



# Measurement Plan Discussion

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# AGENDA

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01 Measurement Plan: Digital Goal Confirmation

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02 Current State of NBER Analytics

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03 Next Steps

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The purpose of this measurement plan is to map KPIs to digital goals for NBER's users. In this section, we outline the digital goals created during the "discover" phase of the project in order to confirm their relevance.

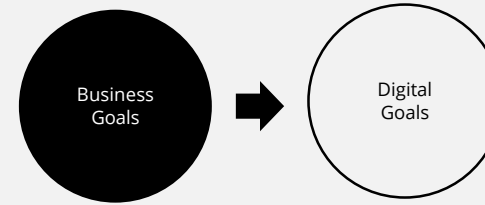
# **MEASUREMENT PLAN: DIGITAL GOAL CONFIRMATION**

# Our Approach

Velir recommends laying the groundwork for the site measurement strategy by first, establishing a measurement plan. Once in place, we complete a holistic assessment of your measurement and reporting needs based on your specific KPIs, then recommend an optimal tagging configuration for collecting these data points and accessing them via a user-friendly, preconfigured platform.

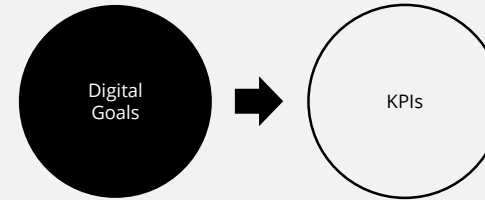
## Goal Definition

Define business objectives  
Define measurable digital goals that align to the business objectives.



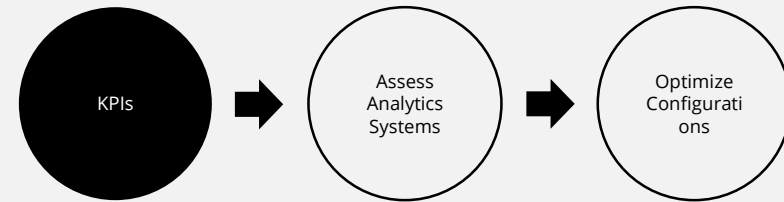
## Defining Measurement

Identify Key Performance Indicators that will be measured to determine the success level of the digital goals



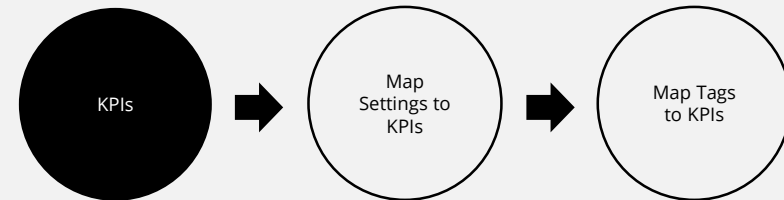
## Systems and Configurations

Assess available analytics systems to define data architecture and optimize configurations to streamline reporting



## Data and Tagging Strategy

Map analytics settings and tagging to KPIs to track important interactions and facilitate reporting



## **Promote visibility of and engagement with research.**

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Working papers, books, data, and events can be cross-promoted.

Exposing related research can provide further incentive for engagement.

Options to share and to contact can facilitate dialogue with and within the research community.

### **DIGITAL GOALS**

**Users are compelled to discover and consume research.**

**Example KPI:**

**Featured Topic CTR**

# **DIGITAL GOALS**

## **Advance and diversify the profession.**

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Transparent communication around exclusive activities/processes can be introduced.

Diversity can be fostered by showcasing opportunities for students.

### **DIGITAL GOALS**

**Users are informed of opportunities online.**

**Example KPI:  
“Explore Conferences” CTR**

**Users engage with/sign up for opportunities online.**

**Example KPI:  
Sign Up Rate**

# **DIGITAL GOALS**

**Meet audiences'  
professional  
needs and goals.**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Top audience behaviors can guide the creation and prioritization of content.

The value that the NBER has to offer to users at varying career stages can be more effectively communicated.

Non-technical content can be better surfaced and promoted.

