

Blockchain for Europe

*“Blockchain for Europe works for a Europe that is a leader in Web3 and drives **innovation, integrity and empowerment** through blockchain technology. We work with policymakers, academics and our member companies to develop a European regulatory framework which supports and promotes blockchain-based innovation and allows companies in this sector to develop both their businesses and future-proof solutions to today’s problems. ”*

Based in Brussels, Blockchain for Europe is a non-profit trade association representing global and regional blockchain industry players, supporting their engagement with European decision-makers, supervisors and other relevant stakeholders.

Our members are organisations whose business models are based on distributed ledger technology (DLT), including blockchain. The association is comprised of multiple branches - the board, which is elected among our members every two years and takes the executive decisions, while daily activities are run by the secretariat team. The advisory council consists of former civil servants and academics supporting the activities of the association with their long-standing experience and expertise.

Operating in an extremely fast-paced environment, the association resets its priorities on a yearly basis, deciding which policy files and regulatory developments to follow and which partnerships and events to explore. Our work is based on an opt-in system where each member can decide how much they want to be involved in, which policy files they want to focus on, what updates and materials to receive, and which working groups to take part in.

Concretely, we hold a regular members call to provide updates on the latest regulatory developments, discuss the activities we are working on, decide our focus, and answer our members’ questions.

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Our priorities

Crypto Assets

We fight for harmonised and transparent crypto-asset regulation and a clear separation from securities regulation.

Stablecoins and Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC)

We want to ensure feasible stablecoin regulation, in particular we advocate for an alignment of rules on E-money tokens (EMT) with the existing E-money framework.

Decentralised Finance (DeFi)

We educate policymakers on how to approach decentralised finance (DeFi), since we believe that current financial regulations focusing on financial intermediaries are not appropriate for decentralisation.

Anti-Money Laundering (AML)

We promote blockchain analytics as an effective tool to track transactions, and we advocate for reasonable regulation towards the use of self-hosted wallets.

Smart Contracts

We promote and educate policymakers on the use of smart contracts focusing on underlining their potential use cases.

Reporting and Taxation

We advocate for fair and transparent crypto reporting and taxation requirements.

Tokenisation

We educate on the potential of tokenisation of both real-world assets and financial instruments, showcasing associated efficiency gains.

Sustainability

We promote the use of technology for addressing sustainability issues and fight misconceptions related to the energy consumption of blockchains.

Data and Privacy

We show the potential of blockchain as a safe, transparent, and immutable data storage promoting the use of innovations such as zero-knowledge proofs (ZKP) that allow for information verification and the protection of user privacy.

Objectives

Education and Thought Leadership

We work every day to educate policymakers and relevant stakeholders about blockchain and digital-assets issues as well as developments to support and inform their policy-making activities. This is done via the organisation of events & webinars, by developing and sharing position papers and thought-leadership material as well as reports, and by constantly offering the technological expertise of our members to policymakers.

Networking Platform

We provide a platform for our members to engage with relevant stakeholders and establish key relationships with other companies and organisations - including media - active in the ecosystem. Our members then have the opportunity to speak at our annual conference as well as take part in all the other activities we organise (workshops, events, meetings with policymakers).

Advocacy

In order to reach our goals, a united front is of the utmost importance as the current stakeholder landscape is fragmented and dominated by large non-blockchain-originated companies, law firms, and universities. We directly collaborate with policymakers to ensure they bring forward appropriate regulatory initiatives that support the development of blockchain applications, while empowering innovative entrepreneurs in the EU.

*Our events bring not
just people together,
but ideas.*

Annual Summit

Blockchain for Europe organises an annual summit that brings together the key stakeholders in the blockchain space from Europe as well as other important global markets including the United States of America, South America, Japan, Hong Kong or India.

This event serves as the perfect platform to champion a EU that protects the holistic well-being of every individual and safeguards human rights and freedoms for generations to come by engaging closely with industry participants, including Web3-native companies, advancing educational initiatives to increase literacy around these technologies, and promote transparent dialogue and knowledge-sharing to fight misconceptions.

The aim is to enable an exchange of views between the blockchain ecosystem and key policy-makers on an European level. You don't want to miss out on this chance to learn from the brightest minds and decision-makers.

Naturally, we also provide a live feed of our two-day events packed with insightful discussions with distinguished guests and invitees coming from all over the world. Next to our yearly big event, we regularly hold webinars which are usually dedicated to a particular issue.

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Learn more about Blockchain for Europe's events including the upcoming edition of the **Summit** [here](#).



Naturally, qualified leadership is of the utmost importance in a global, highly competitive field full of sudden change.



Roeland Van Der Stappen
Chair of the Board (Coinbase)



Lee Schneider
Board Member (Ava Labs)



Matthias Bauer-Langgartner
Board Member (Chainalysis)



Beata Sivak
Board Member (Kraken)



Agata Ferreira
Board Member (Institute of
Free Technology)

The Board

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The secretariat delivers a plethora of services, ultimately leading to smooth operations on a daily basis.

