

## **Digital Trust Ecosystem in Healthcare**

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## **Agenda**

- Why Blockchain The 5 A's
- Consortium approach PharmaLedger
- Use cases
- Governance and Legal Implications
- Q&A



## **Blockchain – the 5 A's**

Asset

Audit

**Automate** 

Anonymize

All for one, one for all



manage assets like cryptocurrency (solves the double spend problem), products, and data



immutability, no changes possible without consensus



leverage smart contracts



protect privacy



consortium approach, no single/central authority

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# **PharmaLedger**



## Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) Europe's partnership for health

IMI2: 2014-2024 IMI1: 2008-2014 €3.3 bn budget €2 bn budget More ambitious 59 projects Greater scope > €5 bn 60 projects so far efpia **Partnership** 2008 - 2024 €2.5 br €2.5 bŋ

The Innovative Medicines Initiative is the largest public-private partnership aiming to boost pharmaceutical innovation in Europe and to speed up the development of better and safer medicines for patients. IMI is a joint undertaking between the European Union and the pharmaceutical industry association EFPIA. www.imi.europa.eu

PharmaLedger – Blockchain Enabled Healthcare

### PHARMALEDGER IN A NUTSHELL

Who? Pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, universities. patient organizations, tech companies... building an ecosystem!

Why? To empower patients, increase digital trust, enable medicine drug traceability and data privacy, and foster a new culture of collaboration in healthcare.

What? A blockchain-based platform proven through reference use cases in supply chain, clinical trials and health data. A governance function for sustainability and legal, regulatory and data privacy compliance.

A public-private partnership of like-minded, collaborative partners working together and engaging patients, HCPS, regulators, other IMI projects and 3rd parties through several communication channels.









**Budget** 22 million **Euros** 



Consortium 29 partners







**EEAB** 

**External** 

expert

advisorv board

10 members

**Ethics Board** 6 members























































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MSD MSD













### **The Consortium**

### 29 complementary partners from 10 EU Member States, Switzerland, Israel & US

 12 EPFIA members → ABBV, AZN, BAYER, GSK, JANSEN, MSD, NOVO, NVS, PFE, ROCHE, UCB, BI

 5 SMEs (Blockchain/ICT) → RMS, PDM, AVO, TVS, EKN

4 Research & Tech. Universities
 UPM, CERTH ICSI & DUT

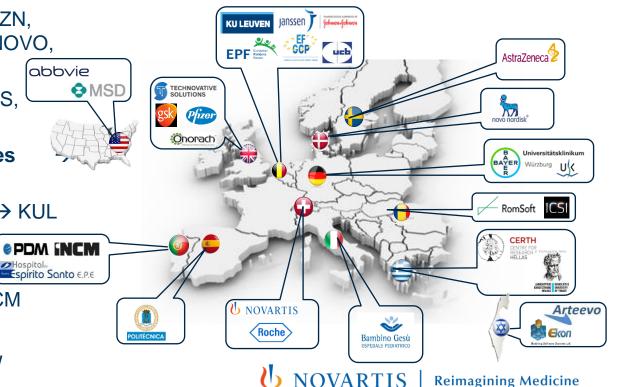
1 Social & legal sciences Uni → KUL

 2 Patients organizations → EPF, EFGCP

1 Government authority → INCM

1 CRO → ONO

• 3 Hospitals → OPB, HES, UKW



### PROJECT ORGANIZATION & GOVERNANCE

EU & EFPIA (Innovative Medicine Initiative)



**External Expert Advisory Board** 

Project Management Board
Project Leader: NVS | Coordinator: UPM

**Ethics Board** 

#### **Steering Committee**

Project Management Board + Work Package Leaders + Scientific & Technical Managers

WP1 Business Use Cases (MSD & UPM) WP2 Implementations & Solutions (ABBV & PDM) WP3

Architecture & Reference Implementation (NVS & RMS)

WP4
Governance
(PFZ & AVO)

WP5
Regulatory, Legal &
Data Privacy
(NOVO & KUL)

WP6 Culture & Adoption (NVS & TVS)

DRA1 | Supply Chain J&J, Bayer & PDM

DRA2 | Health Data UCB & UPM

DRA3 | Clinical Trial UCB & ONO, OPGB

Scientific Manager CERTH

Technical Manager NVS & RMS Sustainability & Innovation
Manager PFZ

Ethical / Legal Manager NOVO & KUL Dissemination & Communication Manager TVS & NVS

