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## 105 Organisations Announce New International Association of Trusted Blockchain Applications (INATBA)

European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel and Director-General Roberto Viola Attend the Launch Event

BRUSSELS, April 3, 2019: 105 organisations representing the full distributed ledger technology (DLT) ecosystem, today announced their commitment to a new platform, the International Association of Trusted Blockchain Applications. Launched with a ceremonial digital signing at the European Commission headquarters, INATBA will promote the use of blockchain technology by developing a predictable, transparent and trust-based global framework.

Hosted at the <u>European Commision Headquarters</u>, the signing ceremony included a keynote speech from the European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, Mariya Gabriel and remarks from Director-General Roberto Viola. Following this, INATBA members signatures were hashed on several distributed ledgers to formally launch the organisation.

"We are thrilled to see that over 100 companies and organizations have partnered together to help develop the framework for distributed ledger technologies in Europe," said Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for the Digital Economy and Society. "It clearly signifies that blockchain technology will be a driving force for our economy in the coming years, and through INATBA we will be able to foster an environment that encourages the application of the technology across the EU member states."

This initiative also has the strong support from leading international organisations. The European Commission, the World Bank, the OECD, the UN World Food Program, UNFCCC, UNICEF, the European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the OECD have joined INATBA's Governmental Advisory Board. All EU Member States and the European Blockchain Partnership are expected to join as governmental advisors.

The initiative for INATBA came from several participants in the EU Blockchain Industry Round Table, a European Commission hosted group, which has been working to identify the right conditions for blockchain technologies to flourish. The announcement by major Blockchain providers, large-scale users, start-ups and business and sectoral associations is a clear endorsement of the role INATBA will play in unlocking the potential of DLT across business and society.

The organizations listed below have declared their commitment to develop interoperability and sector-specific guidelines and standards, transparent and inclusive governance and ongoing constructive dialogue with authorities and regulators, to ensure that INATBA will be a significant driver of blockchain innovation and adoption internationally.

INATBA has mandated itself with a number of chief objectives:

- 1. Promote an open, transparent and inclusive global model of governance for blockchain and other distributed ledger technology infrastructures and applications. A model that reflects the shared interests of stakeholders from industry, start-ups and SMEs, civil society organisations, governments and international organisations.
- 2. Support the development and adoption of interoperability guidelines, specifications and global standards, to enhance trusted, traceable, user-centric digital services. Upholding an open, transparent and inclusive method of multi-stakeholder cooperation.
- 3. Develop sector-specific guidelines and specifications for the development and acceleration of trusted sectorial blockchain and DLT applications in specific sectors (i.e. financial services, health, supply chain, energy and financial inclusion).

The organisations now call on other like-minded Blockchain stakeholders to join INATBA to drive the development and deployment Blockchain across the globe. These organizations include:

21 Consulting GmbH	Everis Belgique
AB InBev (Anheuser-Busch InBev)	Fractal Blockchain GmbH
AboutGovernance B.V.	Fujitsu Technology Solutions
ACCENTURE	FUTURE ENERGY FOUNDATION LIMITED
ACCORD PROJECT, LLC	Gnosis Limited
ALASTRIA	GuardTime AS
ALIS Co., Ltd.	IBM
Ambrosus (Represented by Innolab Engineering SARL)	Intesa SanPaolo

BANK FRICK & CO AG	IOTA Foundation
Barclays Services Limited	IPDB Foundation e.V. (Interplanetary Database Foundation e.V.)
BBFA LTD	iPoint-systems gmbh
BBVA (Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.)	ITALIA 4 BLOCKCHAIN
Berkeley Research Group (UK) Ltd. (thinkBRG)	Jolocom GmbH
Billon Group Ltd	Konfidio UG
Billon Sp. z o.o	Kriptomat
Bitfury Holding B.V.	Kunfud Cero Seis, SL
Blockchain Bundesverband e.v. (Bundesblock)	LEDGER
Blockchain Centre Vilnius	Lisk Stiftung
Blockchain Hungary Association	L'OREAL
BLOCKCHAIN ITALIA SRL	Lukso Blockchain GmbH
Blockchance UG	LYNKEUS
Boerse Stuttgart Digital Ventures GmbH	MADANA UG
BOTLabs GmbH	NEC EUROPE LTD
врсе	Odilia GmbH
BUIDL, Ltd.	ParkinGO International SA
Caisse des dépôts et consignations	QPQ Limited
CARDANO Stiftung	QUANT NETWORK LTD
CASHLINK Technologies GmbH	R3 LLC
Česká fintech asociace, z.s.	Raoof Consultancy Limited
Chaintip B.V.	Repsol SA
Climate Change Coalition (Novasphere)	Riddle & Code GmbH
COALA (Coalition d'Applications Légales Automatisées)	Ripple Labs Inc.
COCIR (European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry)	RoyaltyRange (Intangible Range Ltd.)
COCUS Aktiengesellschaft	S. ESTEBAN CONSULTING LIMITED
Coinarmy Bilisim Teknolojileri Ticaret Anonim Sirketi	SAP SE
COMPELLIO SA	Scrypt.Media

ConsenSys AG	SIA S.p.A.
Datafloq B.V.	slock.it GmbH
DECENT International, a.s.	Sovrin Foundation
DEON DIGITAL	Stablecoin Integration servies Danmark IVS
Deutsche Börse AG	Stichting FIBREE
Deutsche Telekom AG	STOKR S.A.
DIGITAL GRID Corporation	Summitto B.V.
DLC Distributed Ledger Consulting GmbH	SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication)
DNV GL Business Assurance Group AS	Tangany GmbH
ECLIPSE FOUNDATION	TechGDPR DPC GmbH
ECSDA (European Central Securities Depositories Association)	Telefónica SA
EFN (FEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES ASSOCIATIONS INFIRMIERES )	thinkBLOCKtank
ELECTRINA HOLDINGS DESIGNATED ACTIVITY COMPANY	Unibright IT GmbH
ENGIE	Volksbank Mittweida eG
ENTERPRISE ETHEREUM ALLIANCE INC.	WE.TRADE INNOVATION
ERTICO (European Road Transport Telematics Implementation Coordination	Yoti Ltd

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