

PRESS RELEASE – First SEEBLOCKS.eu Public Consultation - 24 March 2024

SEEBLOCKS.eu delivers insights on enhancing citizens' lives through blockchain/DLT technology in its first Public Consultation

The Public Consultation has long been an important component of European Commission (EC) policy, supporting the Commission's commitment to transparency and inclusiveness for all those citizens and stakeholders affected by its decisions. Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) form the basis of some of the most ambitious and forward-looking EC policies to enhance the lives of its citizens, from Identity Management to sustainable supply chains and improved interaction with public administrations. SEEBLOCKS.eu announces that the results of its first public consultation are now online on Zenodo.

The motivation behind the SEEBLOCKS.eu Public Consultation was to hear from stakeholders of all kinds about their requirements, concerns, and even just their opinions. The public consultation collected insights from over fifty respondents on a wide range of topics. Well over half of the respondents were not primarily active in the Blockchain/DLT domain, so SEEBLOCKS.eu had the opportunity to receive thoughtful comments on this cutting-edge technology from a broad diversity of perspectives. Many respondents expressed a concern that the technology, even after several years, is still not well understood and appreciated in business and society.

But the expert respondents were in full agreement on one point: education along with open standards and interoperability is vital to ensure that the technology can be implemented in a transparent, fair manner that levels the playing field for businesses and reassures citizens that European values of secure, human-centred digital services are preserved. As a result, SEEBLOCKS.eu is concentrating even more resources in the coming months in two areas:

- High-quality education in blockchain/DLT. The SEEBLOCKS.eu series of webinars is treating a variety of topics of interest and importance to both practicing blockchain/DLT professionals and informed citizens who want to stay abreast of recent developments.
- Thorough, up-to-date information on blockchain/DLT standardisation with our Visualisation Tool. The Visualisation tool is being updated constantly with valuable resources on the latest developments in blockchain/DLT standards.



The SEEBLOCKS.eu Partners

The lean and skilled Consortium of Partners is coordinated by <u>Trust-IT Srl</u>, an SME with over 15 years' experience of managing complex pan-European projects including StandICT.eu, the flagship European ICT standardisation project. Partner <u>COMMpla Srl</u> contributes mature and sophisticated platform technology know-how to provide a rich environment hosting a myriad of Blockchain standardisation activities. <u>Dublin City University</u> is a major player and emerging technologies standards leader in Standards Working Groups and Technical Communities, as well as educating future standards experts. The team is rounded out by the <u>Fraunhofer Institute</u> for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, an innovation research institute with expertise in the interface between R&I and standardisation with teaching skills and works on the impact assessment of blockchain pilots as part of the IMPULSE project. All partners provide synergies with both StandICT.eu and HSBooster.eu – which provides tailored Standardisation support to H2020 and Horizon Europe projects.

Join the SEEBLOCKS.eu Community!

European blockchain standardisation experts are invited to apply for our grants to help us enable the EU priorities of strengthening and deepening the ecosystems of ICT Standardisation experts that will drive the next generation of Blockchain and DLT standards developers. Further details and updates about the development of SEEBLOCKS.eu - including our Technical Working Group and Strategy Board - will be disseminated through the official website, via our social media channels Twitter and LinkedIn and YouTube channels as well as via a regular SEEBLOCKS.eu newsletter. Write us to sign up for our newsletter at contact@seeblocks.eu

SEEBLOCKS.eu in a nutshell

- SEEBLOCKS.eu project has received funding from the European Union's Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL) under grant agreement No 101102718.
- Starting/Closure date: June 1, 2023 May 30, 2025
- Consortium 4 partners from 3 member states
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