**General Assembly** 

One representative from each consortium member entity

# **DTE - Digital Trust Ecosystem**

### the vision

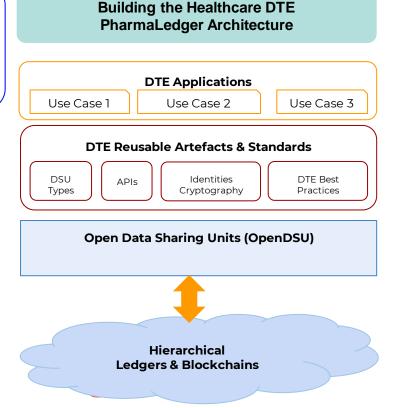




Other DTEs:
Construction
Automobile
Energy
Garment/Fashion
Many more...

Gartner defines **digital ecosystem** as an interdependent group of actors (enterprises, people, things) sharing standardized digital platforms to achieve a mutually beneficial purpose.

- Independent but collaborating parties
- Establish trust in interdependent ecosystems
- Cryptographically & blockchain established trust
- Organised per industry or geographical location
- Common best practices



### VALUE CHAIN - USE CASES VIEW









Clinical

Supply









Clinical Trial eRecruitment Clinical Trial **eConsent** 



**Finished** Goods Traceability

Epi -Electronic **Product** Information

Anti-Counterfeiting Personalized Medicines

Anonymized matching of qualified patient to

trial requirements

Enable voluntarily enrollment

Less dependency of intermediaries

Lower time and cost

Auditable and immutable ICF

**Dvnamic** and real time ICF management

Less protocol deviations

Specific versions can be managed

Administratively agile

Pilot real study with Pediatric heart failure patients

**Dynamic** acquisition and processing of data

Remote patient monitoring

Real-time notifications

Pilot real study with Pediatric heart failure patients and 2 devices

Immutable record keeping

Creates trust among partners

**Interoperable** data points for decision making

**Improved** ability to track drug accountability and reconciliation

Value added for clinical sites/investigators (reduce admin burden)

Leverages industry standards

Introduces digital identity

Reliable demand signals

Near real-time access to seamless and accurate supply information

Achieves EMA key principles for EPI

Environmental foot print - CSR

barcodes as digital key for delivering bundled digital services and value

Multi-use of

Multifactor product Authentication

Authentication feature agnostic

ACDC (anticounterfeiting data collaboration) regulatory and law enforcement value

Leveraging ePI one app for additional anti-counterfeiting check

Establishes a trusted environment for patient-centric decentralized applications

Uses blockchain's trusted network to leverage **RWE** for research

Uses Machine Learning and Al

Value-Based health delivery in clinical practice



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## Governance



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### The BLT

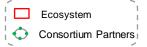
### (Business Legal Technology Sandwich)

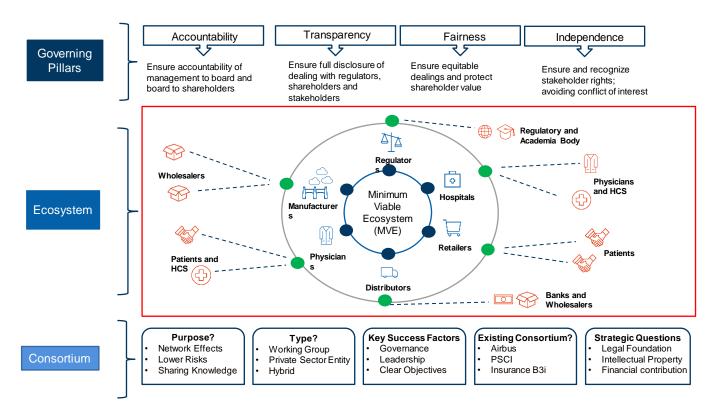


### **Legal Implications**

- Identity
- Antitrust
- Consortium Agreement
- Legal form
- Data Privacy / Confidentiality
- Regulated Industry (Patient Safety)
- Existing legislation
- Ethics
- Jurisdiction
- Liability
- Informed Consent
- Intellectual Property

# **Ecosystem Big Picture**







### **Blockchain: Decentralization**

#### Architecture Decentralization

... how many **physical** computers is a system made up of? How many of those computers can it tolerate breaking down at any single time?

#### Political Decentralization

... how many **individuals or** organizations ultimately control the computers that the system is made up of?

### Logical Decentralization

... does the interface and data structures that the system presents and maintains look more like a monolithic object, or an amorphous swarm?

