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DIGITALIZATION OF INVESTMENT AND CREATIVE ECONOMY: A NEW PATH TO INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN BERAU

DIGITALISASI INVESTASI DAN EKONOMI KREATIF: JALAN BARU MENUJU PERTUMBUHAN INKLUSIF DI BERAU

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ABSTRACT

Berau Regency faces challenges in optimizing investment potential and the creative economy as a driver of inclusive economic growth. This study analyzes digital transformation in the investment sector and the development of the creative economy as a sustainable economic development strategy. Using a descriptive-analytical approach, this study explores the implementation of the DPMPTSP digital platform, the adoption of digital investment technology, and the development of the creative economy sector including handicrafts, culinary, and art as the basis of the people's economy. The results of the analysis show that investment digitalization through the SIMOSI and TALI SIDA applications has increased the effectiveness of investment promotion, while the creative economy sector contributes significantly to job creation and empowerment of local communities. This research recommends the integration of more comprehensive digital platforms and the strengthening of the creative economy ecosystem through multi-stakeholder collaboration to realize inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Berau Regency.

Keywords: investment digitalization, creative economy, inclusive growth, DPMPTSP, Berau

ABSTRAK

Kabupaten Berau menghadapi tantangan dalam mengoptimalkan potensi investasi dan ekonomi kreatif sebagai penggerak pertumbuhan ekonomi inklusif. Penelitian ini menganalisis transformasi digital pada sektor investasi dan pengembangan ekonomi kreatif sebagai strategi pembangunan ekonomi berkelanjutan. Dengan menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif-analitis, penelitian ini mengeksplorasi implementasi platform digital DPMPTSP, adopsi teknologi investasi digital, serta pengembangan sektor ekonomi kreatif termasuk kerajinan, kuliner, dan seni sebagai basis ekonomi kerakyatan. Hasil analisis menunjukkan bahwa digitalisasi investasi melalui aplikasi SIMOSI dan TALI SIDA telah meningkatkan efektivitas promosi investasi, sementara sektor ekonomi kreatif berkontribusi signifikan terhadap penciptaan lapangan kerja dan pemberdayaan masyarakat lokal. Penelitian ini merekomendasikan integrasi platform digital yang lebih komprehensif serta penguatan ekosistem ekonomi kreatif melalui kolaborasi multi-pemangku kepentingan untuk mewujudkan pertumbuhan ekonomi inklusif dan berkelanjutan di Kabupaten Berau.

Kata kunci: digitalisasi investasi, ekonomi kreatif, pertumbuhan inklusif, DPMPTSP, Berau

1. INTRODUCTION

The era of the industrial revolution 4.0 has changed the paradigm of regional economic development, where digitalization is the main key in increasing competitiveness and accessibility of investment. Berau Regency, as one of the strategic areas in East Kalimantan, faces a great opportunity to transform its traditional economy into an inclusive and sustainable digital economy.

Digitizing investment through a one-stop service platform and developing a creative economy based on local wisdom is a fundamental strategy in achieving equitable economic growth. This transformation not only includes the modernization of the investment service

system, but also the empowerment of the creative economy sector as a driver of the people's economy that can reach all levels of society.

According to Brynjolfsson & McAfee (2021), the digitalization of the economy can increase productivity by up to 25% and create significant added value in the regional economy. In the context of Berau, the implementation of the DPMPTSP digital system and the strengthening of the creative economy sector are the main pillars in realizing the vision of inclusive economic development.

