Report for the 1st Meeting of the
Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Technology

13 November, 15:00-15:30 (Workshop room 3)

The first meeting of the Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Technology was organised by Primavera De Filippi (Harvard / CNRS), Constance Choi (SevenAdvisory) with a view to foster a reflection on the emerging challenges raised and faced by these new technologies, so as to better under the current regulatory debate and ideally elaborate a concrete set of guidelines for regulators and policy-makers.

After a short presentation of the newly created Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Technology, and a description of the work which has already been done under the framework of the global Coalition on Automated Legal Applications (http://coala.global), Primavera De Filippi and Constance Choi provided a general overview of the state of the art in the blockchain space. It was stressed that the rapid emergence of blockchain technologies, often compared to the rise of the early Internet, presents revolutionary opportunities and challenges to the future of modern society as we face the 21st century world of ubiquitous connectivity, decentralized networks and interconnected devices. This is particularly relevant when it comes to the issues surrounding the regulation of these technologies. Indeed, many legislators around the globe are currently scrutinising the opportunity to elaborate and adopt legislation on blockchain technologies such as Bitcoin, most notably.

Primavera De Filippi (Harvard / CNRS) and Constance Choi (SevenAdvisory) then moderated an interactive discussion with the audience, with a view to identify what are the most pressing issues and regulatory concerns that should be tacked in the short-term. Everyone was given an opportunity to speak and contribute to the discussion, and all intervention have been taken into account in order to elaborate the roadmap for the Dynamic Coalition.

Meeting Agenda
15:00 - 15:05   Introduction to COALA and the Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Technology
15:05 - 15:20   Open and interactive discussion with the audience
15:20 - 15:30   Elaboration of the roadmap for the Dynamic Coalition

Estimated number of participants: 15 people