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Operations Circle

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One: Correlation Analysis: Ongoing ▾ New Initiative ▾ Collaboration ▾

Notes: Together with the Data Analytics Circle we worked on the Community engagement correlation Analysis. This has become even more important as we move into the new DEEP Strategy, where there are no longer circles as we presently know. We have retrieved all data important for the analysis.

☰ Framework: Community Engagement - Analysis of Correlations

☰ Problem Statement: Community Engagement - Analysis of Correlations

Two: Product Management: Event ▾ Milestone ▾

Notes: We continued to improve the use and user experience of the community portal. We worked on the DEEP CMS data model and content flow review for blogs, task, News/ Notifications, Events and Road maps. We also worked with the Marketing Circle on Blog topic research and image aspect ratio alignment.

Three: Documentation Audit: DF Manual Support ▾ Milestone ▾

Notes: we audited all Documentation to ensure that they are up to date and unambiguous - Report here ☰ Documentation Audit - Experience & Learnings

Four: Support: Half-Yearly Report: Event ▾ Tooling ▾

Notes: We supported the various circle coordinators towards metrics for their H2 2025 retrospective reports, and collaborated with the Events circle to host a very

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successful half-yearly report presentation event.

Five: Support [Circles | Members | Awarded Teams] Support ▾

Notes:

1. Open Support calls continued.
 2. We opened the announcements channel after a discussion and poll about having additional mattermost channels.
 3. Supported members with the use/integration of Metamask for the USDC payments, now 75% of payments are issued in USDC.
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Six: The Live Feedback Dashboard: Ongoing ▾ Support ▾ Tooling ▾

Notes: We want to have an easily accessible conduit where members of the community can give feedback on anything DEEP and DEEP community. We want the set-up to be accompanied by a dashboard where everyone can see in almost real time what the community's pulse is on any matter or any experience. We are also working with the Data Analytics on this one.

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IT Circle

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Point Title One: DeepIdeation Portal Enhancements

Label: Milestone New Initiative

Notes: We successfully integrated "Closed Ideation" functionality into the DeepIdeation portal. This allows for restricted ideation cycles managed via the custom CMS and DEEP authentication. We also refined the submission and review workflows to improve the user experience for both contributors and the technical review team.

Point Title Two: Domain Migration (Deep-Projects.ai)

Label: Milestone New Initiative

Notes: A significant infrastructure shift was completed as we migrated services and platforms from the deepfunding.ai domain to the new deep-projects.ai ecosystem. This involved updating DNS configurations, SSL certificates, and ensuring all internal tools and integrations remained functional during the transition.

Point Title Three: General IT Support Across Circles

Label: Event

Notes: The IT Circle continued to provide responsive technical assistance to all active circles through the #it-support Mattermost channel. Support focused on resolving system access issues, managing user permissions, and troubleshooting

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platform-specific challenges to ensure minimal disruption to organizational activities.

Point Title Four: Systems Monitoring & Maintenance

Label: : **Event** ▾

Notes: We maintained our commitment to infrastructure health by performing routine maintenance on all existing servers and tools. This included applying security patches, performing system updates, and verifying automated backups to ensure high uptime and data integrity.

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Onboarding Circle

Name of Reporter/Coordinator: Vanessa Cardui

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1) Entry-Level Tasks and Trial Periods.

Label: Milestone ▾

Notes: This work has been in progress since late last year, when we started gathering input from Circles on what makes a good first task for new members and how recruitment can go beyond just interviews. Over January and February, we were able to finalize everything and bring it all together into a set of documents that are now ready to share.

The first is a revised guidance document on [Entry-level tasks](#), helping Circles think about how to design tasks that are meaningful enough to assess someone's skills but still accessible for a newcomer. The second is a guide on using [Trial periods and Bounty tasks](#) in recruitment. Trial periods give both the Circle and the new person a chance to see if it's a good fit, not just on skills but also work culture and collaboration. Bounty tasks offer a lighter alternative for Circles that want to test practical skills without the full commitment of a trial. The guide covers how to set either of these up, what to look for, and how to handle the outcome.