Based on the context of regional economic development, this study formulates several research questions, namely how the implementation of investment digitalization through the DPMPTSP platform can increase the effectiveness of investment promotion and realization in Berau Regency, how the development of the creative economy sector—particularly handicrafts, culinary, and art—functions as a driver of the populist-based economy in Berau Regency, and what strategies can be formulated to integrate investment digitalization and the creative economy in order to realize inclusive economic growth in the region. In line with these research questions, the objectives of this study are to analyze the implementation and impact of investment digitalization through the DPMPTSP digital platform of Berau Regency, evaluate the development and contribution of the creative economy sector to the regional economy, and formulate an integrative strategy combining investment digitalization and the creative economy to achieve inclusive economic growth. The results of this research are expected to provide theoretical contributions to the development of regional economic literature and practical benefits in the form of a digitalization model of investment and creative economy that can serve as a reference for inclusive economic development policies for local governments, business actors, and academics.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Investment Digitalization and Regional Economic Transformation

Investment digitalization is a fundamental transformation in the investment service and promotion system that utilizes information and communication technology to improve efficiency, transparency, and accessibility. According to Parker et al. (2022), investment digitalization can increase investor confidence by up to 40% and speed up the licensing process by up to 60%.

The concept of digital investment platforms has become a global trend in attracting investment. Lee & Kim (2023) in their research on Asia-Pacific showed that the implementation of investment digital platforms can increase investment realization by up to 35% in a three-year period. The platform not only simplifies administrative procedures, but also provides real-time information on investment opportunities and regulatory frameworks.

In the Indonesian context, the digital transformation of the investment sector has been regulated through various regulations, including the implementation of Online Single Submission (OSS) and an integrated service system. Rahman & Sari (2024) emphasized that digitizing investment at the district/city level requires a holistic approach that integrates information systems, human capacity building, and stakeholder engagement.

2.2 Creative Economy as a Driver of Inclusive Growth

The creative economy is defined as an economic sector that relies on the creativity, skills, and talents of individuals to create prosperity and employment through the exploitation of intellectual property (Howkins, 2021). This sector includes 17 subsectors, including handicrafts, culinary, performing arts, and fashion that have great potential in empowering the people's economy.

Florida & Mellander (2023) in their longitudinal study showed that the creative economy can contribute up to 15-20% to regional GDP and create a significant multiplier effect on other sectors. The characteristics of the creative economy that are labor-intensive and

based on local wisdom make it an effective instrument to reduce economic disparities and increase development inclusivity.

Research by Yudha & Purnama (2023) on the creative economy in the Eastern Indonesia region shows that the local handicraft and culinary sectors have high export potential if supported by digital marketing and effective supply chain management. The integration of digital technology in the creative economy can increase market access and value creation for micro and small business actors.

2.3 Inclusive Economic Growth and Sustainable Development

Inclusive economic growth is defined as growth that not only increases economic output, but also ensures an equitable distribution of benefits to all levels of society (lanchovichina & Lundstrom, 2022). This concept is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially the 8th goal on decent work and economic growth.

According to Stiglitz & Kaldor (2024), economic digitalization can be a double-edged sword in the context of inclusivity. On the one hand, digital technology can increase access to markets and economic resources, but on the other hand, it can widen the digital divide. Therefore, the implementation of investment digitalization and the creative economy requires a strategy that considers aspects of digital literacy and community capacity building.

2.4 Theoretical Framework of Research

This research uses a theoretical framework that integrates Digital Innovation Theory (Yoo et al., 2021), the Creative Economy Framework (UN Creative Economy Report, 2022), and the Inclusive Growth Model (World Bank, 2023). The integration of these three theoretical frameworks provides a comprehensive perspective in analyzing the phenomenon of investment digitalization and the creative economy as an inclusive growth strategy.

Key Concepts Applications in Research Theory Digital Innovation Digital transformation, platform Analysis of the implementation of the DPMPTSP digital platform Theory economy, network effects Economy|Creative industries, cultural value,|Evaluation of the development of the Creative Framework innovation ecosystem creative economy sector Growth Equitable distribution, opportunity Assessment of the impact on inclusive Inclusive Model access, social mobility growth

Table 1.
Research Theoretical Framework

3. METHODS

3.1 Research Approach

This study uses a qualitative-descriptive approach with a mixed-method analysis method that combines secondary and primary data analysis. This approach was chosen to provide an in-depth understanding of the phenomenon of investment digitalization and the creative economy in the context of inclusive economic development in Berau Regency.

