

techUK provides a collective voice for UK data centre operators in matters of policy, reputation and compliance. Our award-winning programme is productive and influential. We bring together operators, suppliers and customers to inform policy decisions, share information and promote best practice. In summary we do four things:

- Seek change where it is needed
- Mitigate the impact of legislation
- Explain & inform
- Foster a community of interest

### What does this mean in practice?

- We intervene in and influence policy - we resist harmful measures and seek a level playing field
- We mitigate what we can't change; we tackle regulatory burdens, simplify compliance and reduce cost
- We raise awareness: we explain the sector to policy makers and we explain policy to the sector
- We alert the sector to business risks ranging from energy security to regulatory compliance
- We build communities of interest to expand networks and create business opportunities
- We bring together government and industry to work collaboratively on issues affecting the sector

### What have we achieved for operators?

- The inclusion of data centres on the key workers list, quarantine exemption and protected construction
- Alerted government to the strategic importance of the sector: a dedicated Whitehall team formed
- Successfully negotiated the sector's inclusion in the CCA scheme, worth over £200M to UK operators and subsequently secured an extension of the CCA to admit new facilities
- Reduced regulatory burdens such as EU ETS, identified business risks and mitigated them, supported compliance activity and demystified regulatory requirements like MCPD and IED
- Built a community of interest, shared technical knowledge, educated policy makers
- Developed thought leadership, improved external perceptions of the sector

### Governance

Governance is provided by the UK Council of Data Centre Operators who oversee a 500-strong community of interest. Specialist working groups address topics from skills shortages to generator compliance.

### Current focus areas include:

- Informing Government policy relating to national security, sector criticality and resilience
- Establishing and communicating the economic value of the sector
- Addressing sector skills shortages through partnership and outreach
- Lobbying to ensure that policy measures do not compromise sector competitiveness
- Helping members navigate the compliance landscape

### Further information

For publications, briefings, position statements and more please visit: <https://www.techuk.org/data-centres-programme/data-centres-resource-index.html>

To find out who else is involved see techUK's [list of members](#) or our [data centre employers page](#).

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