## **DIGITAL GOALS**

**All non-affiliated users return to the site more frequently. (i.e., researchers, students, journalists, etc.)**

**Example KPI:**

**Growth in Return Non-Affiliated Users**

# **DIGITAL GOALS**

**Increase  
monetary  
support to back  
grant-funded  
researchers.**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Mission, vision, and impact can be made more obvious to aid the decisions of funders (existing and new).

Different types of funders can learn how their support can make a difference.

## **DIGITAL GOALS**

**Users are informed of funded activities and funding opportunities.**

**Example KPI:**

**"Contact Us" CTR**

# **DIGITAL GOALS**



## Digital Goal

*Users engage with / sign up for opportunities online.*

## KPIs

Newsletter Sign-Up Rate

Social Follow Rate

## KEY DEFINITIONS

Rate is typically calculated as [event] / pageviews.

# MEASUREMENT PLAN EXAMPLE



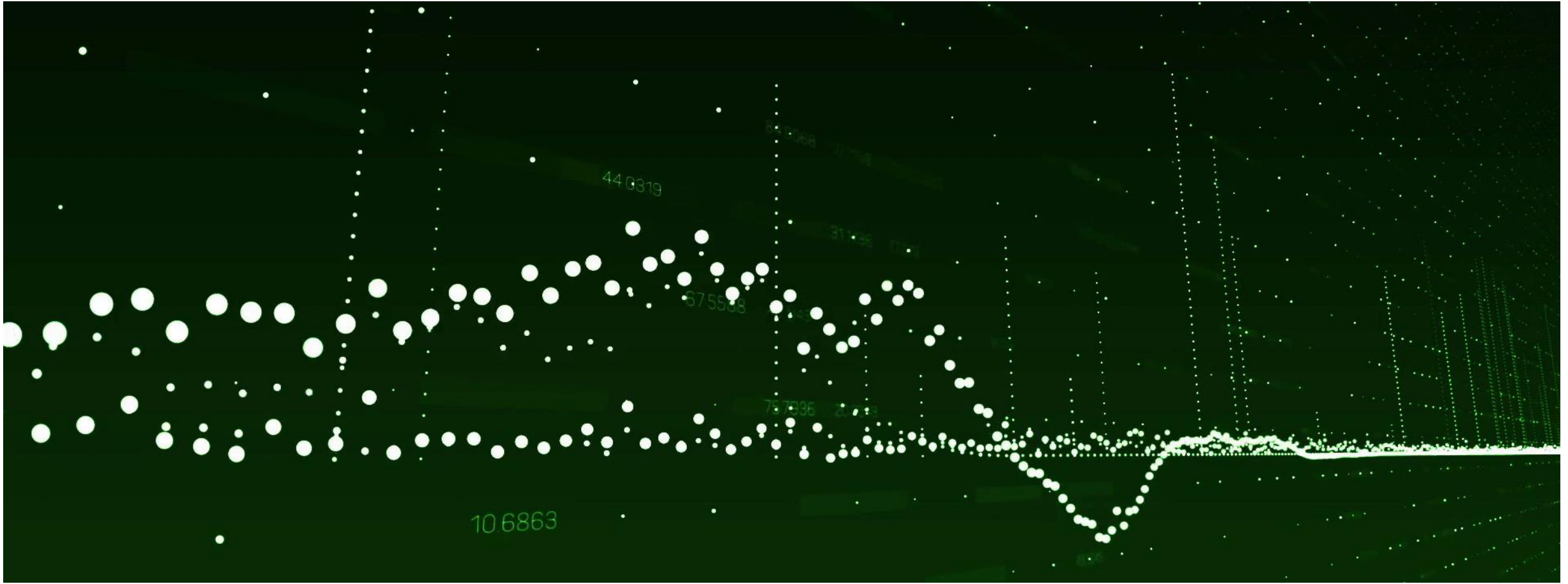
Discuss NBER's current analytics capabilities in order to inform our measurement strategy recommendations moving forward.

# **CURRENT STATE NBER ANALYTICS**

## Current State NBER Analytics

- How familiar is NBER with Google Analytics? Google Tag Manager?
- What reporting is currently in place?
- What analytics gaps exist today? What do you wish you could report on?

# ANALYTICS OVERVIEW



# NEXT STEPS

# Analytics Deliverables

- Measurement Plan
- Data & Tagging Specifications
- Tagging Implementation



## NEXT STEPS