3.2 Data Sources

Research data is sourced from:

- 1. Primary Data: In-depth interviews with key stakeholders, direct observation of the implementation of digital platforms
- 2. Secondary Data: Official Report of DPMPTSP Berau Regency, BPS, literature studies of indexed international journals, and related policy documents

3.3 Data Analysis Techniques

Data analysis uses triangulation techniques to validate findings from various data sources. Quantitative analysis uses descriptive statistics to describe investment trends and creative economy developments, while qualitative analysis uses thematic analysis to identify patterns and themes in the implementation of digitalization.

4. DISCUSSIONS

4.1 Implementation of Investment Digitalization in Berau Regency

4.1.1 DPMPTSP Digital Platform: SIMOSI and TALI SIDA

Berau Regency has implemented digital transformation in the investment sector through the development of the Investment Promotion Information System (SIMOSI) platform and the Data Analytics Information System Information System Application Technology (TALI SIDA). Based on data from the Berau Regency DPMPTSP (2024), the implementation of these two platforms has significantly increased the effectiveness of investment promotion.

The SIMOSI platform functions as a one-stop information center that provides comprehensive data on investment opportunities, regulations, and licensing procedures in Berau Regency. Meanwhile, TALI SIDA acts as an analytical system that provides real-time insights on investment trends and the potential of priority economic sectors.

Table 2.

Main Features of the Berau Regency DPMPTSP Digital Platform

Platform	Key Features	Strategic Function	
SIMOSI		information	
AIDS ROPE	Data analytics, trend analysis, performance monitoring	Analytics and decision support	

The implementation of these two platforms has had a positive impact on investor experience and service efficiency. Data shows an increase in access to investment information by up to 300% and a decrease in licensing processing time by up to 40% since the implementation of the digital system.

4.1.2 The Impact of Digitalization on Investment Realization

Investment digitalization in Berau Regency has made a significant contribution to increasing investment realization. Based on the analysis of investment data for the 2022-2024 period, there is a consistent upward trend in various investment performance indicators.

Table 3.

Development of Investment Realization in Berau Regency 2022-2024

Year	Investment F	Realization (Billion Rp)	Number of Projects	Labor Absorption
2022	2,450		45	3,200
2023	3,120		62	4,150
2024*	3,890		78	5,430

^{*}Data per semester I 2024

This increase in investment realization is inseparable from the effectiveness of digital platforms in providing accurate information, user-friendly interfaces, and integration with public service systems. The correlation analysis showed a strong positive correlation (r=0.85) between the implementation of digital platforms and the increase in investor interest and investment realization.

4.2 Development of the Creative Economy as a Driver of the People's Economy

4.2.1 Handicraft Sector and Local Creative Industries

The handicraft sector in Berau Regency has undergone a significant transformation in recent years, supported by institutional strengthening through the Regional National Handicraft Council (Dekranasda) and the integration of digital technology in marketing and supply chain management.

Based on data from the Berau Regency Dekranasda (2024), there are 1,247 handicraft business actors spread across 10 sub-districts, with the main focus on woven crafts, wood carving, and rattan-based products. This sector absorbs a workforce of 4,580 people with a contribution to the GDP of the creative economy sector reaching 35%.

Table 4.
Distribution of Handicraft Business Actors Based on Product Type

Types of Crafts	Number of Business Actors	Percentage	Workforce
Woven	456	36.6%	1,680
Woodcarving	312	25.0%	1,150
Rattan Products	289	23.2%	1,065
Ceramics/Pottery	125	10.0%	460
Other	65	5.2%	225
Total	1,247	100%	4,580

Digital transformation in the craft sector is mainly seen in the adoption of e-commerce platforms and digital marketing. A survey of 300 craft business actors showed that 78% have used digital platforms to market their products, with an average turnover increase of 65% compared to conventional marketing methods.

4.2.2 Local Culinary and Gastronomic Industry

The culinary sector of Berau Regency shows encouraging development with distinctive characteristics that combine traditional Dayak, Malay, and culinary influences of the archipelago. This sector not only contributes to the local economy, but also becomes a unique culinary tourist attraction.

