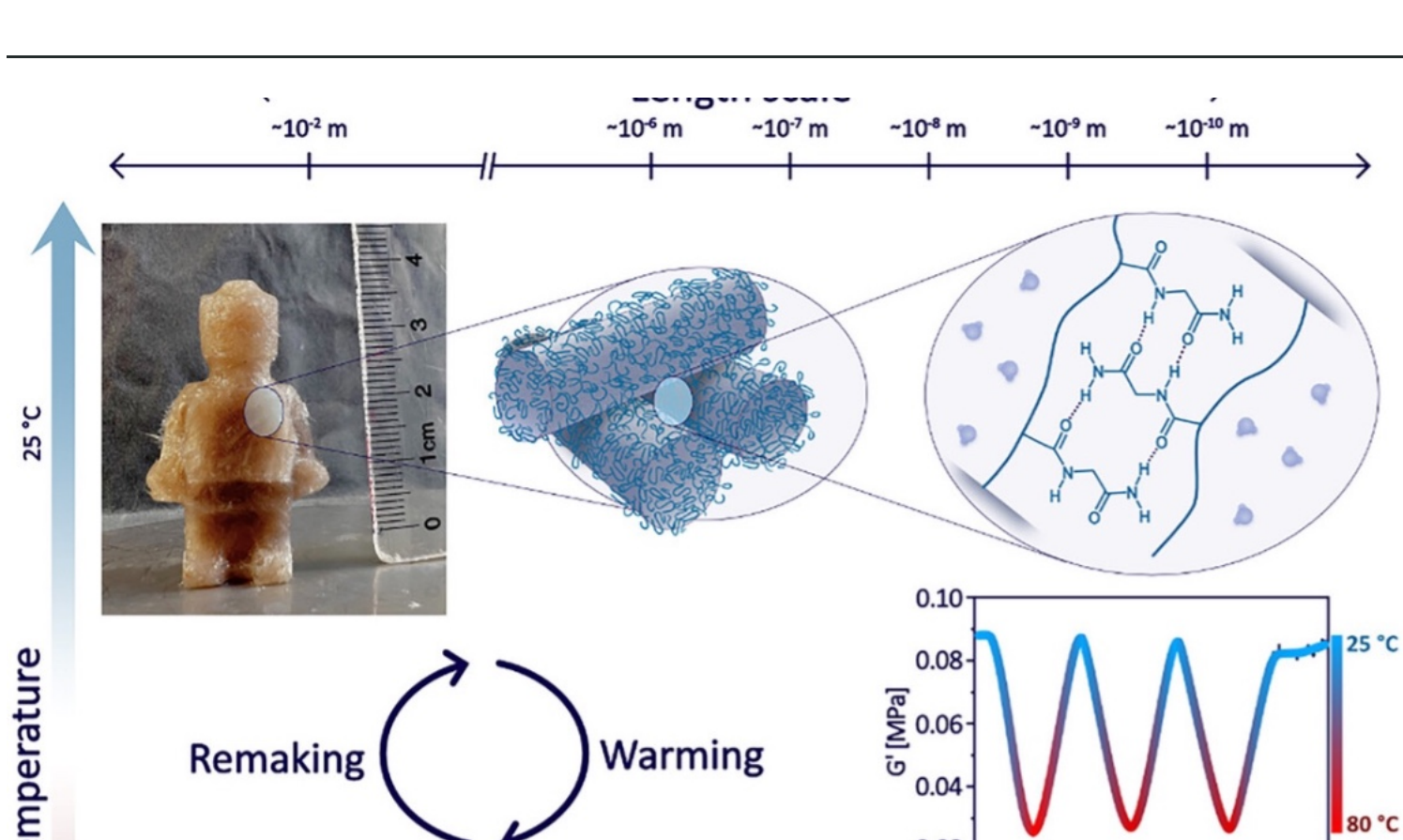


When the audience becomes part of the story

A world premiere at Sergels torg demonstrated how mixed reality can create new forms of shared cultural experiences. The Butterfly Effect performance marked the culmination of a two-year research project funded by Digital Futures and Ericsson Research.

The performance was the culmination of Mixed Reality Shared Engagement in Cultural Events (SECE), a collaboration between Stockholm University's Department of Computer and Systems Sciences (DSV), Ericsson Research and Kulturhuset Stadsteatern....

