

Polkadot Sanctuary

Retroactive Funding

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The proposal emphasizes the dedicated efforts and achievements of Six (Polkadot Head Ambassador) and Gabo (Polkadot Ambassador) in the APAC region from January through the submission of this proposal and continuing until the end of the current year. These efforts involved initiating and organizing a self-sustainable physical space dedicated to Polkadot, Substrate developer recruitment and community building. Our journey began with the establishment of the [Polkadot Sanctuary](#), the first physical hub dedicated to our ecosystem, strategically located in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia, to serve the growing local community.

We have demonstrated that with proper guidance, a physical location and its collective contributions can [significantly benefit Polkadot](#). This includes enhancing awareness, fostering collaboration, attracting talent, accelerating adoption, and amplifying the network effect. As Polkadot continues its growth and evolution, these ongoing initiatives will play a pivotal role in ensuring its long-term sustainability, fostering innovation, and driving overall success within the ecosystem.

*Disclaimer: This proposal's intention is not to seek funding for a physical hub or contribute to its sustainability. **The purpose of this proposal is to request retroactive funding for our dedicated time, efforts, and work in showcasing and sharing this research as a case study with the broader community.** The value we have demonstrated is that a self-sustainable physical hub is achievable and beneficial for the Polkadot ecosystem. To confirm this, we conducted field research and invested our own resources. Therefore, we are not requesting funding for the hub itself but seeking compensation for our research work from January onwards, continuing throughout the year. Thank you.*

The concept

For those invested in our ecosystem, it's important to have a reliable source of information they can trust. And as a community, we need to continue growing and strengthening our bonds. While we may primarily operate in the digital space, there's no denying the value of face-to-face interaction. That's why having a physical location can make a significant impact. It provides a rare opportunity to connect with others in person, share knowledge, and collaborate on new ideas. By coming together in a physical space, we can foster a stronger sense of community and create an environment where co-learning and co-creating can flourish.

In summary, a Polkadot hub provides a gateway between the community and the everyday user who is interested in the Polkadot ecosystem but doesn't know where to begin. A physical location plays a vital role in reviving and strengthening the Polkadot community by providing a central hub for members to engage with one another, facilitating active outreach and education efforts to promote adoption and integration, and showcasing the potential to investors and firms.

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Why Bali? The Strategic Choice for a Polkadot hub

Although there are more than 14,000 Polkadot-related members on Meetup.com, the lack of activity in the APAC (mostly Indonesia) region highlights the necessity for taking action. The limited number of meetups and hackathons being held can be attributed to the absence of a dedicated physical space in the region.

Having a central hub in Bali, as it showed, could successfully solve these issues by providing a reliable venue for hosting regular events, meetups, and activities, fostering a stronger sense of community and belonging among members. With consistent scheduling, members can plan and participate more frequently and actively, leading to increased engagement and activity.

Why Bali?

Denpasar, located in Bali, serves as the island's capital and primary point of entry. Over the years, the city has experienced a significant surge in its tourism industry, thus fostering and promoting business activities and ventures. Bali, known for its affordability, has become a desirable location for digital nomads. Interestingly, the local community has exhibited a remarkable interest in blockchain technology. Our investigations revealed a vast talent pool, although there is a dearth of events and education on blockchain, [crypto](#), and related subjects, suggesting tremendous potential for [rapid growth](#).

The island's growing reputation as a crypto-friendly hub is reinforced by the presence of the [Bali Blockchain Centre](#), a government-supported initiative that fosters the development of the local blockchain ecosystem. ([Highly recommended video that perfectly describes the current state of the blockchain industry in Bali.](#))

Being a popular destination for digital nomads and tech enthusiasts, Bali offers a unique opportunity to attract talent and foster partnerships. Estimates suggest that the digital nomad population in Bali falls within a wide spectrum, ranging from 5,000 to [80,000](#) individuals.

Also, the accessibility of Bali as a location further enhances the significance of establishing a Polkadot hub there. It presents a strategic advantage as a hosting location for larger Polkadot events due to its central position within the [Singapore-Australia-Philippines triangle](#). This geographical advantage allows for greater accessibility and convenience for participants and stakeholders from these key regions. By serving as a central meeting point, Bali can attract a diverse and widespread audience, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and further driving the progress of the Polkadot ecosystem in the Asia-Pacific area.