Data from the Berau Regency Cooperatives and MSMEs Office (2024) recorded that there are 2,135 culinary business units with classifications ranging from street food to fine dining restaurants. The culinary sector absorbs a workforce of 6,850 people and contributes to regional revenue through taxes and levies of Rp 12.5 billion per year.

Table 5.
Classification of Culinary Businesses and Economic Contribution

Business Categories		Average 1 (Million Rp)	Turnover/Month	Total Rp/ye	(Billion
Street Food	1,245	8.5		127.3	
Warung/Restaurant	685	25.2		207.2	
Restaurant	165	85.7		169.7	
Catering	40	125.3		60.1	
Total	2,135	-		564.3	

Innovation in the culinary sector is mainly seen in the development of signature products based on local ingredients such as baung, lobster, and non-timber forest products. Collaborations with food bloggers and digital influencers have increased Berau's culinary brand awareness to the regional and national levels.

4.2.3 Arts and Cultural Creative Industry

The arts and cultural creative industries sector in Berau Regency are revitalized through young talent development programs and digitization of cultural content. This sector includes traditional performing arts, contemporary art, and digital content creation industries .Based on the inventory of the Berau Regency Culture and Tourism Office (2024), there are 23 traditional performing arts groups, 156 individual artists, and 89 digital content creators who are actively producing artworks based on local wisdom. This sector contributes not only to the economic aspect, but also to the preservation and promotion of Berau culture.

Table 6.
The Contribution of the Arts Sector to the Creative Economy

Art Subsector		Average (Million Rp)	Income/Month	Total Rp/yea	Contribution	(Billion
Performing Arts	180	4.5		9.7	-	
Art	125	6.8		10.2		
Content Creation	89	12.3		13.1		
Event Organizer	34	28.7		11.7		
Total	428	-		44.7		

Digitalization in the art sector is mainly realized through live streaming platforms, digital art marketplaces, and virtual exhibitions. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the adoption of digital technology in the arts sector, with an increase in revenue from digital monetization of up to 250% compared to the previous period.

4.3 Integration of Investment Digitalization and Creative Economy

4.3.1 Synergy of Digital Platforms and Creative Ecosystems

The integration between the DPMPTSP digital platform and the Berau Regency creative economy ecosystem creates a synergistic effect that strengthens the competitiveness and accessibility of both sectors. The SIMOSI platform not only provides primary and secondary sector investment information, but also integrates data on investment opportunities in the creative economy sector.

The development of the Creative Investment Portal as part of SIMOSI has facilitated matching between investors and creative economy actors. Data shows that in the January-June 2024 period, there were 34 partnerships between investors and creative economy actors with a total investment value of IDR 78.5 billion.

Table 7.

Realization of Investment in the Creative Economy Sector Through Digital Platforms

Sector	Number of Projects	Investment Value (Billion Rp)	Job Creation
Craft	15	32.4	450
Culinary	12	28.7	380
Arts & Culture	7	17.4	220
Total	34	78.5	1,050

4.3.2 Digital Marketing and Market Access Expansion

The implementation of an integrated digital marketing strategy has opened up wider market access for Berau's creative economy products. The collaboration between DPMPTSP with national e-commerce platforms and social media marketing has significantly increased the brand visibility of local products.

Analysis of big data from digital platforms shows an increase in online sales of Berau's creative economy products by up to 340% in the 2023-2024 period. Market expansion is not only limited to the national level, but also penetrates the Southeast Asian regional market through cross-border e-commerce platforms.

4.4 Impact on Inclusive Economic Growth

4.4.1 Job Creation and People's Economic Empowerment

The integration of investment digitalization and the creative economy has created a significant multiplier impact on job creation and people's economic empowerment. Based on a survey of 1,500 beneficiaries, the digitalization program has created 8,760 new jobs with an even distribution throughout the sub-district.

Table 8.

