TRUST PROJECT (Horizon 2020) MEETING IN MACERATA ADVANCES BLOCKCHAIN KNOWLEDGE THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

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The TRUST Project, an initiative under the European Union's Horizon 2020 program, has concluded its 6th Scientific Board and Steering Committee meetings, alongside seminars and workshops. This gathering among the project's partners and stakeholders, held on February 19th and 20th, 2024, at the University of Macerata (Italy), served as a platform for multidisciplinary dialogue and innovation, reinforcing the project's mission to enhance relational reliance through technology with a focus on blockchain. A Winter School on Project Management for EU Projects followed from the 20th to the 23rd.

The agenda commenced with the Scientific Board and Steering Committee meetings, focusing on the progress and strategic direction of the project's deliverables. These discussions underscored the collaborative effort across various work packages, aiming to drive forward the project's objectives with interdisciplinary and intersectoral cooperation.

The interdisciplinary seminar titled "A multi-disciplinary approach to Blockchain Technology: evidence from Trust Project" featured presentations from international experts and PhD candidates on the

potential of blockchain technology in fostering inclusive smart cities, addressing legal challenges in the digital age, and exploring innovative applications in service provisioning and cryptographic applications. This seminar highlighted the project's commitment to leveraging blockchain technology for societal benefit, in cooperation with the PhD program in Law and Innovation at the Department of Law (UniMC).

The 3rd Seminar on Transversal Skills with Mauro Paschetta, Open Science expert of the Politecnico di Torino, emphasized the open science principles and practices, providing very useful information for scholars and the governance of research institutions. The 4th Brokerage event with Flavio Corradini, Coordinator of the PhD Programme of National Interest "BlockChain and Distributed Ledger Technology" of the University of Camerino, highlighted the importance of networking in scientific research and the innovation of this initiative.

Finally, the Winter School on Project Management for EU Projects was launched. It will provided its 29 participants with critical skills for managing complex tasks reinforcing the project's role in educational advancement.

As the project moves forward, it continues to equip researchers, policymakers, and practitioners with the knowledge and tools necessary for capturing the potential of innovative technologies such as blockchain.