

# **BUILD EXPERTISE. SHOW LEADERSHIP. FACILITATE DIALOGUE.**

Our mission is to highlight key developments of the blockchain technology, promote dialogue and help strengthen partnerships in Europe and beyond. We are also committed to enhancing the understanding of technology, applications and the larger economic ecosystems where blockchain plays an important role. Our goal is to build an active community of experts and deepen our global knowledge base.



**WELCOME TO THE FORUM!**

Join the discussion and leverage the strength of the community.

■ Launched as a European Parliament pilot project in 2017, the purpose of the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum is to facilitate meaningful dialogue between decision-makers, thought leaders and the wider blockchain community.

Run under the aegis of the European Commission's Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), its mission is to:

- Map key initiatives in Europe and beyond.
- Monitor developments, analyse trends and address emerging issues.
- Serve as a global knowledge hub on blockchain.
- Promote European actors and reinforce European engagement with multiple stakeholders.
- Represent a major communication opportunity for Europe to set out its vision and ambition on the international scene.
- Inspire common actions based on specific use-cases of European interest.
- Make recommendations on the role the EU could play in accelerating blockchain innovation and adoption.

■ In 2020, a new consortium led by INTRASOFT International won a clear mandate to build on the achievements of predecessor ConsenSys and its partners. Committed to invigorating the mission of the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum, and to further expand and strengthen its activities in the world of blockchain, the new consortium is engaging the European blockchain community and providing educational and dissemination opportunities among stakeholders.

■ Together with INTRASOFT International, the University of Nicosia and Greece's National Centre for Research and Technological Development (CERTH) form the core consortium. Subcontracting partners include technology leaders, top universities, as well as research organisations. With solid expertise on the global blockchain ecosystem, the consortium brings strong commitment aims to and stay on the cutting edge of blockchain advancements.

## FAST FACTS & FIGURES



**2017** Launch of Observatory and Forum



**2 200** members



**2 600** newsletter subscribers



**91 000** website visitors



**310 000** page views



**13** thematic reports



**9** academic papers



**18** workshops

■ By building on existing European blockchain initiatives, ensuring they work across borders, consolidating expertise, and above all seizing the opportunities that blockchain's new paradigms offer citizens and economy, the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum is making significant contributions. It's fulfilling the European Commission's blockchain objectives.

*CONSIDERING ITS SIZE, ACADEMIC RESOURCES, CULTURE OF INNOVATION AND DEEP POOLS OF TALENT, EUROPE CAN TAKE THE LEAD IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF THIS EXCITING NEW TECHNOLOGY.*

THE OBSERVATORY AND FORUM IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE @EUBLOCKCHAIN COMMUNITY, A MODERATED ONLINE PLATFORM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

■ Open to the public, the online Forum consists of a large network of entrepreneurs, researchers, professionals and many others interested in contributing to the Forum through fact-finding, suggestions, or comments. Join today!

- *Stay in the loop Easily find relevant posts, group files, events and more.*
- *Join the discussion Contribute instantly via email or through the forum.*
- *Spark a conversation Search and meet peers and build meaningful connections.*
- *Meet your network Share knowledge, tips and ideas with your group, initiate private or group chats.*

## CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAP

■ Hundreds of blockchain initiatives in Europe and around the world are listed in a comprehensive, crowdsourced map on the Observatory website. Tell us about your project and help us complete the map. [CONTACT US TODAY.](#)



## SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE

■ To spread the word about blockchain and its potential, the Observatory and Forum carries out a series of educational initiatives – from webinars open to the public to more specific initiatives tailored to particular audiences. The website also features a collection of valuable educational resources, such as an introduction to Blockchain and FAQs.

As one of the major breakthroughs of the past decade, blockchain technology allows large groups of people and organisations to reach agreement on and permanently record information without a central authority.

Blockchain is an important tool for building a fair, inclusive, secure and democratic digital economy. By recording data immutably, blockchain helps build users' trust in the authenticity of data they will analyse, such as the data used for statistical purposes.

Europe and its citizens stand to benefit from a prospering, blockchain-driven, Web 3.0 industry in many ways. Blockchain can be particularly transformative in the public sector, where it can contribute to greater efficiency and transparency in government. It can also be used to improve life-essential supply chains such as those for food and medicines by providing transparency and traceability throughout the chain.

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