

## PRESS RELEASE –SEEBLOCKS.eu announces launch of online ICT/Blockchain Standardisation Training

***The SEEBLOCKS.eu Standard Academy launches a series of training modules on ICT standardisation with a special focus on blockchain/DLT***

SEEBLOCKS.eu is pleased to announce the official launch of the online version of its successful SEEBLOCKS.eu Training Academy<sup>1</sup>. As Rita Meneses of Project Coordinator Trust-IT says, *“Capacity and skills building is one of the most important pillars of our mission of promoting standardisation in Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLT). Europe needs a competent, standards-aware workforce to be able accomplish the ambitious goals of the Digital Decade 2030, and the launch of the online version of our Academy is another step toward broadening the reach of our training initiative.”*

The SEEBLOCKS.eu Training Academy , an online course available free of charge, has brought instruction on ICT standardisation with a special focus on blockchain/DLT standards to numerous venues over the duration of the project. The onsite training consists of a set of modules progressing from basic up through advanced levels, concluding with a final examination and the issuance of a certificate of participation to the attendees. The extension to online accessibility will make it possible for a larger audience to benefit from the insights provided by the developer of the curriculum, Professor Knut Blind of SEEBLOCKS.eu partner Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research. Professor Blind is also Chair of Innovation Economics at the Technical University of Berlin.

The course has been designed for a target audience of both working professionals and researchers, with the goal of giving them the background and fundamental tools to participate in blockchain-related standardisation and reap its benefits in their own work. Working professionals will learn how blockchain standardisation can make their products and services more reliable and interoperable, creating trust among their customers and expanding their potential markets across boundaries and borders. Researchers will learn how to funnel their innovations into standardisation activities, to ensure valorisation of their work and take-up in the industry.

The curriculum begins with a basic teaching module on the *ICT standardisation landscape with a focus on blockchain*, whereby the participant is introduced to the basic principles of ICT standardisation and the primary standards developing organisations, particularly those involved in blockchain/DLT standardisation. It continues with a follow-on module

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<sup>1</sup> <https://seeblocks.eu/teaching-modules>



*Role of standards in ICT with a focus on blockchain*, with a deeper examination of the types of ICT standards (Compatibility/Interface, Quality/Safety, Information/M Measurement, and so forth) and their counterparts within the blockchain/ DLT context.

The curriculum wraps up with an advanced module, *The interface between research and standardisation with a focus on blockchain*. This module pulls it all together with a focus on another of the pillars of SEEBLOCK.eu's mission: raising awareness about the mutual benefits of standardisation and research within the European research community, and preparing our researchers for active participation in blockchain/ DLT standardisation, both through funding opportunities and education. As Professor Blind has noted, "*Identifying relevant standards that support blockchain research is crucial for fostering innovation and ensuring that research outputs are aligned with industry best practices.*"

Onsite training on the premises of companies and institutions may also be arranged by contacting us at SEEBLOCKS.eu and submitting a request.

The online training modules may now be accessed through <https://seeblocks.eu/teaching-modules> and we invite all those interested to start their course now.

## **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](mailto:contact@seeblocks.eu)



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## SEEBLOCKS.eu in a nutshell

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