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Insurance Digitalisation Survey

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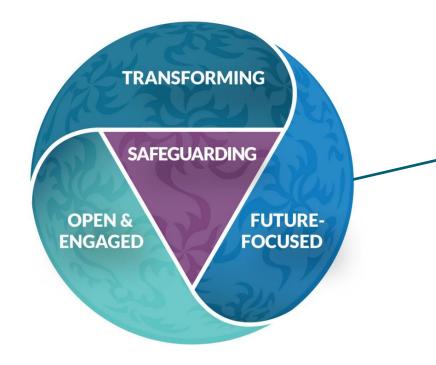
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Central Bank of Ireland Strategy



Our strategy comprises four interconnected themes:

The "Future Focused" element demands that we adopt a forward-looking approach – anticipating and responding proactively to changes in the economy and the financial system.

What success will look like:

"We have developed the necessary capabilities, analysis, risk-assessment and oversight approaches - contributing to the on-going technological and business model innovation in financial services and central banking. "



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Insurance Digitalisation Survey

Key Objectives	 To assess the extent to which firms have adopted (and plan to adopt) innovative technologies as part of their insurance value chains; and To understand how firms have identified and assessed digitalisation risks and the measures in place to manage and oversee these risks. 		
Scope	 Market coverage of approx. 70% (by assets and gross premiums): Includes majority of H, MH and ML firms, and a small sample of low impact firms. Includes both Life and Non Life firms, with a small sample from Reinsurance. Sample selected agreed with supervision teams. 		
Content	 42 questions divided into 3 sections: Use of innovative technologies Impact on business models Strategy and risk management 		



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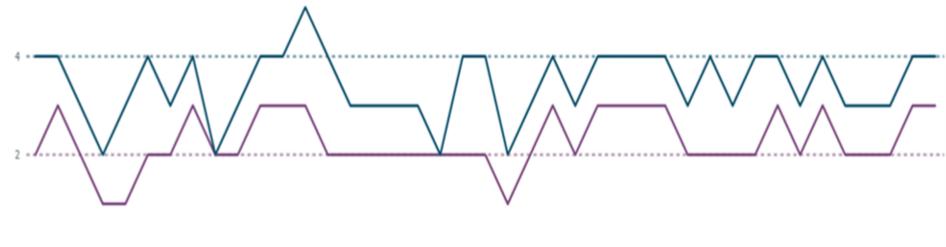


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Digital maturity is moderate. It will increase over the next 3 years but in most cases the change will be not be transformational





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Key: 1 = No digitalisation (legacy products and services only), 5 = Fully digitalised (digital strategy integral to business model)



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Digitalisation features across the insurance value chain, and will increase over the next three years

Segment	Respondents using it already	Respondents using it in 3 years	Difference
Pricing & underwriting	64%	84%	20%
Claims management	53%	83%	30%
Post-sales	59%	77%	18%
Product development	40%	75%	35%
Sales & marketing	47%	70%	23%
Fraud detection	47%	72%	25%
Risk & capital	50%	66%	16%



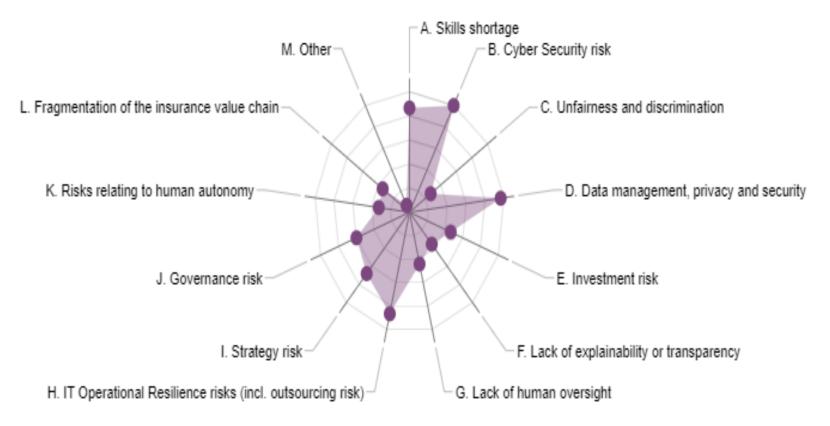
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Cloud computing and APIs are / will be particularly utilised



The main **risks or challenges** associated with innovative technologies relate to **cyber security**, **data management**, **skills shortage**, and **operational resilience**.



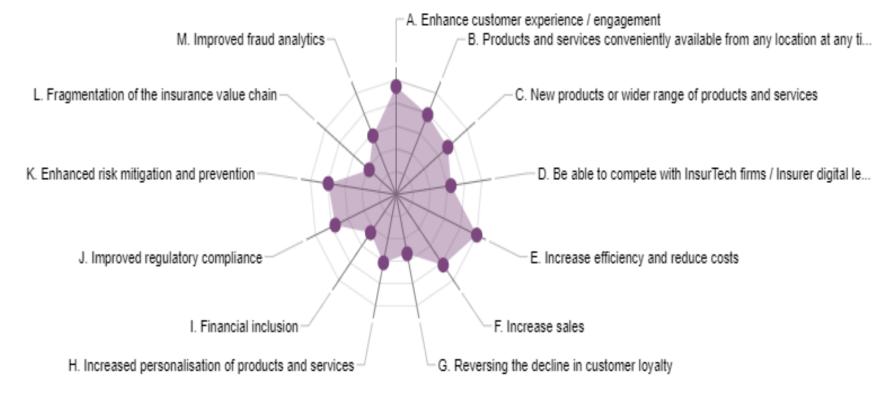
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The main opportunities relate to **efficiency** and **customer experience**



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Governance & Risk Management

Whilst some good practices have been highlighted, further work is required in some firms to incorporate digitalisation risks into governance and risk management systems.

- Most respondents (74%) indicate that there is a digital strategy in place.
- However, there is a significant reliance on group and/or third parties to deliver digitalisation.
- Most respondents (75%) included an assessment of digitalisation risks within their most recent ORSA process, although fewer (55%) had completed a more detailed forward looking assessment of this risk
- Board engagement on digitalisation issues was indicated by the majority of firms (73%)
- However, in over a third of firms no digitalisation training had been provided to board members and / or senior managers in the last two years.



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Conclusions

- The information captured through the Survey has provided valuable insights in relation to current and expected future digitalisation across the insurance value chain.
- Overall, the Survey results clearly indicate that digitalisation will increase over the next three years. The majority of respondents are undertaking, or plan to undertake, initiatives to digitalise business models.

However, the Irish insurance sector, on average, appears to be at a relatively early stage. Digital maturity appears moderate and somewhat concentrated in more established digital technologies.



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Next Steps

At a sectoral level - key findings summarised in a report "Digitalisation in Insurance"

 published in May of this year. The Central Bank will reflect on the implications of the survey results for supervisory strategy.

At individual firm level – follow up engagement to develop deeper understanding of the impacts of digitalisation.