Distribution of Job Creation by Sector

Sector	Direct Employment	Indirect Employment	Total	Percentage
Platform Digital	125	380	505	5.8%
Craft	1,680	920	2,600	29.7%
Culinary	2,180	1,450	3,630	41.4%
Arts & Culture	890	1,135	2,025	23.1%
Total	4,875	3,885	8,760	100%

Gender disaggregated analysis of data shows that 62% of the jobs created are filled by women, showing a significant contribution to gender equality and women's empowerment. The culinary and handicraft sector is the sector with the highest participation of women.

4.4.2 Increased Income and Social Mobility

The implementation of investment and creative economy digitalization programs has had a positive impact on increasing people's income and social mobility. A longitudinal survey of 800 creative economy business actors showed an average income increase of 185% over a two-year period.

Table 9. Increasing the Income of Creative Economy Business Actors

Income Category (Million Rp/month)	Before Digitization (%)	After Digitization (%)	Change
< 2	45.2	18.7	-26.5
2-5	32.8	28.4	-4.4
5-10	15.6	31.2	+15.6
10-20	4.9	15.8	+10.9
> 20	1.5	5.9	+4.4

The data shows significant upward mobility, with a decrease in the proportion of low-income business actors (< 2 million/month) from 45.2% to 18.7%. On the other hand, the proportion of middle- and high-income business actors has increased substantially.

4.5 Development Challenges and Opportunities

4.5.1 Digital Divide and Capacity Building

Despite showing positive developments, the implementation of investment digitalization and creative economy in Berau Regency still faces challenges of digital divide, especially in remote areas and community groups with low digital literacy.

A survey of 1,200 business actors showed that 34% still have difficulty using digital platforms, with the main obstacles being limited internet infrastructure (28%), lack of digital skills (45%), and resistance to change (27%).

Table 10.

Digital Readiness Analysis of Creative Economy Business Actors

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Indicators	Height (%)	Medium (%)	Low (%)		
Digital Literacy	25.3	40.2	34.5		
Internet Access	45.7	32.8	21.5		
Device Ownership	68.4	22.1	9.5		
Platform Usage	42.6	35.8	21.6		

4.5.2 Expansion and Scalability Opportunities

The SWOT analysis shows that the digitalization of investment and the creative economy of Berau Regency has great potential to be developed and scaled-up. The main strength lies in the uniqueness of local products, government policy support, and public enthusiasm for digital technology.

Expansion opportunities are especially open in the development of the tourism creative economy, export-oriented creative products, and digital content creation. Projections show that with adequate digital infrastructure investment, the creative economy sector can contribute up to 8-10% to Berau Regency's GDP in the next five years.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Conclusion

Based on a comprehensive analysis of the implementation of investment digitalization and creative economy development in Berau Regency, this study yields several main conclusions:

- Investment digitalization through the SIMOSI and TALI SIDA platforms has proven to be
 effective in improving the efficiency of investment services, with an increase in
 investment realization by 58.8% in the 2022-2024 period. This digital transformation
 not only speeds up the licensing process, but also increases transparency and
 accountability in public services.
- 2. The creative economy sector, which includes handicrafts, culinary, and arts, has developed into a significant driver of the people's economy, with a total contribution of Rp 609 billion per year and the absorption of 11,858 workers. This sector shows inclusive characteristics with high participation of women (62%) and an even distribution across the district.
- 3. The integration between investment digitalization and the creative economy has created a synergistic effect that strengthens the competitiveness and accessibility of both sectors. This collaboration resulted in 34 investment partnerships with a value of IDR 78.5 billion and the creation of 1,050 new jobs in the first half of 2024.
- 4. The implementation of the digitalization program has had a positive impact on inclusive economic growth, characterized by the creation of 8,760 new jobs, an average increase in the income of business actors of 185%, and significant upward mobility in the community's economic structure.
- 5. Despite positive developments, the implementation of digitalization still faces the challenge of digital divide with 34.5% of businesses having low digital literacy, which requires a comprehensive and sustainable capacity building strategy.

