PRESS RELEASE –SEEBLOCKS.eu announces final event in Brussels featuring leading Blockchain/DLT standardisation experts– 14 February 2025

The live event in Brussels includes a keynote on the EU ICT Rolling plan plus panel discussions with over twenty outstanding Blockchain/DLT experts and IT speakers around the globe.

SEEBLOCKS.eu is pleased to announce that **registration is now open for its final event on 10** April 2025, entitled "<u>How the DEP project SEEBLOCKS.eu has impacted European</u> <u>Blockchain/DLT Standardisation</u>"¹. This all-day event dedicated entirely to blockchain/DLT standardisation will be hosted in Brussels at the centrally located <u>SPARKS</u>² meeting space.

Our <u>SEEBLOCKS.eu experts</u>³ will be present at the event. Many of them are independent professionals or associated with SMEs or startups (whose participation in standardisation is hampered by traditionally resource-poor profiles), who were able to apply the funding received by SEEBLOCKS.eu to a wide range of activities contributing to closing key gaps in blockchain/DLT standardisation and opening up new opportunities for blockchain/DLT related innovation.

As Rita Meneses (Trust-IT and SEEBLOCKS.eu Project Coordinator-IT) says, "We in SEEBLOCKS.eu are proud to have been able to select and engage more than twenty of **Europe's most** accomplished experts in blockchain/DLT standardisation in exciting standards-related research over the duration of the project, and we're looking forward to gathering them together in Brussels in April for a day of intensive interaction with event participants."

For example, blockchain/DLT technologies (supported by appropriate standards) are contributing to innovation in complementary ICT trends such as support for environmental sustainability (where they can provide new solutions for regulating carbon credit transactions) and for the security of food supply chains. Even sectors such as robotics and electric distribution grids are benefitting from new blockchain/DLT solutions.

Well-known innovations such as Smart Contracts need a seamless standardisation of their business processes and security to provide practical, real-world functionality. **Our experts have contributed to closing the standardisation gaps within different Standard Development Organisations (e.g. ISO, CEN-CENELEC, IEEE, ITU, ETSI)** to ensure that these and other innovations such as eIDAS will be able to deliver on their promise.

³ <u>https://seeblocks.eu/experts</u>



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² <u>https://seeblocks.eu/venue-online-connection-accommodation</u>

The all-day event will kick off with a **keynote by the Chair of the Task Force on the EU ICT Rolling Plan, where SEEBLOCKS.eu has made its own contributions** toward identifying the most urgent needs and policy measures related to blockchain/DLT standardisation.

The keynote will be followed by a series of **panel discussions ranging from technical topics** (such as trust anchor infrastructures and smart contracts) **to policy-related issues, with speakers from America, Europe and Asia and different European standard initiatives** (e.g. StandICT2026, HSBooster, INSTAR, IndigoGlobal and Blockstand) such as the EU Strategy on Standardisation aimed at ensuring Europe's continuing leadership in global standards, how blockchain can support the development of other IT technologies (such as Artificial Intelligence), and how international collaboration can promote IT policies and standards creation towards global benefits, amongst other points.

Attendees will be invited to participate in the lively panel discussions, and to meet with our experts throughout the day during session breaks.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to network with a unique group of leading protagonists in the European blockchain/DLT standardisation landscape. **Register to the event:** <u>https://seeblocks.eu/form/seeblocks-eu-final-event-how-the</u>

The SEEBLOCKS Partners

The lean and skilled Consortium of Partners is coordinated by **Trust-IT Srl**, an SME with over 15 years' experience of managing complex pan-European projects including StandICT.eu, the flagship European ICT standardisation project. Partner **COMMpla Srl** contributes mature and sophisticated platform technology know-how to provide a rich environment hosting a myriad of Blockchain standardisation activities. **Dublin City University** 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 **Fraunhofer Institute** 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 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 Permanent Task Force - 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



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SEEBLOCKS.eu in a nutshell

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- Starting/Closure date: June 1, 2023 May 30, 2025
- Consortium 4 partners from 3 member states
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