# BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TO SERVE THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY

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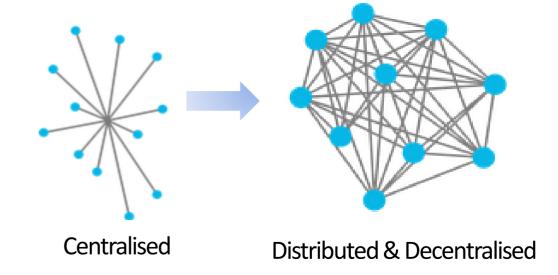
## Current scenario on the way out from Covid-19

- Increasing blockchain adoption in the past years, paving the way for future development
- The recent Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of digital tools to address immediate common needs and quick intervention globally.



#### At the crossroads of a paradigm shift

- Cultural shift
- Change in the governance of digital systems
- Change interaction between businesses
- Provides a new way to share/exchange assets



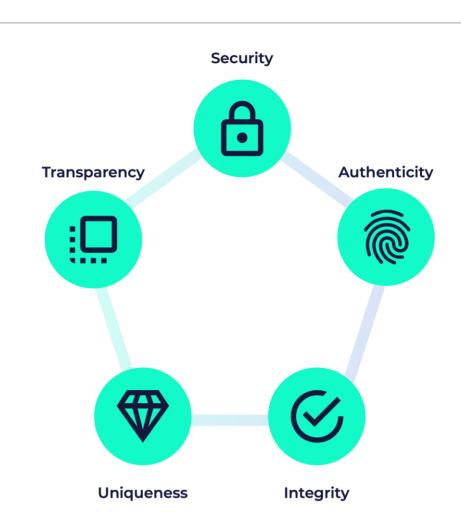
Our mission is to guide the shift and introduce organisations to blockchain as a foundational technology at the core of their business structure to aid current and future challenges.

### Why blockchain can bring benefits?

Blockchain technology core characteristics:

- Transparent & secure
- Tamper proof by design
- Flexible & interoperable
- Robust base for other technologies (AI, IoT etc.)

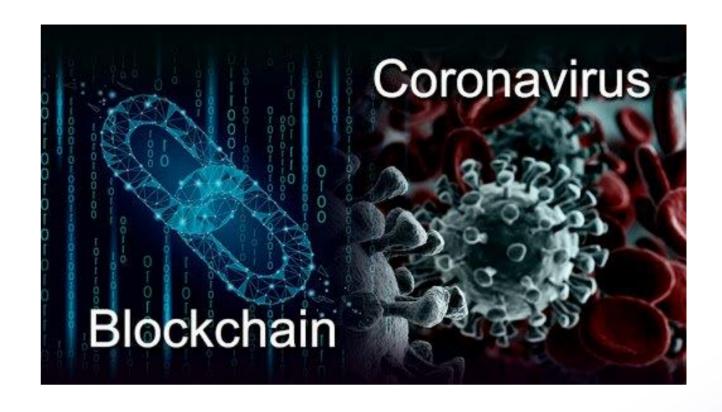
Users across the board can adopt blockchain and embrace its game-changing features.



#### How blockchain can help defeat a pandemic?

Blockchain-based applications are playing an important role in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Monitor the distribution of medical material
- Contact-tracing applications
- Use distributed network to help scientific research
- Share transparent and immutable medical data
- Health insurance management (via smart contracts)
- Etc.



#### 1. Use Case - Traceability of Covid-19 Test Kits

Blockchain is used to <u>trace the Covid-19 test kits</u> to certify origin, distribution and laboratory results.

- Real-time access to critical info such as date and location of test
- Map affected area by tracking positive test results (not patients) and provide immediate snapshot of the situation
- Use of Smart contract to regulate the handling of data, overcoming issues related to the use of different standards for data collection and result reading.



#### 2. Use Case - Computing Power to support Scientific Research

Blockchain used to harness the power of <u>distributed</u> computing to help calculation needed to run simulations in search for a treatment to Covid-19.

Folding@Home is distributed computing project aimed at understanding how viral proteins work ("fold") and design treatments to stop them.

Quadrans has joined the initiative by leveraging on its decentralised network of users: hundreds of nodes donate computing power to contribute to the research focused on the Covid-19.



#### 3. Use Case – Data Notarisation & Smart contracts

The recent pandemic has impacted many face-to-face business activities. Through different applications, the blockchain is used to:

- Certify and notarise smart working activities (proof of existence).
- Track record of verbal processes, videoconferences, online webinars, training and related documents etc.
- Enable digital signatures via smart contract and cryptography.

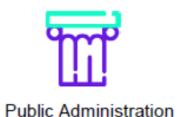


#### Opportunities and Future Adoption

Blockchain technology is pivotal for the shift toward a broader collaboration between individuals and organisations across society.

#### Roadmap:

- ✓ Achieve trust in data
- ✓ Build legal framework to regulate responsibilities and accountabilities
- ✓ Integrate blockchain infrastructure to facilitate relationship between decentralised organisations
- ✓ Design applications to suit business requirements









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