



GBBC Digital Finance and The Transatlantic Policy Network Brussels Roundtable

GBBC Digital Finance (GDF) in partnership with The Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) held a roundtable in Brussels on June 6th to bring policymakers together with industry leaders to discuss transatlantic approaches to the tokenization of the real economy. Industry leaders like Larry Fink, the CEO of Blackrock, the world's largest asset manager, estimates that tokenization of private market assets will open markets worth \$290 trillion.

Policymakers from the European Commission and the Director General's offices, and leading industry members from GDF and TPN listened to keynote speaker, Peter Kerstens, Adviser at DG FISMA, European Commission open the roundtable. Peter has led the MiCA work in the Commission. Industry case studies presented by Alex Dockx, Executive Director, JP Morgan Corporate and Investment Bank, and, Sharon Lewis, Partner – Paris and London, and Ariane Mershahi, Partner - Luxembourg, Hogan Lovells.

A lively and informed engagement with roundtable delegates ensued with a few concluding takeaways from the (Chatham House Rules) readout:

- The topic of the tokenization of real-world assets (e.g. stocks, bonds, property, commodities, etc.) is broad, and ensuring we have the appropriate standards, frameworks, regulations, and laws in place as we move to this new era of digitally dematerialized ownership of real-world assets will require significant industry and policymaker engagement
- There is great momentum in the development of industry use cases around the tokenization of instruments in the global payments markets (including the development of wholesale and retail central bank digital currencies), and the securities markets, particularly private securities and the debt markets, with an increasing focus on real-estate, and commodities
- The next decade will see the most significant digital transformation of the global financial market infrastructure we have seen in a generation, with decentralized networks, the tokenization of real-world assets, the increasing use of big data to enrich market data, and intelligent processing for better decision support, however, to scale we this new digital infrastructure must be underpinned by more effective digital identity and decentralized cyber solutions
- The emerging area of the tokenization of real-world assets is nascent, and much is required to “package” the social and commercial utility and benefits of this potentially epic digital transformation for policymakers to better understand the economic benefits to GDF and productivity, the opportunity for capital creation, especially in the SME



markets, the greater efficiency and certainty of cross border trade finance, and the greater access to benefits and inclusion of citizens in our society.

The GBBC Digital Finance hosts included Lawrence Wintermeyer, Chair, Dimitry Psarrakis, Board Member, and Sandra Ro, Board Member and CEO of the Global Blockchain Business Council.