#### **DLT4ALL**

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# Open Day: Utilizing blockchain and smart contracts "in the field"

Presentation of novel blockchain & smart contract technology utilization in the industry, current use cases, and open round-table discussion on the specifics of value creation through blockchain use.

### Monday, 26/04/2021, 17:30 - 19:00

## DESCRIPTION

DLT4ALL is a European Knowledge Consortium, co-funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ program. **Our goal:** Through research, to produce useful knowledge on blockchain & DLT technology, so that it is effectively utilized by European Citizens, Researchers and Businesses, aiming towards the optimisation of European Production, of Services and of European Societies.

In the context of engaging with the community, this DLT4ALL Open Day is organized by consortium partners: **The University of Nicosia (CY)**, **Gnomon Informatics S.A. (GR)** and the **South-East European Research Centre - SEERC (GR)**.

The session will last **1.5 hours** (90min), during which we will introduce basic concepts to understand blockchain as a technology, and provide practical definitions of Smart Contracts (*what they are* and *what they do*). We further discuss the potential, challenges and risks associated with using Smart Contracts, as well as legal extensions of their utilization.

**During the final 45 minutes of the 90 minute event,** an open, round-table discussion will take place, where DLT4AL experts will expand the discussion towards the audience. You will be able to partake in the conversation and set your thoughts, questions and concerns on the table, to be discussed by the panel.

11 years after their initial conceptualisation, blockchain technology is still taking shy steps towards its holistic utilization. In the middle of a chaotic ecosystem comprised of difficult tech jargon, ever-changing architectures and obfuscation through marketing trends, it is now up

to the young scientists and professionals of Europe to *use* blockchain tech effectively, for the benefit of **Europe's Economy, the Environment,** for the benefit of **Democracy & Public Administration, and Social Cohesion**.

Our teaching material, slides and the (short, we promise!) code to be presented, remains fully Open-Source and freely available, here:

https://dlt4all.mooc.unic.ac.cy/login/index.php

#### Attendees will be awarded Certifications of Attendance by the DLT4ALL Consortium.

## PANELISTS

#### **Representing UNIC**

1. Dr Charis Savvides, Advocate & Law Lecturer (University of Nicosia)

#### **Representing SEERC**

2. Adriane Thrash, Managing partner of Anthology Ventures

Representing Gnomon Informatics S.A. (GR):

- 1. Dimitrios Sfounis, Software Engineer, expert on blockchain & smart contract tech
- 2. George Vagenas, Biologist & Data scientist, expert on blockchain & smart contract tech
- 3. Dimitrios R. Pliakogiannis, Lawyer, P.h.D. candidate on Blockchain technology extensions into European Commons and Obligations Law.

# LANGUAGE, TIMETABLE & CURRICULUM

All presentations and discussions will be carried out in **English**.

Monday 26-04-2021, 17:30 to 19:00:

- 17:30  $\rightarrow$  18:00: Introduction to blockchain and smart contract technology, Smart Contract use-cases, applications, associated challenges & risks, capability for improving European Economy and Society.
- $18:00 \rightarrow 19:00$ : Open, Round-Table discussion with the audience.

# **REGISTRATION LINK & CONTACT**

To sign-up for the Open Day:

#### https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5816191592185/WN\_mIPWvAuKRVysdGIV4b 4a9A

For any questions on project coordination, on teaching material or general inquiries, feel free to contact us here (CC as needed):

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