We also created a [Ready-made template](#) that Circles can adapt and send to applicants when inviting them to a trial period. It will be covering not just the structure of the trial - also expectations for both the Circle and the new person and how the assessment works.

2) Roles Identification and Handover Notes.

Label: New Initiative ▾

Notes: We've been documenting the key roles within our Circle and putting together [handover material](#) so responsibilities can be picked up by anyone when needed. Seven roles were identified and written up: the buddy/mentor role, managing recruitment, the onboarder role, auditing tasks on OpenProject, meeting facilitation, attending meetings on behalf of the Circle, and resource creation. Each one breaks down what the role looks like in practice and what someone stepping into it would need to know.

3) Human in the Loop.

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Label: **New Insight** ▾

Notes: A [guidance document](#) has been started on what it means to be the "human in the loop" when using AI tools to write documents for DF. The core message is simple: if you're using something like ChatGPT to help you write, you still need to properly review and edit what it will produce.

The doc walks through common issues to watch out for, things like unnecessary wordiness, overuse of headings and bullet points, stating the obvious, inventing details that don't even exist, flattening different viewpoints into one bland take, and creating a false sense of authority or agreement where there isn't any. It also touches on tone problems like melodrama and the tendency to make everything about AI even when it's barely relevant.

Point to make here - this Insight isn't to discourage people from using these tools, but to make sure what comes out the other end actually sounds like it was written by someone who understands our community and respects the reader's intelligence.

Comments in the doc are open, and we welcome input!

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Data Analytics Circle

Name of Reporters/Coordinators:

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1) GA4/GTM Migration Tracking Fixes (deepfunding.ai → deep-projects.ai)

Label: Milestone ▾ Decision ▾

Objective: Keep tracking accurate and comparable during/after the deepfunding.ai → deep-projects.ai migration.

Type: ADHOC (migration-driven).

Stakeholders: Analytics circle, Products team

Output: Updated event tagging + URL-based configs on Deep Projects and Community after the domain move. Aligned GA4 account/property settings with the migration so tracking stayed consistent and comparable.

Next steps: keep a standard migration QA checklist (redirects, GTM, GA4 config, post-move verification).

2) Dashboards Updated (Community Hub, Website, Social Engagement)

Label: New Insight ▾ Milestone ▾

Objective: Keep key stakeholder dashboards current, consistent, and decision-ready.

Type: Recurrent.

Stakeholders: Events circle, Community teams .

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Output: Updated the Community Hub dashboards, Website dashboard, and Social Media engagement dashboards to reflect the latest tracking setup and maintain reliable trend reporting.

Next steps: standardize monthly refresh cadence + KPI definitions; automate routine extracts.

3. Payment Analysis (All Circles + Workgroups)

Label: New Insight ▾ Decision ▾

Objective: Improve traceability so each payment can be clearly explained by circle/workgroup work and linked deliverables.

Type: ADHOC (cross-ecosystem review).

Stakeholders: Events circle.

Output: Jan 1 – Feb 26: 13 groups, 2,541 line-items, 278 payments, 8,027.51 paid hours (~\$80,275 @ \$10/hr). Bundling is heavy (avg 9.14 tasks/payment; max 81 tasks; avg 28.88 hrs/payment; max 171.10 hrs). Multi-ownership risk exists: 75 payments span multiple groups; volume rose Feb vs Jan (4,533.84 vs 3,493.67 hrs).

Next steps: enforce required deliverable links + flag large/multi-group bundles for review.

4) Standard Dashboard + Reporting Format for Hackathons/Events

Label: New Initiative ▾ Decision ▾

Objective: Standardize event reporting so hackathon performance and impact can be measured consistently every time.

Type: Recurrent (template + dashboard standard)..

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Stakeholders: Dev Outreach circle.

Output: Defined the required reporting fields for scale/partners, registration/comms, hackathon mechanics, and post-event outcomes (including onboarding path, ownership, timelines, and payment/reward constraints) to drive a reusable dashboard and reporting format.

Next steps: Convert into a fixed template + dashboard schema with mandatory fields and validation.