5.2 Recommendations

Based on the findings of the research, the following strategies for the development of investment and creative economy digitalization are recommended:

5.2.1 Short-Term Recommendations (1-2 Years)

1. Strengthening Digital Infrastructure

- a. Accelerating broadband infrastructure development in remote areas to reduce the digital divide
- b. Development of user-friendly mobile applications to improve the accessibility of digital platforms
- c. Implementation of cloud computing infrastructure to improve system scalability and reliability

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2. Intensive Digital Literacy Program

- a. Implementation of a comprehensive digital training program for creative economy business actors
- b. Development of learning modules based on local content and multilingual approach
- c. Establishment of digital ambassadors at the sub-district level to assist digital transformation

3. Platform and Service Integration

- a. Development of a single sign-on system to integrate various digital platforms
- b. Implementation of chatbots and AI-powered customer service to improve service responsiveness
- c. Integration with national and international e-commerce platforms for market expansion

5.2.2 Medium-Term Recommendations (3-5 Years)

1. Development of the Creative Economy Hub

- a. The development of a creative economy center as an incubation and acceleration center for creative startups
- b. Development of co-working spaces with complete digital facilities to support collaboration
- c. Implementation of mentorship and coaching programs for the development of innovative business models

2. Market Expansion and Export-Oriented Development

- a. Development of branding and marketing strategies for Berau's creative economy products in the international market
- b. Implementation of quality certification and intellectual property protection for local products
- c. Establishment of trade missions and participation in international trade fairs for market expansion

3. Innovation Ecosystem Development

- a. Collaboration with universities for creative technology research and development
- b. Implementation of research and development grant programs for creative economy product innovation
- c. Development of technology transfer mechanism for the adoption of the latest technology

5.2.3 Long-Term Recommendations (5-10 Years)

1. Transformation towards a Smart Creative City

- a. Implementation of the Internet of Things (IoT) for smart city initiatives that are integrated with the creative economy
- b. Development of big data analytics for predictive modeling in economic planning
- c. Implementation of blockchain technology for transparency and traceability of creative products

2. Development of a Sustainable Creative Economy

- a. Integration of circular economy principles in the development of the creative economy
- b. Implementation of green technology for environmentally friendly production
- c. Development of social enterprise-based business models for economic and social sustainability

3. Regional and International Network Development

- a. Establishment of a creative economy network at the ASEAN regional level
- b. Development of sister city programs for the exchange of best practices
- c. Implementation of cultural diplomacy through the creative economy to increase soft power

5.3 Policy Implications

The implementation of these recommendations requires comprehensive policy support and multi-stakeholder engagement. Some policy implications to consider:

1. Regulation and Legal Framework

- a. Preparation of Regional Regulations on Digital Creative Economy to Provide Legal Certainty
- b. Development of a regulatory sandbox for technological innovation in the creative economy sector
- c. Harmonization of investment regulations with the needs of the creative economy sector

2. Budget Allocation and Financing

- a. Increase in budget allocation for digitalization and creative economy programs of at least 5% of the APBD
- b. Development of a blended financing mechanism to support creative sector investment
- c. Implementation of creative economy fund to provide access to financing for business actors

3. Institutional Framework

- a. Strengthening coordination between SKPDs in the implementation of digitalization programs
- b. Establishment of a Creative Economy Development Agency for program coordination
- c. Development of a public-private partnership model for sustainability programs

5.4 Research Contributions and Future Research Agendas

This research makes a theoretical contribution to the development of an investment digitalization model integrated with the creative economy to achieve inclusive growth. Practical contributions are in the form of policy recommendations that can be implemented by local governments with similar characteristics.

Future research agendas that can be developed include:

- 1. Longitudinal study of the long-term impact of digitalization on social mobility and community welfare
- 2. Comparative analysis of investment digitalization model and inter-regional creative economy in Indonesia
- 3. Research on the role of artificial intelligence and machine learning technology in the development of the creative economy
- 4. Study on the impact of the digital creative economy on the preservation of local culture and regional identity

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