

Guide for EaP stakeholders on joining the International Association for Trusted Blockchain Applications (INATBA)

This guide provides an in-depth overview of the possibilities for stakeholders of the six Eastern partner countries to join the selected specialised EU networks and platforms in the area of ICT innovation. The goal of this guide is to further support the integration of EaP stakeholders with the EU networks and platforms that were introduced during a series of EU4Digital networking events with lead EU organisations, regarding policy topics prioritised by the countries.

Organisation details

Short
description:

Launched in 2019 by the European Commission, INATBA - International Association for Trusted Blockchain Applications, is a highly influential association advocating for blockchain and distributed ledger technology (DLT) adoption in Europe and globally. INATBA is mainly known for its credibility with regulatory authorities and policymakers and is appraised for its contributions to Markets in Crypto Asset Regulation (MiCA), Transfer of Funds Regulation (TFOR), electronic Identification, Authentication and Trust Services (eIDAS), CHAISE Project, EU Pact for Skills, academic and governmental advisory bodies, and its passionate diverse global community of CEOs, CTOs, heads of policy, public/institutional relations, legal, marketing, BizDev, developers and policymakers.

Mission statement:

INATBA aims to develop transparent and inclusive governance and cooperation model(s) for blockchain and DLT infrastructures and applications, to inform policy and regulatory measures that may contribute to harnessing the opportunities of blockchain through a close dialogue with policymakers and regulators, to promote regulatory convergence and avoiding a fragmented approach that would hinder trust in these emerging technologies and reduce their uptake in the economy.

Objectives of INATBA:

Establish a permanent dialogue with public authorities and regulators; promote open, transparent and inclusive global governance models for blockchain and DLT; support the development and adoption of interoperability guidelines and global standards; develop sector-specific guidelines and specifications.

Priority topics:

Blockchain and other DLT; applications and regulatory frameworks around the technology.



Network:

INATBA collaborates with a number of organisations across Europe and beyond, including International Organization for Standardization (ISO); the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); <u>StandICT.eu2023</u>; <u>LACChain</u>; UN and more.

Read more on the INATBA website.

Potential beneficiaries

Ultimate goal

Initiate collaboration between the EaP stakeholders and the community of thought leaders and alike EU organisations that could foster a positive change in regulation and development of the blockchain ecosystem in the Eastern partner countries.

Main beneficiaries addressed by EU4Digital activity:

- Blockchain associations
- Policymakers/regulators specialising in blockchain
- Industry players

Additional beneficiaries:

- Large, medium-sized, small and micro enterprises
- Non-profit organisations
- Academic institutions

Service description

services/tools description and eligibility criteria

1. Membership package

- **a. Service description:** Membership offers a host of benefits attractive for the newest of startups to the larger enterprises, including:
 - A focus on the most pertinent topics in blockchain;
 - Contribute to creating market intelligence and be cited in cuttingedge industry reports;
 - Networking opportunities with peers and government members across 30+ countries;
 - Access to thought leaders in the academic and government spheres;
 - Recognition of members' leadership in the blockchain space;
 - Access to knowledge from leading standard-setting organisations and global initiatives;
 - Promotion in social media features and spotlight sessions;
 - Prioritised speaking slots at INATBA public roundtables and events and submission to industry speaking opportunities;
 - Access to a members-only platform containing exclusive content.
 - Joining INATBA's working groups provides an opportunity to share outputs and contribute reports on the most pressing issues facing





the global adoption of blockchain. The working groups listed below bring together thought leaders from diverse backgrounds for meaningful conversation, networking and collaborative projects: Finance, Education, Identity, Privacy, Social Impact and Sustainability, and Standards Committee (page coming soon).

b. Eligibility/target group:

- Eligible for membership are legal persons who have applied to become a member and comply with the criteria (an organisation that, in accordance with its statutory purpose or through its activities, is engaged in the development or use of blockchain or other DLT infrastructures and applications, or is involved in the creation of ecosystems for blockchain and other DLT infrastructures and applications; share and support the objectives of the association within the meaning of Article 2 of the Articles of Association).
- For the purpose of setting fees, members are classified, according to the size and business purpose of their organisation, into five membership categories: non-profit, micro, small, medium and large. Categories two to five follow the staff headcount, turnover, and balance sheet criteria pertaining to forprofit enterprises set forth in EU Recommendation 2003/361, as updated from time to time. See INATBA's Membership Fees

c. How to join?

- Contact the Membership Recruitment Manager Morgane Stein at morgane.stein@inatba.org or submit a membership preapplication form for the team to contact you.
- Fill in and submit the full membership <u>application form</u> to join at the earliest.

2. Task Forces

- **a. Service description:** Interact with the international community and contribute to activities that are different for each task force listed below, providing different benefits and opportunities:
 - Metaverse Task Force
 - Digital Credentials Task Force
- **b. Eligibility/target group:** Conditions vary per task force. Please contact Bara Greplova at bara.greplova@inatba.org for more information on eligibility.





c. How to join?

- Task force applications can be submitted only by INATBA members for the existing task forces.
- Participation of academics and public sector representatives is free of charge through membership in INATBA's advisory bodies.
 Please get in touch with Bara Greplova at bara.greplova@inatba.org to learn more.
- Associations keen to collaborate are invited to contact INATBA's executive team (Morgane Stein, morgane.stein@inatba.org) to explore potential collaboration.

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