The Butterfly Effect performance

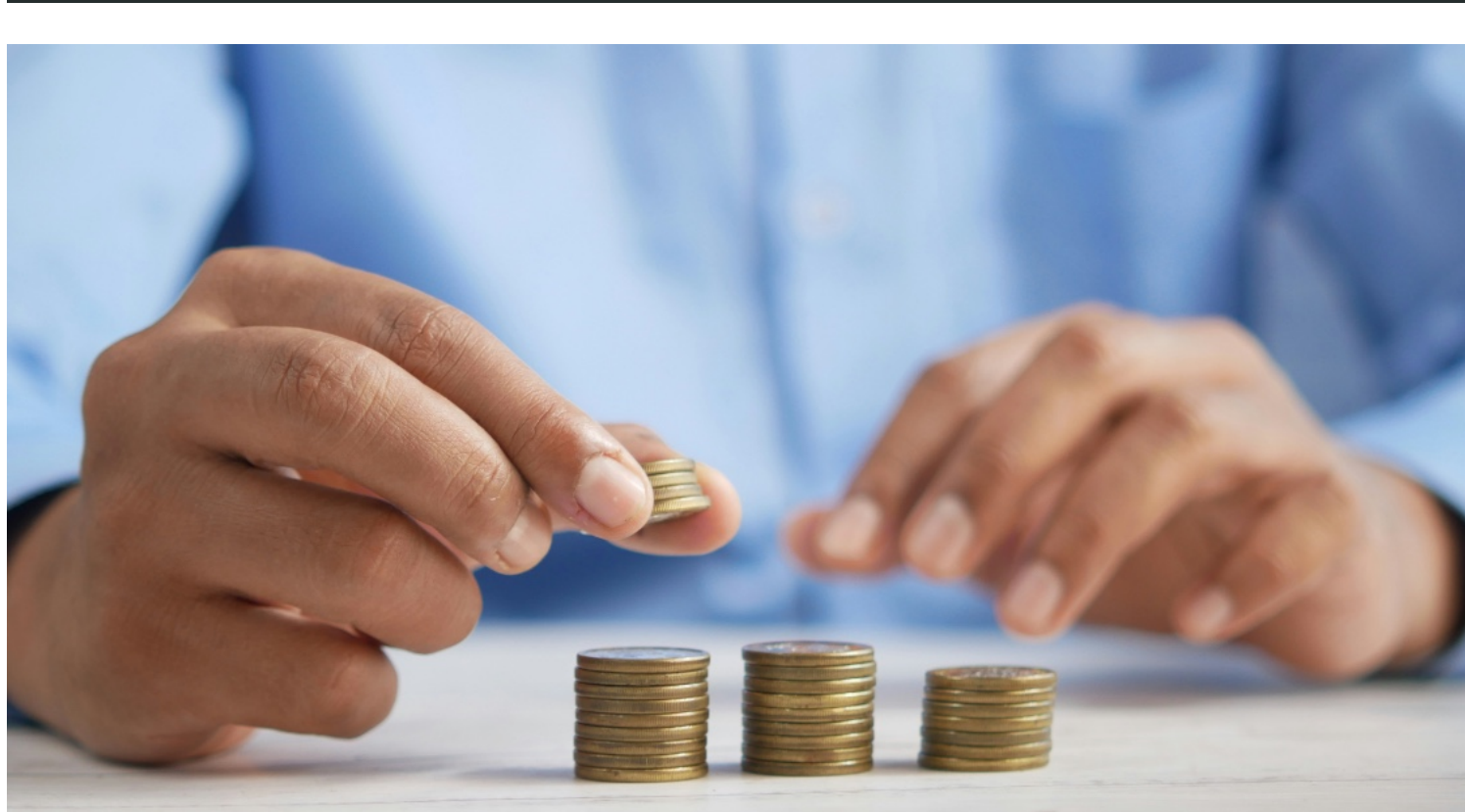


New materials can be reshaped and reused again and again

Researchers from KTH have developed a new approach to making materials that can be reshaped and reused many times at low temperatures. The work, published in Advanced Functional Materials, offers a promising new route towards more circular manufacturing.

The research was carried out as part of the completed Robotic Matter project, funded by Digital Futures. The project explored new approaches to materials and manufacturing, with the aim of enabling more sustainable and flexible ways of producing objects...

A new way of making materials



Open calls

- Proof-of-Concept Project Grants 2026 - declaration of interest deadline 28 August 2026
- Digital Futures Call for Support Funding for ERC grants - a recurring call
- ISPP Mobility Grants - applications are accepted on a rolling basis

All Open Calls announced by Digital Futures



Open calls for Mobility

Digital Futures fosters collaboration and innovation through dynamic programs and initiatives. Discover opportunities for academia-industry exchanges, fellowship programs, cross-disciplinary postdoc positions, and talent scouting efforts.

- Up to ten postdoc fellows in technologies for digital transformation - pre-registration deadline 2 October 2026
- Scholar-in-Residence programme. This is a recurring call with applications every three months. Next deadlines:
 - 15 September 2026
 - 17 November 2026

Open calls for mobility

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