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As we delve into the new year, innovation continues to be the cornerstone of data management growth. To lift the burden of uncertainty, our Managing Director of Product, Data, and Innovation [Vincent Manier](#) is here to give his insight into what the new year holds, from resource data management to the role that meaningful innovation will play.

Looking ahead in 2026, what are the biggest challenges companies face when managing complex resource and utility data portfolios?

Most large organizations sit on massive volumes of resource and utility data, spread across hundreds of providers, formats, and systems. This data is incredibly valuable, yet painfully difficult to use. [That complexity is exploding](#). Energy price volatility, regulatory pressure, macro uncertainty, and rapid technology shifts are all hitting at once. Clients don't just need more data—they need better data, faster insights, and stronger guidance to make decisions under uncertainty.

In our industry, data quality at scale is still the biggest bottleneck. It directly determines how quickly companies can reduce emissions, control costs, and take action. At the same time, AI is becoming embedded in every organization and every process. This will fundamentally reshape how work gets done. The companies that win will be the ones that anticipate this shift, not react to it. Our ambition is to be firmly in that first group.

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What does meaningful innovation look like in the resource data management space in 2026—and where do you see the greatest opportunity for impact?

Meaningful innovation is not only about ideas—it's about measurable impact. In 2025, the Innovation Awards proved something important: We have no shortage of creativity or ambition across ENGIE Impact. The real question is how we turn that energy into outcomes. I am particularly excited about reinventing the client experience, not only to deliver services faster and more efficiently, but to proactively generate insights by combining data, technology, and extensive expertise.

Our ambition is clear: We are driven to partner collaboratively with our clients to meet their sustainability goals. We are already moving in this direction through initiatives such as the [Ellipse](#) managed services center, which proactively identifies opportunities for clients; persona-based solutions that deliver contextual recommendations; and the implementation of end-to-end service models supported by AI-powered chatbots.

Ultimately, innovation goes beyond technology—it is a mindset. Its impact can be organizational, commercial, or structural, such as new business models or new pricing approaches, whenever we challenge the status quo and dare to disrupt our own ways of working.

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Our role in PDI is simple: Invest where it matters most for our strategy and for our clients. In 2025–2026, that means one clear priority—a secure, reliable, and modern digital platform for both clients and employees. We are actively removing legacy technology, modernizing critical systems such as treasury and data acquisition, and raising the bar on the client's digital experience.

At the same time, we are launching new products that directly address market needs. Data share, [Buildings Performance Standards](#), and climate risk solutions are concrete examples already in motion. Data quality remains a non-negotiable differentiator. Without it, speed and scale are impossible. That's why we are pushing innovation in areas like anomaly detection and advanced analytics—so our clients can [confidently act](#) faster on data they trust.

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