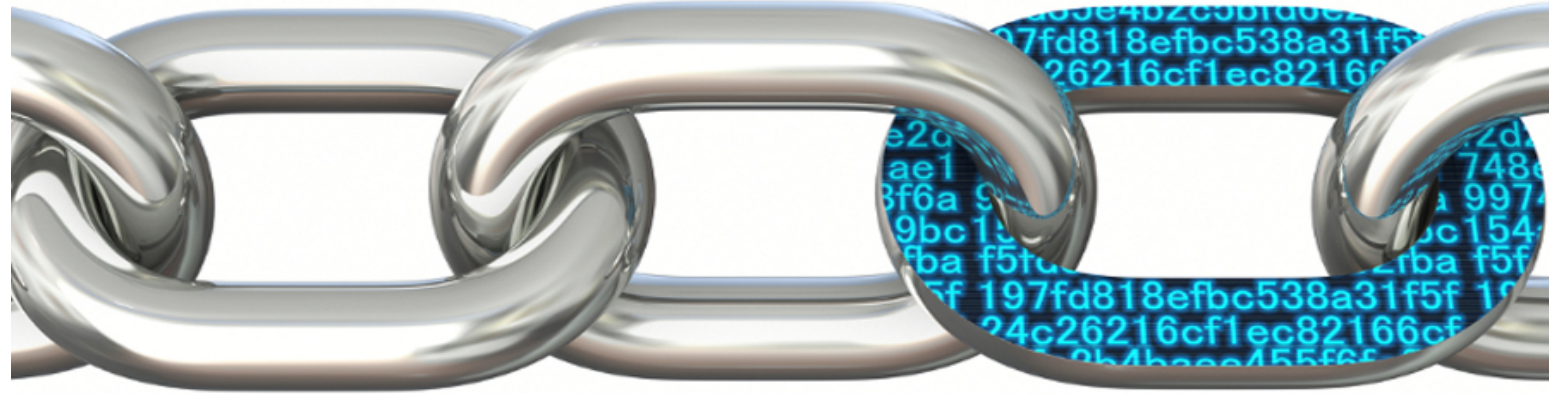


# Blockchain



## A revolutionary technology for the financial sector? Brussels - February 22nd

President of ceremony:

**Thibault Verbiest**, Partner, DS Avocats

Blockchain technology can without doubt be considered a revolutionary technology that is applicable in many fields. The financial sector is likely to be strongly affected by this technology as it completely challenges the established rules and modus operandi. During this conference, we will bring all the necessary insight and case studies to grasp the implications, risks, shortcomings and potentials of the Blockchain technology within the financial sector.

We will be looking at how Blockchain technology can render AML & KYC processes easier and less costly. How does this technology ensure faster & safer international money transfers, and how can it foster increase in trade?

Understanding the European views and expectations on Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies are essential to move forward in this little regulated environment.

It is clear that the financial sector finds itself in a transition period. Be ready for what is to come.

Public: Compliance Responsible, AML responsible, Asset Managers, Investment Funds, Legal directors, Blockchain enthusiasts, Blockchain Analysts, FinTech enthusiasts, Crypto-asset Analyst, Bitcoin & Blockchain Strategist

Location: Thon Hotel Bristol Stephanie, Avenue Louise 91-93, B-1050 Brussels

**12h00 Registration & welcome lunch**  
**Meet & greet HIVE Blockchain Society**

**13h30 Introduction by the president of ceremony**

Thibault Verbiest, Partner, DS Avocats

**13h45 A practical approach to Blockchain within the financial sector**

An overview of Blockchain application and its added value to the financial sector through concrete projects developed by KBC such as "DTC", "Document Authenticity"

Koen Vingerhoets, Blockchain/Distributed Ledger Technology Advisor, KBC Bank & Verzekeringen

**14h15 Case study: The Granada Project**  
**Blockchain at the service of AML, KYC & Compliance**

In how far does Blockchain ease the AML compliance process?  
Can Blockchain support and make KYC compliance more cost-efficient?  
What does the existing legal framework on Blockchain allow for AML & KYC compliance?

Guillaume Langéac, Partner, Fairman

**14h45 Nostro Account reconciliation through Blockchain technology**

What are the potential business benefits?  
How is privacy of accounts guaranteed?  
Will the technology bring revolutionary changes to cross-border payments and to the financial industry?  
The importance of collaboration to bring innovation to the sector

Damien Vanderveken, Head of R&D, SWIFTLab and User Experience, SWIFT

**Coffee Break**

### **15h45 Initial Coin Offerings: the legal framework**

Legal aspects from a current Belgian law perspective and practical considerations

International perspectives

Possible future developments

**Willem Van de Wiele**, Counsel, Member of the Brussels and New York Bar, White & Case LLP.

### **16h15 What are the next steps for the EU on Blockchain & virtual currencies? Introductory presentation**

**Pēteris Zilgalvis J.D.**, Head of Unit, Startups and Innovation, DG CONNECT  
Co-Chair, FinTech Task Force European Commission

### **16h30 Discussion panel:**

#### **What are the expectations on Blockchain & virtual currencies in Europe?**

What are the expectations in Europe on the effect of Blockchain Technology & payment solutions?

How does Europe see the role of Cryptocurrencies for daily financial transactions? How does this translate at the national level?

What is the stance of European Regulators on Cryptocurrencies as a means for investment and what is the perception of local regulators?

What have been the EU moves to regulate Cryptocurrencies start-ups and how has this influenced local regulators?

**Panel moderator: Jean-Luc Verhelst.**, Founder of BlockchainHub Brussels, Co-founder of Blockchain Community HIVE.Brussels, Author of Bitcoin, the Blockchain and Beyond,

#### **Panelists:**

**Pēteris Zilgalvis J.D.**, Head of Unit, Startups and Innovation, DG CONNECT  
Co-Chair, FinTech Task Force European Commission

**Christophe Majois**, Economist, Policy and international relations, FSMA

**Monica Monaco**, Blockchain and Virtual Currencies Working Group  
President & Founder TrustEu Affairs

### **17h30 Q&A and conclusion by president of Ceremony**

**End of conference**