



# Empowering European experts' leadership in blockchain standardisation

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## Partners & Objectives



### Objective I

Support the implementation of the Rolling Plan for ICT Standardisation in international and European blockchain/ Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) standardisation scenes

### Objective II

Reinforce the link with the European Blockchain Services Infrastructure (EBSI) and the European Blockchain Partnership (EBP)

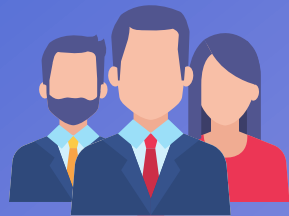
### Objective III

Support the participation of European standardisation experts, particularly from European start-ups, SMEs, academia and independent experts, in international and European Standard Developing Organisations



## Key Planned Outcomes

[BlockStand.eu](https://blockstand.eu) – a web-based Blockchain Standardisation Facility & Community Tool which will contain the following outputs:



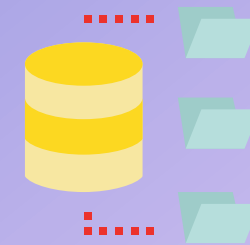
### Executive Management Board

to steer and guide the project, as well as a **Technical Coordination Board** to monitor and support the work of the experts



### Experts' Selection Process

with 400 000€ made available (min. 30-40 funded experts)



### Repository

of Blockchain standardisation activities



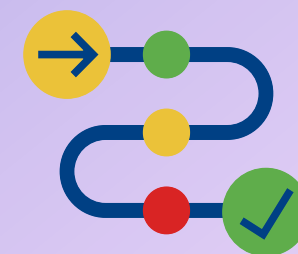
### Standardisation

Gaps & Recommendations' Atlas



### Report

on Blockchain inclusion to the Rolling Plan



### European

Blockchain Standardisation Roadmap



### Experts' success stories

Europe's Blockchain Leadership Outlook

## Experts' Selection Process

- Throughout the project, a **continuous, open, and inclusive selection of experts** (with focus on *SMEs, R&I, and EBSI experts*) will be implemented to support their leadership in blockchain and DLT standardisation.
- **Contributions** will be disbursed for:
  1. Technical reports & research studies
  2. New work items
  3. Active participation in a Technical Committee
  4. Other standardisation activities that meet the evaluation criteria

**Total amount: 400.000 EUR**

- ❖ Continuous selection (bi-monthly cut-offs)  
August 2023 – February 2025
- ❖ **30-40 experts** and **100** expert contributions:
  - **Short-term** contributions (3 months) – one-time deliverables
  - **Long-term contributions** (12 months) – consisting of 2 to 3 deliverables
- ❖ Maximum **3 contributions** per expert
- ❖ Maximum support of **4000 Euros**/deliverable



# Submission Process

## EXPERT CONTRIBUTION PROPOSAL SELECTION PROCESS



## Evaluation Criteria

*Table 1: Selection Step 1 - Relevance & Quality of the proposal*

<p>Eligibility (all three criteria MUST be satisfied)</p>	<p>Excellence &amp; Implementation (Max points 6; threshold: 4)</p>	<p>Impact (Max points 6; threshold: 4)</p>
<p>The applying expert represents / is affiliated with a European body (European SME, big company, research institution, etc.)</p> <p>The proposing expert has not received the lump-sum support more than 3 times</p> <p>The expert confirms that the same contribution is not presented as an output for EU-funding elsewhere (e.g., it is not an expert's deliverable for SEEBLOCKS, StandICT, SBS, etc.)</p>	<p>Applying expert's experience/ knowledge of the subject</p> <p>Applying expert's experience with standardization processes</p> <p>Timeline for the proposed contribution is feasible</p>	<p>The proposed contribution addresses listed priorities or provides clear evidence for the unlisted priority (in the latter case – The Executive Management Board ranks this aspect)</p> <p>The proposed contribution has wider impact on blockchain or its use cases' development</p> <p>The proposed contribution has a potential for follow-up activities / further use of it</p>



## Evaluation Criteria - II

*Table 2. Selection Step 2 – Standardisation Prioritisation*

Based on the achievement of the below prioritisation criteria (given between 1 and 3 points for criteria I-V and up to 5 points for criteria VI), the amount of points will be summed up with the points received in STEP 1, and the experts will be prioritised

I. Variety of addressed priorities	Is the contribution addressing one of the priorities where a few (or none) contributions have been made so far?
II. Participation in diverse SDOs / prioritisation of international SDOs	Is the contribution addressing standards / technical committees where little (or none) work has been done so far by the project experts? Is the suggested contribution linked to work being done at the international or European SDO level?
III. Representation of the target groups	Is the applying expert helping to achieve the balance in expert representation (in terms of experts coming from SMEs / big companies / research community / European NGOs)?
IV. Gender balance and expert diversity	Is the applying expert contributing to ensuring the gender balance of the supported experts? Is the expert representing unrepresented (or less represented) age groups?
V. Environmental impact	Is the proposed contribution addressing environmental sustainability? What will be the impact of the proposed contribution / its outcome to the circularity and greening of the economy?
VI. Expert leadership/ participation of new experts	Is the applying expert aiming at a leadership position? Is the applying expert a new unexperienced expert willing to get engaged into standardisation and grow towards leadership positions in the future?

## Cut-off Dates

The submission portal is open for a continuous rolling submission, with the following cut-off dates:

- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Official opening of the Experts' Selection Process: 3<sup>rd</sup> August

- ❖ Relevant documentation to be published in upcoming days on BlockStand.eu
- ❖ What to expect:
  - Guidelines for applicants
  - Application form
  - Declaration of honour
  - FAQ



# Thank you for your attention!

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