Additionally, Bali's reputation as a [cost-friendly destination](#) could make it an attractive choice for ecosystem teams to host retreats, conferences, and workshops, bringing together key stakeholders from different parts of the world. This would not only boost the ecosystem's activity but also contribute to the development and progress of Web3 technologies on a global scale.

Our Approach: Hackerspaces and the Gateway Model

After conducting extensive research and analyzing the concept of the Polkadot hub, we explored solutions proven to successfully unite technology-oriented communities. Our exploration led us to the concept of Hackerspaces. Hackerspaces are collaborative and community-operated workspaces where individuals with shared interests in technology, science, or digital arts can convene, socialize, learn, and collaborate on various projects. These spaces typically provide access to tools and resources that may be too expensive or difficult to acquire individually. Additionally, they offer guidance from a network of members with diverse expertise in their respective fields. These dynamic and inclusive environments foster creativity, learning, and collaboration, often serving as hubs for innovation and experimentation. For individuals who primarily operate in the digital realm, hackerspaces provide a unique opportunity to connect in a physical space, forging relationships based on shared interests and goals.

Our approach is aligned with community feedback and our vision for the Polkadot Sanctuary, showcasing our commitment to meeting local community needs. We introduced the concept of a physical location as a gateway for anyone interested in the Polkadot community, whether they seek to deepen their knowledge of the ecosystem or lack high levels of technical expertise but wish to engage in project development. Polkadot Sanctuary is already open for visits and available for use by members, ambassadors, and ecosystem teams.

There are approximately 800 hackerspaces worldwide, each operating independently. In this decentralized structure, it's the members and their enthusiasm that keep these systems running. However, no system is without its flaws, as these spaces often lack a specific focus and can lose strength as a result. To address this issue and enhance the existing model, we have introduced the Gateway Model, placing Polkadot and Kusama at the center of our focus.

The Gateway model is an adaptation of the existing hackerspace model, which you can learn more about on the [Hackerspaces wiki](#). However, the Gateway model is tailored and refined specifically for Polkadot. To understand this model better, let's break it down:

Hackerspaces: Hackerspaces are collaborative workspaces with a global presence. They have been successful in providing education and resources to local communities worldwide. These spaces often operate on limited budgets, but their longevity demonstrates their resilience. Despite their success, hackerspaces face a significant challenge—they tend to lack a focused and collaborative approach. Instead of working together on a common goal, they can become fragmented due to ideological differences or by working on numerous small projects. This fragmentation is one of the primary shortcomings of hackerspaces. Occasionally, hackerspace projects have the potential to make substantial contributions to the IT field. Still, due to insufficient support and management, these opportunities are seldom realized.

The Gateway Model: To enhance the hackerspace model, the Gateway Model addresses these challenges. It places Polkadot at the center of attention. Here's how it improves upon the traditional hackerspace model:

1. **Focus on Polkadot:** The Gateway Model centers its activities around Polkadot. This focused approach ensures that all efforts and resources are directed towards advancing the Polkadot ecosystem. This involves hosting a range of events, including meetups, hackathons, and educational workshops. These initiatives foster community engagement, creativity, and knowledge sharing, ultimately advancing the Polkadot ecosystem.
2. **Utilization of the Ambassador Program:** The model leverages the Polkadot Ambassador Program and the expertise of ecosystem members to maintain cohesion within the network of hubs. Ambassadors play a crucial role in keeping the various hubs organized and aligned with Polkadot's goals.
3. **Case-Study: Polkadot Sanctuary:** As a practical example, the Polkadot Sanctuary serves as a case study for the Gateway Model. It demonstrates how this approach can work effectively in practice.

In the following sections, we will delve into this topic in greater detail, demonstrating that with appropriate guidance and ongoing support, establishing a self-sustainable and effectively operational Polkadot hub is entirely feasible, even without continual funding from the Treasury.