### **Structure and Decision Examples**

- Traditional corporations are politically centralized (one CEO), architecturally centralized (one head office) and logically centralized (can't really split them in half)
- Blockchains are politically decentralized (no one controls them) and architecturally decentralized (no infrastructural central point of failure) but they are logically centralized (there is one commonly agreed state and the system behaves like a single computer)

Source: Vitalik Buterin: https://medium.com/@VitalikButerin/the-meaning-of-decentralization-a0c92b76a274

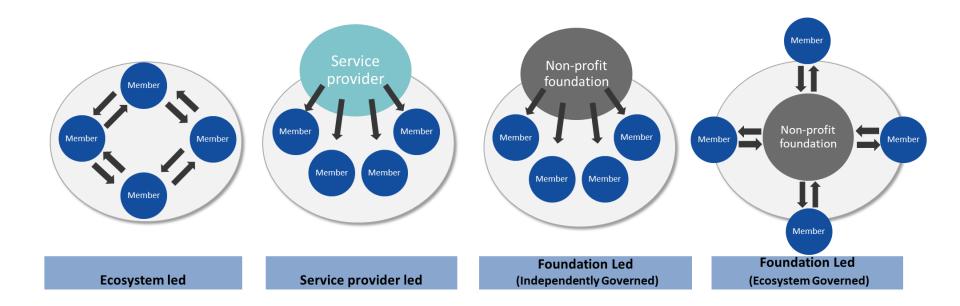


## Definition of Governance, Ecosystem and Consortium

Terms	Definition
Governance	<ul> <li>system of rules, practices, and processes by which an entity is directed and controlled.</li> <li>Governing models involves balancing the interests of the company's stakeholders, such as shareholders, executives, customers, suppliers, financiers, the government, and the community.</li> <li>Consortium Agreement (CA) defines onboarding, decision making, IP, etc.</li> </ul>
Ecosystem  a Consortium can build an Ecosystem  Consortium	<ul> <li>network of organizations—including suppliers, distributors, customers, competitors, government agencies, and so on—involved in the delivery of a specific product or service through both competition and cooperation.</li> <li>as in a biological ecosystem, entities co-evolve through cooperation and competition, thus, creating a constant evolving relationship in which each entity must be flexible and adaptable in order to survive</li> <li>an Ecosystem may consist of participating entities of a Consortium</li> <li>Eg: eBay, Amazon Marketplace, Uber, Healthcare Ecosystem</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>group made up of two or more individuals, companies, or governments that work together to achieving a common objective.</li> <li>Entities jointly pool resources, and is only responsible for obligations set out in a consortium agreement</li> <li>Entities in a consortium remains independent in their daily business operations, as is outside the agreed objectives</li> <li>Eg: Airbus, Hyperledger, Insurance B3i</li> </ul>



# **Governance Model Options**



### ROADMAP



Yea Design & F	Year 2 Development & Deployment  2021				Year 3 Validation & Sustainability 2022					
2020										
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<ul> <li>PharmaLedger Kick-Off</li> <li>Use-case short-list</li> <li>Use-case specification</li> <li>Marketing &amp; Engagement</li> <li>Est. Ethical &amp; Legal requirements' framework</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use-case definition</li> <li>Platform Architecture Planning and Development</li> <li>Specification for application &amp; tools</li> <li>Blockchain protocol selection</li> <li>Design Platform Governance &amp; Operating Model</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Reference Domain applications development</li> <li>Architecture – blockchain platform &amp; API implementation</li> <li>Governance Application, Legal &amp; Ethical framework implementation</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Platform Sustainability Planning</li> <li>Continuous Platform Enhancement</li> <li>Continuous Platform Promotion and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party engagement</li> <li>Use-case pilot implementation</li> </ul>		Application and valida     Guidelines learnt     Implement and Opera     Continuou Promotion engageme	<ul> <li>Reference Domain         Application Evaluation         and validation</li> <li>Guidelines and lessons         learnt</li> <li>Implement Governance         and Operating Model</li> <li>Continuous Platform         Promotion and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party         engagement</li> <li>Strategic Positioning</li> </ul>		

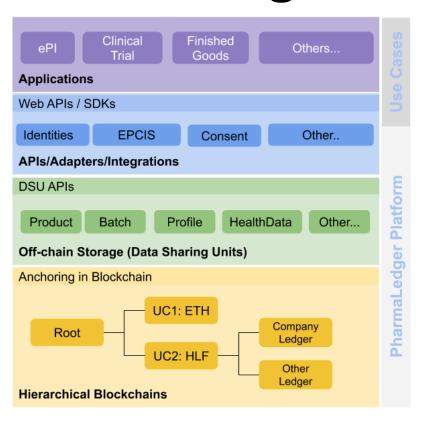


## **Q & A**





## PharmaLedger Platform Overview



### **Applications**

Use Cases

- · Legacy Systems, Systems of Records etc.
- Edge Devices (Mobile Apps, IoT, WebApps)

### Integration

APIs. Adapters etc.

