

Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: Business Trends & Regulatory Developments

Aim:

This seminar presents and explains the growing attention and value of Blockchain technology across various sectors of the economy, including the incremental use of cryptocurrencies for transactional, as well as investment purposes. The seminar studies several actual practical cases to understand this new technology and its potentials, while it further explores some existing and coming business trends, especially in relation to tokenization. In addition, the seminar examines the current and under-development regulatory framework on digital assets, addressing the key legislations and regulations which affect or be affected by the disruptive nature of crypto-transactions.

Objective:

Upon completion of this seminar, participants will be able to:

- Understand the main features and functionalities of Blockchain technology and of crypto-assets;
- Appreciate the risks, as well as the benefits and potential importance of crypto-assets to the wider economy;
- Understand the value and the impact of the use of crypto-assets as a means of crowdfunding investments;
- Comprehend the difference between cryptocurrencies and tokens;
- Learn about the current regulatory framework(s) governing the use of crypto-assets;
- Understand the various aspects and potential of “asset tokenization”.

Participants' Profile:

Service Providers (e.g. lawyers, accountants, auditors, tax planners and business consultants) wishing to be informed about the use of Blockchain technology across various market sectors, as well as the existing and under-development regulatory framework(s) and challenges associated with the use and trade of crypto and tokens.

SEMINAR DETAILS

Dates: 8 & 10 December, 2021
Time: 09:00 – 11:45
Duration: 5 hours / CPD units
Venue: Live Online
Language: English
Cost: €150

HRDA Subsidy:

The specific seminar is not subsidized by HRDA.

Most of the open seminars offered are accredited and approved by the Human Resource and Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA) for subsidy. Participants receive subsidy provided that they meet the HRDA's criteria.



Lecturer's Profile: Dr. Charis Savvides, LLB, LLM, PhD

Dr. Charis Savvides is an experienced corporate lawyer and law lecturer at the Department of Digital Innovation of the University of Nicosia. He has both extensive practical and teaching experience in Corporate, Competition and Financial law, as well as several regulatory aspects of cryptocurrencies and asset tokenization projects.

Dr. Savvides obtained his law degree from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in 2005 and continued his postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom, with emphasis on International and European Business Law, obtaining his LL.M in International Commercial Law from the University of Nottingham and his PhD in Law from the University of Sheffield. His doctoral thesis was on competition law and more specifically on the EU regulatory framework on state aids to firms in difficulty.

He is Partner at the law firm Stelios Amerikanos & Co LLC, one of the largest, full service, law firms in Cyprus, with significant experience in the broader area of financial and investment regulatory compliance and fund administration. He is Head of three Departments of the law firm, namely: (i) Financial & Investment Regulatory Compliance, (ii) Restructuring, Receivership & Liquidation, and (iii) Innovation & Blockchain.

Dr. Savvides is regular speaker at professional seminars and conferences, where he shares his knowledge and experience about the regulatory status and trends in the fields of Investment Funds and Cryptocurrencies. In addition, he serves as executive director in a private equity Alternative Investment Fund, regulated by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC).

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SEMINAR PROGRAMME

| Day 1: | | Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: Business Trends & Regulatory Developments |
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| Time | Duration | Description |
| 09:00 - 09:45 | 0:45 | Understanding Blockchain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How it works • Smart contracts • Applications / use cases |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | 0:45 | Understanding Cryptocurrencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How they work • Legal nature / regulatory status |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | 0:15 | C O F F E E B R E A K |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | 1:00 | “Crypto” Business Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crowdfunding Investments • ICOs, STOs, IEOs, Stablecoins • Regulatory (re)actions • Money Laundering & the 5th AML EU Directive • Crypto Exchanges & Digital Wallet Custodians • “Crypto Funds” |
| Total Net Duration | 2:30 | END OF SEMINAR |

| Day 2: | | Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: Business Trends & Regulatory Developments |
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| Time | Duration | Description |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | 1:00 | (Continued) “Crypto” Business Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crowdfunding investments • ICOs, STOs, IEOs, Stablecoins • Regulatory (re)actions • Money Laundering & the 5th AML EU Directive • Crypto Exchanges & Digital Wallet Custodians • “Crypto Funds” |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | 0:15 | C O F F E E B R E A K |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | 1:00 | Asset Tokenization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of tokenization • Use Cases • Regulatory alignment |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | 0:30 | Questions and Answers |
| Total Net Duration | 2:30 | END OF SEMINAR |

Certification:

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