



# BLOCKCHAIN FOR EUROPE

**MAKING DISRUPTION  
AN EVOLUTION**



## WHY?

DLT and blockchain technology are about to become mainstream. Their many potential applications across multiple sectors will have implications for regulators and wider society.

Without sufficient understanding of the technology, however, there is a risk for poor regulation (too much, too little, just plain wrong) and general confusion.

Aware of this risk, regulators around Europe are trying to better understand the blockchain ecosystem. However, the current stakeholder landscape is fragmented and dominated by large non-blockchain originated companies, law firms and universities. A trade association like "Blockchain for Europe" ensures that blockchain companies can speak with a more unified voice, to effectively influence policy making at EU level and beyond.

The core members of Blockchain for Europe are organisations whose business model originates from and is based on DLT (including blockchain) technology.

## OBJECTIVES

Blockchain for Europe's main objectives are:

1. Creating a coherent voice of the DLT and blockchain industry;
2. Sharing its expertise and to engage with European decision-

makers about the true nature and potential of Blockchain and Distributed Ledger technologies.

3. Ensuring that upcoming regulation promotes and protects innovation in the ecosystem.

Our priority areas are:

- Crypto assets, including security tokens;
- Stablecoins and CBDCs; and
- Smart contracts.

As the association grows, we intend to expand to other areas such as for example decentralised identity, digital taxation, IoT and governance.

## THE ASSOCIATION

Blockchain for Europe is a non-profit organisation under Belgian law. Been founded by five members, the goal is to gradually grow the membership over the coming years.

Blockchain for Europe has a board, which oversees the daily management of the association:

**Maria Minaricova** – Chairwoman of the Board (Fetch.AI)

**Susan Friedman** – Vice-Chair (Ripple)

**Manmeet Singh** – Vice-Chair (Emurgo/Cardano)

**Lee Schneider** – Vice-Chair (Block.One)

## THE SECRETARIAT

Blockchain for Europe also has a secretariat, which consists of:

**Robert Kopitsch** – Secretary General

**Kevin Vindevogel** – Deputy Secretary General

**Kalia Ataliotou** – Communications Officer

**Karen Anciaux** – EU Engagement Officer

**Luben Kabaktchiev** – EU Regulatory Officer

The secretariat supports the association to achieve the abovementioned objectives by delivering the following services:

- Reporting on relevant policy issues, e.g. around ICOs, digital/crypto assets, standards and cybersecurity;
- Developing position papers and messaging in agreement with the members;
- Arranging and supporting outreach to relevant stakeholders;
- Organising roundtables and an annual conference with stakeholders;
- Support in terms of website management, and social media activities;
- Administrative support (including coordination meetings and accounting).

## ANNUAL EVENTS

Blockchain for Europe organises an annual summit in the European Parliament which brings together the key stakeholders in the Blockchain space from Europe as well from other key global markets including the U.S., South America, Japan, Hong Kong or India. The aim is to enable an exchange of views between the Blockchain ecosystem and key policy-makers on European level.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Are you interested in getting involved in our activities or in becoming a member?

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