5) Referral System Build, Tracking, and Hardening (Forms + Sheets + Apps Script)

Label: New Initiative ▾ Milestone ▾

Objective: Create a reliable referral workflow that is traceable, repeatable, and resistant to mistakes, from link requests to partner submissions.

Type: ADHOC (system setup + stabilization).

Stakeholders: Partners.

Output: Built branded request + partner forms, a tracking sheet and automation to generate referral codes/links, prevent duplicates per email, auto-generate full referral URLs for reporting, protect key sheet ranges, and validate end-to-end flow (request → email link → partner submission → referral captured).

Next steps: add monitoring (error log review, monthly audits) and assign ongoing ownership.

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Review Circle

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Point Title One: Agentic Ideation and BGI Nexus: New Process Upgrade Process

Event

Notes: In January, submissions from the Agentic AI Ideation Challenge were evaluated. During this cycle, the review process transitioned from spreadsheet-based tracking to the Ideation CMS platform, through collaboration between the Review Circle, IT Circle, Events Circle, and Operations Circle. This transition enabled submissions, reviewer feedback, and scoring metrics to be managed within a structured database system. The collaboration also supported the announcement of the winners during the Town Hall and the distribution of rewards, including cash prizes and ASI vouchers.

IDEA	SUBMITTER	DATE	CHALLENGE	STATUS	UPVOTES	FEASIBILITY(%)	ETHICAL(%)	IMPACT(%)	CLARITY(%)	ACTIONS
Inclusive Language & Knowledge Access Agent	Tijani	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	1	75.0	78.0	92.0	95.0	...
Agentic Health & Wellness Orchestrator	Tijani	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	1	85.0	55.0	92.0	95.0	...
Adaptive Workforce Intelligence Agent	Tijani	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	85.0	45.0	88.0	95.0	...
CivicGuardian AI: An autonomous agent	Benjamin Huruma	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	1	85.0	65.0	88.0	95.0	...
DEEP Community Onboarding Agent	JudithWilliams	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	85.0	75.0	78.0	88.0	...
Community bulk purchase platform	Wendy Omondi	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	85.0	65.0	68.0	78.0	...
Agentic AI for Knowledge Discovery and Advanced Education	andrevilela	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	75.0	65.0	92.0	88.0	...
AlphaPulse: Autonomous Multi-Agent Deep Research Engine	Onis	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	75.0	55.0	82.0	95.0	...
Autonomous Regenerative Agriculture & Permaculture Agent	Shadrach Fidelis	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	85.0	65.0	92.0	88.0	...
Autonomous Manufacturing & Process Orchestration Agent	Shadrach Fidelis	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	85.0	65.0	88.0	88.0	...
Agentic AI for Autonomous Idea Evolution (Living Ideas Syste	Yash	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	85.0	60.0	82.0	88.0	...
Agentic AI Project Manager for Autonomous Execution	Yash	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	75.0	55.0	88.0	95.0	...
ITguardAI	suminaye	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	85.0	65.0	88.0	88.0	...
Untitled	vivinjoroge	29/12/2025	Agentic AI Ideation Challenge	Open for feedback	0	85.0	65.0	88.0	95.0	...

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Point Title Two: (22 submissions): New Insight ▾ New Process ▾

Notes: The Review Circle collaborated with the Operations Circle to implement the integration of DEEP ID and its Single Sign-On (SSO) into the Review Circle Portal. During the same period, reviewers also completed the Milestone Quality Assurance Team Selection Quiz as part of the process for selecting members for the Milestone QA team.

