

## Press Release

### 7th TRUST Project Meeting, Barcelona, 5-6 Sept 2024

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The Partners of the Project TRUST “*digital TuRn in EUrope: Strengthening relational reliance through Technology*” coordinated by Francesca Spigarelli from UniMC, gathered on 5-6 September in Barcelona for the 7<sup>th</sup> Scientific Board and 7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meetings.

The event was organized in collaboration with the non-academic partner Eseleos SL and hosted at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya.

The agenda commenced with the **7<sup>th</sup> Scientific Board** and the **7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meetings**, which focused on the ongoing state of the art and forthcoming activities. These discussions underscored the collaborative effort across various work packages, aiming to deepen further the interdisciplinary and intersectoral cooperation in the last year of the project.

A series of events then followed, representing a great opportunity to allow knowledge exchange among the partners and boost stakeholder engagement.

During the **5th brokerage event**, two case studies of real blockchain projects were presented and discussed: CHAISE EU project, presented by Carla Brugulat Rica from UPC, of which the core mission is to develop a strategic approach on blockchain skills development and training to respond to the current and future skill needs of the EU Blockchain workforce; Revivack project, presented by its CEO Maria Jose Pedragosa, aiming to reduce global waste and offer tools for a transparent traceability of waste with blockchain technology.

The **4th Seminar on transversal skills** was devoted to the topic of Gender Equality, with particular regard to the blockchain and tech sector.

On day two, the **Trust Breakfast** took place in an informal atmosphere with Jose Luis Muñoz presenting blockchain projects and research led by UPC. This was followed by an in-depth **national workshop** featuring the participation of Ignasi Oliva Corrales who introduced i2CAT, a R&I centre that promotes mission-driven knowledge to solve business and societal challenges in the fields of IoT, immersive and interactive technologies, cybersecurity, AI, blockchain.

All the events represented networking occasions where the TRUST research team could discuss with the invited professionals, making connections to grow their network of future research and collaborations to discuss potential applications of BCT in sectors where trust is a key aspect of economic and non-economic transactions.

The meeting closed with a **Roundtable** led by Francesca Spigarelli which laid the foundation for further research initiatives: **opportunities for new collaborations and fundings** were discussed with the aim of developing R&I activities **leveraging on the scientific results of the TRUST project**.