- Bridges between Application and Blockchain platform
- Abstraction layer for Applications

#### DSU

Data Sharing Units

- Encapsulates Data and Business Logic (code)
- Build-in Data Privacy and Confidentiality
- Supports integration with Decentralized Identities & Verifiable Credentials
- · Enables secure sharing

### Anchor

Hashlinks, Versions

- · Link the DSU in Blockchain
- · Guarantees integrity, traceability, provenance, immutability

#### Blockchain

Hierarchical Blockchains

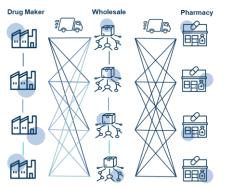
- Use case specific Blockchain technologies
- · All Blockchains are anchored in the Root Blockchain



## SUPPLY CHAIN **FINISHED GOODS**TRACEABILITY

#### DESCRIPTION

#### The Pharma Supply Chain Today





- · No end-to-end visibility
- Delayed and distorted demand signals
- Manual reaction on recalls
- Siloed information & high number of IT interfaces



#### **Future Vision**



- · Increased patient safety
- · Fast and efficient recalls
- Optimized cost for the benefit of the health systems
- Simplified IT interfaces & unlocking previously siloed information



The Pharma Supply Chain is complex – every node in the chain is consuming & providing data from/to other nodes.

The use case looks at methods of data capture and transfer, on/off chain storage in a mobile and integrative flexible architecture which will allow for a trusted downstream supply chain visibility with near real time data availability.

PharmaLedger connects the supply chain eco-system for trusted and accelerated information sharing and facilitates incorporating new partners into the eco system, including patients.



### Blockchain and PharmaLedger Value Proposition

Trust

**Secure & timely supply** of product, with digital identities

Interoperability

Leveraging industry standards, such as Advanced Shipping Notices and Electronic Product Coding Information Services fo end to end traceability

Immutability

Secure and immutable sharing of information for reliable demand signals and counterfeit detection