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Submissions						Close
alfredalomatsi	Pending grading	-	21/01/2026, 20:42:04	900s	Grade	
dekachi17	Pending grading	-	21/01/2026, 20:39:06	900s	Grade	
edopriscilla960	Pending grading	-	21/01/2026, 20:26:43	810s	Grade	
devbrahmap	Pending grading	-	21/01/2026, 18:59:43	900s	Grade	
kbwsagoe	Pending grading	-	21/01/2026, 17:40:31	900s	Grade	
gustavoflodi	Pending grading	-	21/01/2026, 17:35:36	890s	Grade	
robelbelete3940	Pending grading	-	21/01/2026, 17:32:16	900s	Grade	
godfredjones946	Pending grading	-	21/01/2026, 16:17:12	900s	Grade	
parkerdenzell6	Pending grading	-	20/01/2026, 18:45:35	900s	Grade	
khasyahfr	Pending grading	-	20/01/2026, 15:42:46	722s	Grade	
saintobotu	Pending grading	-	20/01/2026, 14:34:01	900s	Grade	
gfrim79	Pending grading	-	19/01/2026, 15:12:10	534s	Grade	
hadi	Pending grading	-	18/01/2026, 23:40:16	827s	Grade	
koomsondanielle116	Pending grading	-	18/01/2026, 23:25:03	900s	Grade	
melvinfrimpong24	Pending grading	-	18/01/2026, 20:00:53	900s	Grade	
mohid.muhammed	Pending grading	-	18/01/2026, 18:14:39	900s	Grade	

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Point Title Three: Internal Partners Page (MVP Launch)

Label: New Insight ▾ New Process ▾ Upgrade Process ▾

Notes: The Partner interface of the Review Circle Portal was also developed, enabling ecosystem partners to view and track projects under their scope, access milestone information, and maintain communication channels with assigned reviewers.

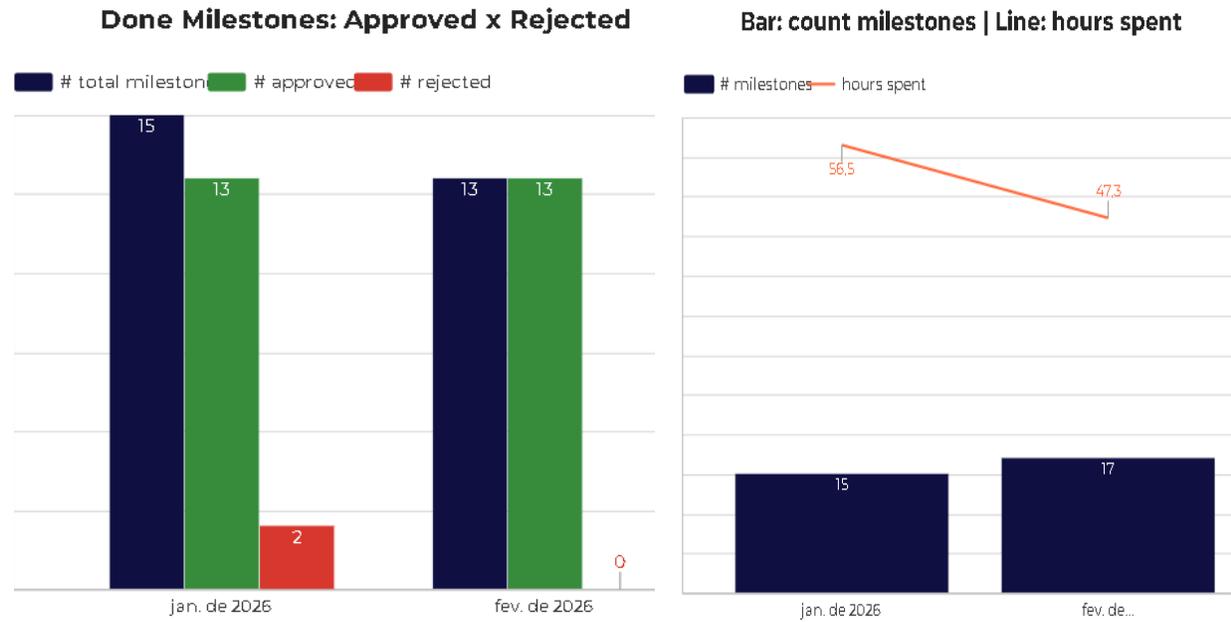
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The screenshot displays the Partner Portal RFP Round Oversight interface. At the top, the header includes the 'Partner Portal' logo and 'RFP Round Oversight' text, along with a 'testpartner Partner Access' link. The main dashboard features three summary cards: 'Pending Reviews' with a count of 1, 'Completed Reviews' with a count of 5, and 'Active Projects' with a count of 30. Below these cards is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Pending Reviews' (selected), 'Recently Shared', 'Completed Reviews', and 'All Projects'. The main content area shows a detailed view of a pending review for 'Neurotech Controls for AGI Motivational Framework'. This view includes a 'View PDF' button, a 'Partner Verdict' section with a text input field and 'Reject' and 'Approve' buttons, and a table with reviewer and budget information.

