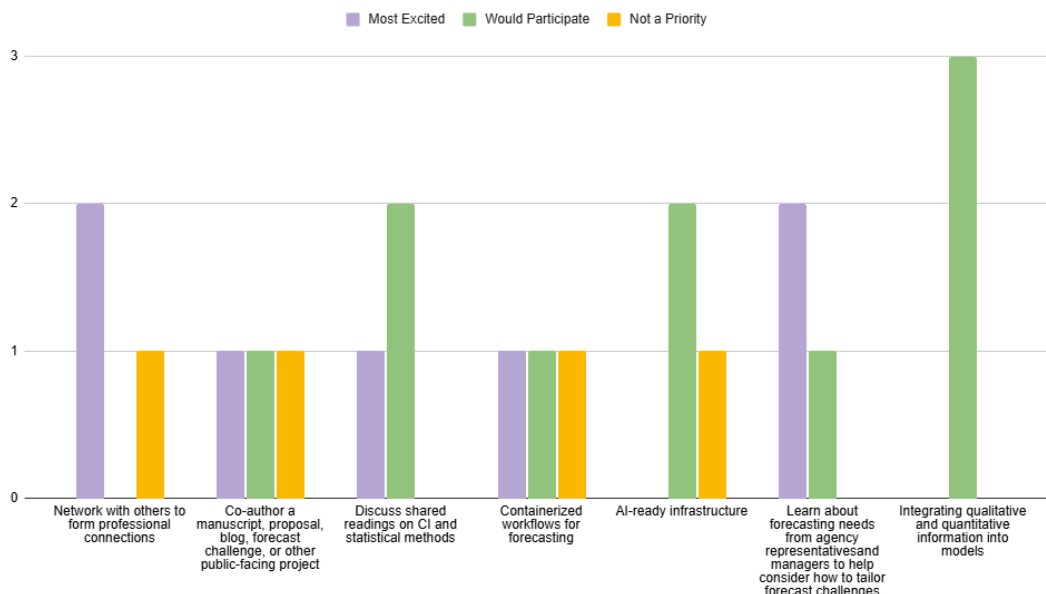


December 8, 2025 Joint Methods & CI Working Group Call

1. [EFI2026 Conference](#) in Toronto on August 4-7. Working groups and workshops will take place on August 4. More details to come.
 - a. Proposals for Workshop & Working Groups are now open until January 23
 - b. **Working Groups** provide extended time (1/2 day or full day) to work on specific projects with others in the EFI community. These sessions, open to all conference participants, will take place on August 4. Working Groups can be related to the standing EFI Working Groups, other projects, or targeted topics of discussion of interest to the EFI community that will benefit from dedicated in-person time at the conference.
Submit working group ideas to: <https://bit.ly/efi2026-workinggroups>
 - c. **Workshops** are an opportunity to provide topical training, tutorials, and demonstrations for the EFI community. Workshops are approximately 1-2 hours in length and will be interspersed in the schedule on August 5-7.
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2. Future working group activities
 - a. Topics mentioned on the August call
 - b. CI as a service - containerized workflows for forecasting. Lots of expertise in EFI. Would there be interest in partnering? Expect there are privately funded entities interested in backing CI to service
 - c. AI-ready infrastructure hasn't been discussed on the calls, but is a topic of interest to the group
 - d. Connecting with Agencies and managers - what are the urgent needs. Connecting with managers to hear needs to tailor forecast challenges to be used
 - e. Learning more about stats methods, spatial modeling, and building resources
 - f. Incorporating qualitative and quantitative input into modeling
 - g. Results of survey to the group; n=3 responses

Interest in Potential Activities



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- i. Other requests: More on spatial forecasting methods - over and above the links to agencies and managers. To add an "other" for the next question, the meeting time is usually a barrier for me, but I would be keen to work on some of these ideas if there's a way to do so asynchronously.
- j. Participation level:
 - i. n=2: I enjoy attending the Working Group monthly calls as they fit with my schedule, but I do not have time to provide more input
 - ii. n=1: I am interested in chairing or co-chairing (facilitate discussions, keep conversations on track, etc)