

Agenda Open Market Consultation event EU Blockchain Pre-Commercial Procurement

27 April 2020

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Background Information

The European Commission invites all interested market parties to participate in the open market consultation event on 27 April 2020 for its upcoming European Blockchain Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP). The PCP is looking for novel blockchain solutions for the European Blockchain Service Infrastructure (EBSI). The open market consultation offers a unique opportunity to provide feedback on the scope of the future PCP and to be involved in and co-create the future development of EU-wide blockchain solutions.

In the <u>14 January 2020 webinar</u>, the EC clarified the high level EBSI architecture, the key procurement objectives and characteristics of the PCP process. In an <u>online questionnaire</u> that closed on 2 march 2020, the European Commission collected feedback from the market about ongoing market developments in the field of blockchain. In the meantime, the European Commission has reflected on all this information.

As a result, the **Open Market Consultation event on 27 April 2020** will provide you with a deeper understanding of the key building blocks and use cases for the future EBSI architecture that require further development and could be addressed by the PCP. A moderated discussion will aim to collect market parties' feedback on the technical feasibility to address the procurement need, in order to clarify further the gap with ongoing market developments and the corresponding innovation potential. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions, to which the answers will be posted in the Q&A list.

Due to the travel restrictions because of the Corona virus, the open market consultation event will be organised in an online format. The open market consultation event is targeted at potential bidders who can help us design and build the next generation European Blockchain Service Infrastructure. The target participant profile is CTO, solution architect, product management or technical pre-sales.

In case you are looking for partners to team up for the EU blockchain PCP, you can make use of the online networking space. Step 1: Indicate during the <u>online registration</u> for the open market consultation event that you are looking for potential partners (by indicating that you want to appear on the participants list, that you want to have a public profile and that you want to enable the personal messaging feature). Step 2: Via the online messaging functionality in the <u>online networking space</u>, you can contact other stakeholders that are looking for partners. The messaging functionality will remain operational also after the open market consultation event so that also stakeholders that cannot attend the event can use it as a tool to find potentially interested partners to team up with for the PCP.

The feedback obtained from the Open Market Consultation event will serve as a basis for defining the final scope and tender specifications for the EU blockchain PCP. If need be, the EC may after the event organise additional meetings and/or contact vendors on an individual basis to collect further clarifications about ongoing market developments.

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Format:

Online interactive event
The times mentioned in the agenda below are CET, Brussels times.

Registration link:

https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/events/cf/open-market-consultation-event-for-the-european-blockchain-pcp/register.cfm

Working language of the event:

English



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09:00-09:15	Welcome
09:15-09:45	 Conclusions from the online questionnaire EBSI architecture: key building blocks and use cases Pre-commercial procurement: planning and timeline Approach for today: assessing the implementation feasibility / risk of the requirements for the future EBSI
09:45-10:00	• Q&A
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break
10:15-12:30	 Presentation of requirements – Part I Collecting feedback from participants on the implementation feasibility / risk
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-15:45	 Presentation of first set of requirements – Part II Collecting feedback from participants on the implementation feasibility / risk
15:45-16:00	Wrap-up and next steps

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