The Secretariat

I

Reporting on relevant policy issues, e.g. digital/crypto assets, standards and cybersecurity

III

Arranging and supporting outreach to relevant stakeholders

V

Engaging both with media as well all relevant social media to increase the visibility and improve the understanding of our industry

II

Developing position papers and policy messaging in agreement with the members

IV

Organising roundtables, workshops, and an annual conference with stakeholders

VI

Administrative support (including coordination meetings and accounting)

The Advisory Council

Our advisory council is comprised of leaders from both the political and regulatory as well as academic world with careers spanning decades in their respective fields. They are well connected not only within the industry and academia but also at the global and European level.

Gabriel Bizama

Institute for Civil Law
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Michal Boni

Former Polish Minister for
Digitization and former Member
of the European Parliament

Jörn Erbguth

University of Geneva

Andreas Furrer

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Geoffrey Goodell

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Former Mayor of Solna, Sweden
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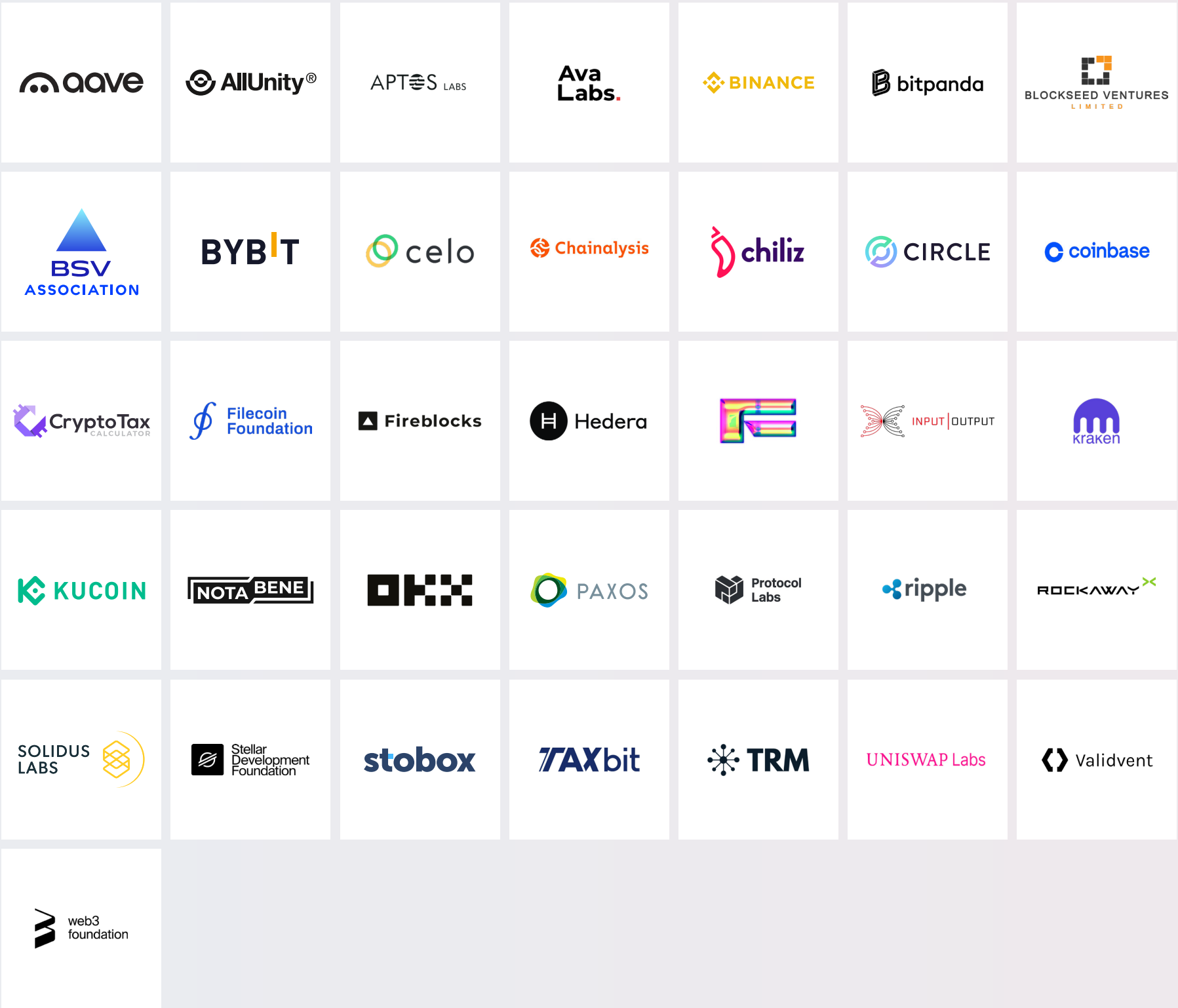
Dubai Blockchain Center

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Our Members



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