

Polkadot Senior Ambassador Application

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Name: Gabo

Location: Most of the time in Hungary, rest: Middle- East(Dubai), APAC region(mostly Bali)

Polkadot Ambassador since: 11.2022.

Joined the Ambassador program on: 07.2022.

1. Summary of your Ambassador Contributions

My main contributions to the ecosystem this year include the Polkadot Sanctuary and the creation of a community from scratch in Bali. These efforts have resulted in numerous positive outcomes for the Polkadot ecosystem. Besides that, I'm involved in organizing both larger and smaller events, meetups, and also helping as a Polkadot ambassador to newly emerging projects to be integrated into the Polkadot ecosystem.

- 1. [Polkadot Sanctuary](#) and its achievements - co-founder
- 2. [Polkadot Championship](#) hackathon 2023 edition, Budapest - co-organizer
- 3. [Soulbound 2023](#) Bali Blockchain Summit - co-organizer
- 4. Multiple Polkadot Meetups/workshops ([Budapest](#), [Dubai](#), [Bali](#)) - co-organizer
- 5. [Mandala Chain](#) - advisor as a Polkadot ambassador
- 6. [Mosaic Chain](#) - advisor as a Polkadot ambassador
- 7. Represented Polkadot at [Hacktivity 2023](#) with a booth

2. Impact

The most important and noticeable outcome is that Six and I have built an entire Polkadot community in Bali. The outcome was tremendous. We managed to onboard 5 new Polkadot Ambassador Candidates, one of whom has become a fully-fledged Ambassador. We helped them organize 9 meetups (Blocktalks) with over 300 attendees, all Polkadot-related. We also co-organized a larger event called 'Soulbound' which featured Polkadot-related presentations, talks, and workshops, reaching an audience of almost 1000 attendees. We successfully persuaded the local government to choose Substrate for development and presented it to government and Ministry of Tourism officials, explaining why they should embrace Polkadot. We also signed an MoU with the local government, allowing the Polkadot hub to utilize the Bali Blockchain Center for free over the next three years.

We have now initiated negotiations in Dubai with the Dubai Future Foundation to utilize their blockchain center and host Polkadot-related events there and have signed an MOU since. The first event/workshop at the center is scheduled for this coming Sunday, November 5th.

In addition, I have attended numerous events, from Decoded to sub0, visited Polkadot-related teams like Subwallet in Vietnam, and met with ecosystem members such as Sota Watanabe from Astar and the Polkadot Insider team. I also visited Parity offices in Berlin and Lisbon to strengthen connections among ecosystem members, get to know everyone better, listen to their opinions, hear their stories, and share our experiences.

3. Challenges Overcome

This is a profound question, and I could probably write pages about it. I believe it's important to acknowledge how stressful and challenging it can be to be present in numerous locations, especially when you're building an entire community abroad while sacrificing your time to create something new, often without others fully seeing the value of your efforts. Additionally, being far away from your loved ones and family due to your enthusiasm for creating and building a better future can be emotionally challenging.

However, it's crucial to note that helping people and immersing yourself in different cultures is a fantastic way to live life. For all of this, I owe a great deal to Polkadot. Every challenge I've encountered, I view as a learning opportunity. I consider myself a problem solver, and I thoroughly enjoy tackling these challenges. Therefore, whenever I faced impediments, I always found a way to overcome them.

4. Materials

You can find all related data, pictures, metrics and outcome at the "Contributions" paragraph.

5. What I would like to do in the future plans

I am enthusiastic about continuing to establish Polkadot hubs worldwide. To achieve this, I am one of the founding members of the Hub Collective Team, a group of individuals from the ecosystem who are tirelessly working to create a framework and guidelines for future hubs. In addition to this, I will continue to assist in onboarding new projects and supporting ambassador candidates as they become fully-fledged Polkadot ambassadors.

6. Anything else to add?

Once again, I want to express my gratitude to Polkadot, Parity Tech, and the W3F for all the support and opportunities they have provided me this year. It has been an incredible journey, and we are just at the beginning. I also want to thank the friends I've made along the way for their tremendous support and help toward our projects. I am truly grateful. Thank you.