

Blockchain applications: A view from the European Parliament
Wednesday, June 6th, European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60. Brussels

Programme

08:00-09:30 Is blockchain disrupting or enabling banking?

MEP Antanas Guoga (EPP)

Room A5E3

Global banking is currently a \$134 trillion industry. Banks help intermediate payments, make loans, and provide credit. Blockchain which has become the main buzzword since 2017 is already transforming everything from payments transactions to how money is raised in the private market. As it picks up momentum, will the traditional banking industry embrace the technology or be replaced by it? What is the status quo - how is traditional banking dealing with the growing competition from fintech sector which is already widely applying blockchain to their services? Which traditional banking areas could benefit the most from the application of blockchain in their daily services?

8:00 - 8:10 h Welcome remarks by MEP Antanas Guoga, EPP

8:20 - 9:20 h Panel discussion:

- Ioana Surpateanu, Director of Government Affairs at Citi bank
- Montserrat Guardia Güell , Digital Challenge & Emerging Technologies Director at Banco Sabadell
- Greg Van de Bergh, CEO at Bankorus
- Delphine Leroy, Team leader of the Fintech team, DG FISMA

9:20 - 9:30 h Q & A

12:30-14:00 DLT Standards and ICOs

MEP Sorin Moisa (EPP)

Room A5E3

The debate, which will focus on the future of ICOs and DLTs, comes at a crucial moment for blockchain technology and the market it has generated. As you know, a number of countries are taking action to stop fraud in the crypto-world, as seen recently in the USA and Canada, and international fora begin discussing global standards and regulation of virtual currencies. The European Union has recently amended its anti-money laundering legislation to cover the crypto world. The topic is expected to be taken up this summer by G20 leaders, as well. Our panel discussion could generate input for policymakers and thus contribute to the evolving European regulatory framework for ICOs and DLTs, also in the context of the new EU FinTech Action Plan. In order to achieve that, we have put together an exceptional panel,

whose members will be sharing good practices and sustainable business models from various jurisdictions around the globe.

12:30 - 12:40 Welcome remarks by MEP Sorin Moisa

12:40 - 13:30 Panel discussion:

- Ashley Fox, Member of the European Parliament, ECR
- Peteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Startups & Innovation, European Commission
- Tadej Slapnik, State Secretary, Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister, Republic of Slovenia
- Kristjan Kangro, Founder & CEO at Change
- Kai C. Chng, Co Founder & CEO at DigixGlobal
- Marina Markežič, VP of Startup Advisory at Cofound.it
- Tanja Bivic Plankar, President at Blockchain Alliance Europe
- Dr. Julian Hosp, Co-founder & President at TenX

13:30 - 14:00 Q & A

15:00-17:00 Blockchain Adoption
MEP Ivan Cătălin Sorin (S&D)

Room A1E1

Blockchain could provide answers for many present day issues and we see that an increasing number of industry players have started using distributed ledger technology during the last two years. The advantages of blockchain are numerous: it is more efficient, reduces costs and provides a greater level of trust regarding the information it holds. However, until it reaches critical mass, its adoption presents a series of challenges.

At the **Blockchain Adoption roundtable** where we are going to discuss topics such as:

Why haven't we seen mass adoption yet?

What are the roadblocks?

What could be the catalysers for reaching critical mass?

15:00 - 15:10 Welcome remarks by MEP Catalin Ivan

15:10 - 16:30 Panel discussion

- Naeem Aslam, Chief Market Analyst, ThinkMarkets / Contributor Forbes
- Dean van Dugteren, CEO of nOS

- Peteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Startups & Innovation, Digital Single Market, European Commission
- Franz von Weizsäcker, Head of blockchain lab GIZ
- Marco Zappalorto, CEO Nesta Italia- Blockchain for Social good
- Remy Ozcan, Founder Crypto4all
- Ethan Pierse, Director Cryptoassets Institute
- Daniel Gasteiger, Founder of Procivis

16:30 - 17:00 Q & A

**18:00-20:00 The Future of Blockchain and DLTs - Next Steps by EU
MEP Eva Kaili (S&D)**

Room A5E2

Blockchain is not an “adult” yet, but it not an “infant” either. It is clearer now that Distributed Ledger Technologies are much wider than the cryptocurrencies and unleash tremendous potential in a wide range of sectors, from education and supply chains, to creative industries and the public sector. New business models that promise less intermediation costs and lower transaction fees in the execution of transfer of value, as well as more trust and more reliability in the verification of identity, emerge all over the world.

It is time, though to scale up the applications of the technology and move on from the “proof of concept” to the “proof of execution”. What is the immediate future of blockchain? What are the necessary next steps the markets, the governments the research institutions, and in particular in the EU, should ppl take in order to help the scaling up of blockchain, create network effects and educate the consumers and citizens in its use?

In this panel we will explore the scalability of blockchain application, concrete strategies for doing and address challenges in both the economic, political and regulatory environment.

18:00 - 18:10 Welcome remarks by Eva Kaili

18:10 - 19:30 Panel Discussion

- Mario Campolargo, Deputy Director-General, European Commission
- Josh Crumb, co-founder of Goldmoney Inc
- Dr. Guenther Dobrauz-Saldapenna, Partner & Leader PwC Legal Switzerland
- Peter Kerstens, Co-Chair of the Fintech Task Force, European Commission
- Jeremy Millar, Founding Board Member Enterprise Ethereum Alliance
- David Shrier, Said Business School, CEO & Founder of Distilled Analytics
- Matthew Van Niekerk, Co-Founder & CEO, SettleMint N.V.

19:30 - 20:00 Q&A