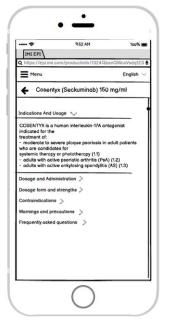
Traceability

**Increasing regulatory compliance**, providing product provenance and chain of custody

### **Supply Chain eLeaflet – ePl**

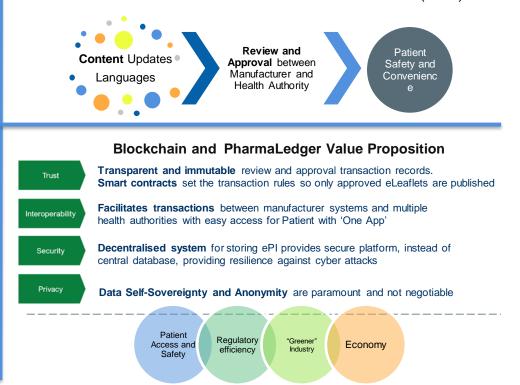






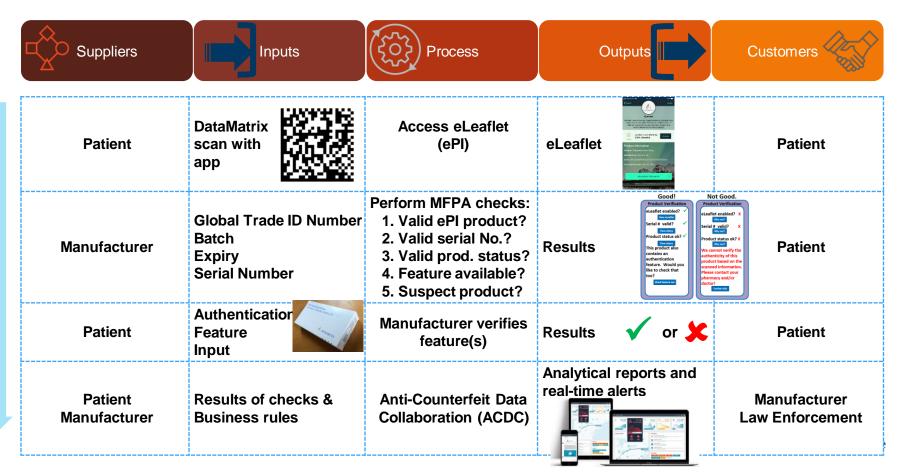
### **Description**

This use case starts with the creation of the **ePl in digital form** by the manufacturer, the **review and approval** of the **ePl with** the Health Authorities, **updates** to the **ePl and dissemination** of the **ePl to** the Patient/ Health Care Practitioner/ Provider (HCP).

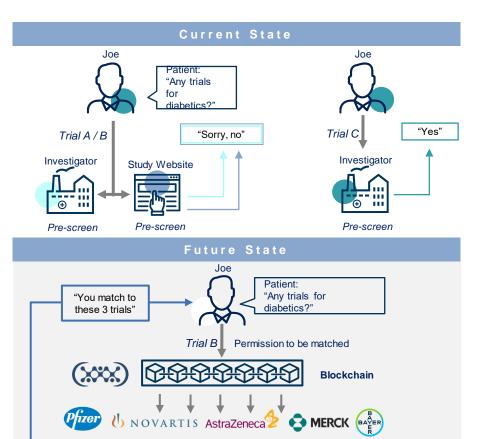


## **Anti-Counterfeiting Process Overview**

Multi-Factor Packaging Authentication (MFPA) and Anti-Counterfeit Data Collaboration (ACDC)



### CLINICAL TRIAL RECRUITMENT



Pre-screen Pre-screen

Pre-screen Pre-screen

#### DESCRIPTION

The use case intends to create a patient centric, industry-wide clinical trial recruitment solution. The solution would aggregate clinical trials and screening criteria across the whole industry, and would use a matching algorithm to match the patient to relevant clinical trials.

### Blockchain and PharmaLedger Value Proposition



Decentralized

Creates a **shared ledger of permissions**, **accessible by network participants**, without putting any one party in charge

Immutable

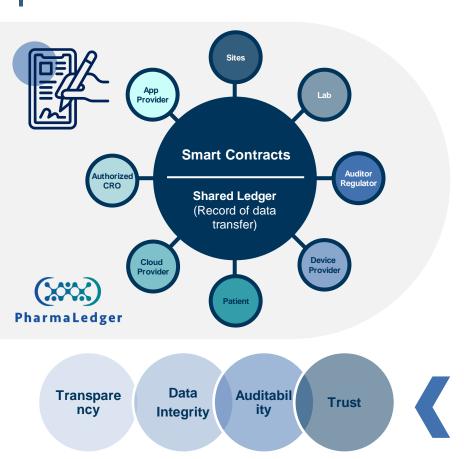
Creates a permanent record of trials submitted by sponsors. Would discourage any illegitimate use of the trial matching infrastructure

Trust

**Cross-industry record of match attempts** could be shared with patients, increasing understanding of which trial criteria may be causing their match or failure



### CLINICAL TRIAL E-CONSENT



#### DESCRIPTION

If a potential trial participant does not feel confident, empowered, or safe when reviewing the informed consent document, the likelihood of their participation is lowered, impacting recruitment in the clinical trial.

The purpose of this use case is to **provide all clinical trial actors** (trial participant, healthcare organization, sponsor and representatives/CROs, ethics committees, vendors and regulatory authorities) **with a blockchain based platform for trial oversight** leveraging the status of digital consents provided by trial participants.

### Blockchain and PharmaLedger Value Proposition

Immutability

Creates an **immutable entry on the blockchain**, recording when consent was obtained, which is immediately visible to appropriately permissioned users in compliance with GDPR

Trust

Reduces or eliminates audit findings and decreases opportunities for fraudulent data, by increasing the consistency of information being viewed across investigative sites

Smart Contracts

Smart contracts can be implemented to **lock access to trial systems until consent has been obtained**, ensuring compliance with GCP

Traceability

Have the traceability to allow **sharing of clinical trial data with different parties involved**, any changes in consent status are applied in near real-time

**Privacy** 

Ability for sponsors to anonymously contact subjects directly to request consent for samples or data to be used in other research activities, optimizing the materials already collected