Reviewer	Budget
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Point Title Four: Review Circle in Numbers



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Events Circle

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Point Title One: Events Delivery

Label: New Initiative ▾ Milestone ▾

Notes: We've delivered the events for the Past two months from All Hands, to Townhalls, Twitter Spaces, and Half-Yearly Presentation.

Point Title Two: Planning and Half-Yearly Report

Label: Decision ▾ New Initiative ▾

Notes: We've started a new initiative with the Team, where we got everyone to reflect on the work done in the past in each of the areas we have responsibilities on, as well as plans for the future and how to improve in these areas. On top of it, we've created our Half-Yearly report reflecting on the past and the future

Point Title Three: Work with the 3 Circles on Proposals

Label: New Initiative ▾

Notes: Work with the 3 circles and prepare ideas to propose for SNET in the New project based model.

Point Title Four: Review Milestones from Community Hubs

Label: Milestone ▾

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Notes: Review Half-Yearly reports for Community Hubs, and their goals after 6 months, as well as the reflections on the previous plan.

Point Title Five: Community Hub Portal Testing

Label: Milestone ▾ New Insight ▾ Decision ▾

Notes: Test the New Community Hub Portal, and start identifying bugs and features needed

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Documentation Circle

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Point Title One: MkDocs automation deployment and configuration

Label: Milestone Milestone ▾

Notes: The Circle has moved the Google Docs-to-MkDocs automation from internal testing to a user-ready setup. A configuration wizard, validation script, and simple launcher were added so any user can install the service locally and enter credentials (Google Cloud, OpenAI, GitHub) without technical setup. Documentation was updated with beginner-friendly guides (e.g. README_SIMPLE, GETTING_STARTED, INSTALLATION_GUIDE) to support non-technical users. GitHub Actions for MkDocs deployment were updated to current action versions to resolve deprecation errors and keep builds reliable.

Point Title Two: Liaison system and document staging

Label: New Insight New Initiative ▾

Notes: Documentation liaisons continue to own and maintain Circle Google Docs as staging areas for MkDocs. Feedback indicates clearer ownership of documents and update responsibilities, and the automation is now positioned to pull from these staged docs once circles are onboarded. The liaison role is increasingly seen as the bridge between circle knowledge and the published documentation site.

Point Title Three: Coordination with Marketing, Events, and proofreading

Label: New Initiative New Initiative ▾

Notes: The Circle is maintaining alignment with Marketing and Events on the planned educational and informational content series. Documentation Circle and the proofreading team remain ready to support proofreading, repository structure, and archiving as the initiative progresses. Regular check-ins are used to keep dependencies and timelines visible across circles.

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BizDev Circle

Name of Reporter/Coordinator: Judith Williams

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Point Title One: Collaborated with Marcelo from the website team to create the new Affiliate and Partner website

Label: New Initiative ▾ Milestone ▾

Notes: Created content and refined the new partner site and affiliate site for DEEP Projects. The website features an overview of all products DEEP-Projects offers, detailed info pages for each product, educational resources e.g videos and infographics, a pricing page, and an info page for the affiliate program for the DEEP community.

Point Title Two: Refining + Announcing Affiliate Program

Label: Milestone ▾ New Initiative ▾

Notes: Formalizing and finalizing the community affiliate program 'DEEP Partnership Program', including the terms and conditions, contract outline, logistical processes and business model strategy. The program was officially announced to the community at the end of February.

Point Title Three: Ongoing Partnership Outreach

Label: Challenge ▾

Notes:

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Ongoing Partnership Outreach via email and in-person to 50+ potential partners. 2 calls got booked with potential partners.

Alfred attended 'Africa Tech Summit' to do targeted partner outreach.

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Marketing Circle

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Dev Outreach Circle

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