

Widening Country Inspiration Story

“Do not go with vague ideas.”

Organisation name: WES TRADE LTD
Organisation type: Private for Profit
Country: Malta
Project Acronym: DIEM
Project start and end date: 1.09.2022 - 31.08.2026
Type of MSC action, Horizon Europe: Doctoral Networks
Is your organisation a coordinator? No



What is your project about and why is the topic important for science advancement?

DIEM is a Doctoral Networks project bringing together academic, government and industry expertise to holistically investigate the managerial, economic, and societal implications of Distributed ledger technology (DLT). To achieve its goals, DIEM sets out to facilitate an international network of interdisciplinary scholars, organisations, and institutions across sectors to support cutting-edge innovation in DLT.

DIEM will create a platform for researchers to engage in the co-production of knowledge by investigating state-of-the-art challenges and societal implications of Blockchain technology across actors and industry boundaries. By studying Blockchain, researchers can advance our understanding and identify new applications and use cases for the technology, potentially leading to breakthroughs and innovations.

Why is your project important for society?

DIEM has a significant potential for impacting the careers of PhDs, as transforming Europe into a society capable of building its competitiveness

on digital technology requires developing a new generation of responsible researchers with the competency to understand how fundamental shifts in digital technology impact businesses, industries and society.

What communication and public engagement measures have you foreseen?

We have already developed the DIEM website. We used our social channels to attract PhDs students and other relevant stakeholders, webinars and events to share the project findings and article publication to increase awareness and understanding of blockchain technology.

DIEM focuses on 12 research areas within which the 12 individual PhD projects occur. The individual studies will be interconnected to each other but also complementary to studies embedded in other PhD topics.

What kind of support did you get?

We built a very strong consortium and had the chance to listen to the experiences in EU projects of all the partners. From our side, we have used materials and guidelines from the

Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal.

How did you find the partners in your consortium?

Due to our international collaborations, we have been contacted by one international partner to join the consortium. This is a common practice once you start applying for EU-funded projects. This mechanism also safeguards the company from losing time in a consortium that does not arrive at the target because they are not well merged.



What tips can you give other organisations that would like to apply for MSCA?

To create a strong and wide consortium with a clear project idea from the beginning. Do not go with vague ideas or think that ideas will come during the preparation phase. Sometimes is better to skip one call and only participate when you have a feeling of a well-structured proposal. The project shall be innovative, and you should not underestimate the work that needs to be completed to submit the administrative documentation.

More information on the project:



The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) support researchers at all stage of their career across all disciplines. The MSCA also support cooperation between industry and academia and provide innovative trainings and career developments.

The MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN) offer doctoral programmes implemented by partnerships of organisations from different sectors across Europe and beyond to train highly skilled doctoral candidates, stimulate their creativity, enhance their innovation capacities and boost their employability in the long-term.

The MSCA-NET project is the MSCA NCP project to facilitate the transnational cooperation to achieve a consistent and harmonised level of NCP support. The scientific community can also profit from our project to support their MSCA application.