In our view, there should be an opportunity in every country for government or ecosystem-backed facilities or offices to serve as physical locations that can host Polkadot hubs. Additionally, in every country, there are or will be highly knowledgeable individuals or teams from the Polkadot ecosystem capable of managing such locations.

Empowering Polkadot through Education and Location

Active outreach and education efforts are essential to promote greater awareness and understanding of Polkadot's capabilities. Polkadot Sanctuary can facilitate these efforts by providing a venue for hosting events and engaging with relevant stakeholders. This, in turn, can encourage greater technology adaptation and foster its integration into various industries, leading to more significant innovation and efficiency. The fundamental purpose of the hub is to serve as an educational and learning facility where individuals can gain access to appropriate resources and experts for enhancing their abilities in Rust/Substrate and other technologies related to Polkadot.

How can we accomplish all of this in our situation?

1. **Strategic Choice:** Bali was strategically chosen as the location for the Polkadot Sanctuary due to its reputation as a crypto-friendly hub and a digital nomad hotspot. This choice supports talent development, partnerships, and community engagement.
2. **Government Support:** The presence of the Bali Blockchain Centre, supported by the government, signifies Bali's commitment to blockchain technology. This support creates opportunities for collaboration, growth, and business development.
3. **Central Hub:** Bali's central location within the Asia-Pacific region makes it an ideal hub for Polkadot events and conferences. This geographic advantage enhances accessibility for stakeholders, facilitating collaboration and knowledge sharing.
4. **Outreach and Education:** The Polkadot Sanctuary and related initiatives engage with the local community and educational institutions, raising awareness about Polkadot and empowering young developers. This contributes to business development by expanding the talent pool and potential partnerships.

Bali's Blockchain Initiatives and Anti-Fraud Collaboration

Block Talk is an event that brings together individuals to engage in discussions about Blockchain. Each time will revolve around a specific theme, and the event will be held regularly in the Sanctuary. The primary target audience for Block Talk includes newcomers, enthusiasts of Blockchain, Crypto, and NFTs.

The BBC Campus Blockchain Club aims to foster blockchain community development in Bali's universities. It has partnered with 14 universities in Denpasar, impacting over 2000 students. Looking forward, the initiative plans to establish 10 more Campus Blockchain Clubs, offering educational and research opportunities. Additionally, it seeks to recruit talented developers from universities, connecting them to global opportunities in the blockchain industry.

As part of their efforts to expand and collaborate, successful negotiations with Six and Gabo led to an introduction of the BBC coordinators to the Kilt team. Working together, they are striving to leverage Kilt's decentralized identity (DID) technology in university and personal documentation processes. This collaboration addresses a [significant issue in Indonesia](#), as counterfeiting and the use of fake diplomas pose substantial challenges.

The Achievements So Far

The following list will showcase our achievements so far, as well as the genuine potential of a physical focus point in effortlessly activating the community and opening limitless possibilities, if a Polkadot hub or a similar place existed all over the globe.

- Firstly, Polkadot Ambassadors, Gabor and Six, have collaborated with the [Bali Blockchain Center](#), the Denpasar government, BEKRAF and [Republik Rupiah](#) to establish and manage the Polkadot Sanctuary with **no rental fee until year-end**(*update: [partnership has been extended by 3 more years](#)*). This central hub serves as a focal point for Polkadot enthusiasts, providing resources, support, and a collaborative environment for developers and entrepreneurs to build on the Polkadot network.
- Secondly, the Bali Polkadot community has so-far hosted nine [BlockTalks](#) consistently. BlockTalk is a bi-weekly meet-up that provides updates on Polkadot, the crypto market, and deep dives into Blockchain and Web3 elements. These gatherings serve as a platform to engage with enthusiasts and educate them about the potential of Polkadot. A total of more than 270 participants so far.
- Additionally, a significant milestone was achieved when the Polkadot community managed the [Polkadot Decoded Viewing Party](#) at the Bali Blockchain Center, which gathered an impressive, full-house turnout of 70 attendees. This event showcased the technological advancements and exciting possibilities of Polkadot, sparking interest and creating a buzz among the local blockchain community.
- We have persuaded the local government to develop on Substrate and utilize the Polkadot ecosystem, thereby creating job opportunities for substrate developers in the region.(*Kresna - Polkadot amb./Substrate dev - is already working with them on the [Mandala chain](#) and as ambassadors, we are also helping them to achieve their goals.*)
- In August, a two-day event called Soulbound took place as part of the Bali Blockchain Summit, where Polkadot was the main sponsor. You can find the [aftermovie](#) and other related success metrics [here](#), which highlight how Polkadot has benefited from this event.
- Meanwhile, we have successfully [onboarded five Polkadot Ambassador Candidates](#), aiming to expand Polkadot's network with passionate individuals who can effectively communicate the benefits of Polkadot and drive adoption in Bali, Indonesia. *One of them has become a fully fledged ambassador in the meanwhile (Michael Bennalack - Discord: bman_republik).*
- Established the Polkadot Sanctuary "brand", including all related social media sites such as [Twitter](#) and [Telegram](#), and the website (which will be reconstructed by the end of this year).

