

Digital Finance and Industrial Transformation for a Competitive Europe: Simplification as Strategic Edge

Organiser: Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)

MEP Leadership: MEP Borys Budka, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

Date: 15th October 2025

Location: European Parliament, Room JAN 2Q2

Event Duration: 17:00 - 20:00

Additional information: EP cocktail reception space post-event (20:00-21:00)

Registration Link: <https://luma.com/competitiveEU>

Event Concept

As the EU enters a new institutional cycle, the emphasis on simplification offers a strategic opportunity to enhance industrial competitiveness, reduce regulatory fragmentation, and unlock growth across Europe. Digital finance — enabled by blockchain, tokenisation, and emerging infrastructure — can serve as a powerful driver for the EU's energy transition, innovation capacity, and reindustrialisation goals.

This high-level dialogue will explore how simplification of rules, funding instruments, and digital tools can be used to scale Europe's industrial strategy, with particular focus on energy resilience, web3 entrepreneurship, and sovereign digital infrastructure. The event is hosted under the patronage of MEP Borys Budka, Chair of the ITRE Committee.

This GBBC-hosted dialogue asks:

How can legislative simplification unlock digital-finance tools to deliver EU's mandate for a resilient, net-zero, and competitively priced European energy & industrial base?

About GBBC

Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC) is the trusted non-profit association for the blockchain, digital assets, and emerging technology community. Founded in 2017 in Davos, Switzerland, GBBC comprises more than 500 institutional members and 284 Ambassadors across 124 jurisdictions and disciplines. GBBC furthers adoption of blockchain and emerging technologies by engaging regulators, business leaders, and global changemakers to harness these transformative tools for more secure and functional societies.

AGENDA (tentative)

17:15 – 17:35	Welcome Note Borys Budka, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Emma Joyce, Chief Revenue Officer, GBBC
17:35 – 18:10	Panel 1: <i>Can We Build a Globally Harmonised Regime? An International Perspective</i> Moderator: Nilixa Devlukia, Chair, Open Finance Association • Marianne Jarlaud, Deputy Head of Innovation & Digital Finance, Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) • Mateusz Włodarczyk, Deputy Director of the Financial Innovation Department, Polish Financial Supervision Authority
18:10 – 18:45	Panel 2: <i>Web3 as a Growth Engine</i> Moderator: Dimitrios Psarrakis, Fellow, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Fmr. European Parliament • Abraham Takom, Director of the Platforms & Services Department, European Investment Bank • Dr. Joachim Schwerin, Principal Economist, DGGrow, European Commission • Ioana Surpateanu, Non-Executive Director, CryptoUK • Isadora Arredondo, Global Policy Director, Hedera • Reagan Cook, GTM Lead, Taxbit
18:45 – 19:20	Panel 3: <i>Financing Europe's Entrepreneurial Future: Tokenisation for Industry & SMEs</i> Moderator: Adrian Matak, Senior Policy Manager, GBBC • Ami Nagata, Managing Director, Luxembourg, Zodia Custody • Bart Garré, Head of Legal Support – Innovation, Data and Cyber, Euroclear • Matthew Osborne, Policy Director for Europe & UK, Ripple • Michalis Sotiropoulos, Executive Director, The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) • Nicolas Jacquemart, Chief Legal Officer, Cardano Foundation
19:20 – 19:55	Panel 4: <i>Simplifying Capital for Clean & Secure Energy: How can blockchain and digital assets unlock investment in energy markets?</i> Moderator: Victoria Edda Jahn, Head of Regulatory Affairs, 21X • Philippe Redaelli, Managing Director of Strategic Initiatives, Kaiko • Emma Todd, Founder & CEO, MMH Technology Group
19:55 – 20:00	Closing Remarks Emma Joyce, Chief Revenue Officer, GBBC
20:00 – 21:00	Cocktail Reception