Upcoming events and plans for the future:

- Blocktalks will [continue](#), with Polkadot at the center of attention.
- The Bali Sanctuary team will organize educational events for local Bali universities, starting with [ITB STIKOM Bali](#). These events serve as a platform to introduce Polkadot's technology to students and researchers, igniting curiosity and potentially inspiring future developers to contribute to the ecosystem. There are 14 universities in Denpasar.
- The Sanctuary Academy: The [Bali Blockchain Center](#) is an ideal venue (as explained in detail [here](#)) for hosting next year's Polkadot Academy and assisting talented individuals in the region in becoming Substrate developers. They are planning to raise awareness for this initiative and turn it into a reality.

Collectively, Bali Sanctuary's contributions benefit Polkadot by increasing awareness, fostering collaboration, attracting talent, driving adoption, and expanding the network effect. As Polkadot continues to grow and mature, these efforts contribute to the long-term viability, innovation, and success of the ecosystem, positioning it as a leading platform for decentralized applications and cross-chain interoperability. As you can see, from the previously showcased achievements, there is a significant amount of interest in Polkadot, and there is also an importance for a physical location for the community in Bali. However, we aspire to go beyond that and attract a larger audience of crypto enthusiasts, community members and developers.

We started to work on our long-term goal to build a global Polkadot Hubs framework and initiated steps based on the new insight and experience we gained from the Polkadot Sanctuary.

- The [Polkadot Hubs Collective](#) team gathered and regular meetings started. The kickoff call, which took place on March 17th, marks the beginning of a collaboration between the Polkadot Ambassador program and various Polkadot Ecosystem teams, namely Apillon, Bitgreen, JUST, Parity, and SubWallet. The goal of the collective is to learn from the Polkadot Sanctuary case-study and establish comprehensive guidelines for future hubs.
- Developing the HQ App: a booking and management system will be created for the future Polkadot hubs. It will also include a map and list of all hubs all over the world, similarly as Hackerspace's wiki works, but with a more modern setup. This is currently under test mode.

Considering the array of opportunities available, including the Blockchain Center, government blockchain support, affordable living spaces, educational resources, and an ongoing project called Mandala Chain, the Polkadot Sanctuary emerges as an exceptionally advantageous destination for Substrate developers. Here, all these elements converge and offer an ideal environment for professional growth and innovation.

The Polkadot Sanctuary

Denpasar, located in Bali, Indonesia, is a rapidly growing tourist destination and the capital of the island. With a flourishing tourism industry, the city has also seen an increased interest in blockchain technology. Cryptocurrency trading is legally regulated in Indonesia, and Denpasar has gained a reputation as a crypto-friendly hub, supported by initiatives like the Bali Blockchain Centre. The Polkadot Sanctuary, in collaboration with local authorities and organizations, has established a strong presence in the Bali Blockchain Centre, leveraging the government's enthusiasm for blockchain technology and contributing to the development of the local ecosystem.

Location – Denpasar, Indonesia

At Polkadot Sanctuary, we have laid a solid foundation with the Bali Blockchain Center and BEKRAF. Through successful negotiations, we have secured a physical location within the Center at [no rental fee for the upcoming three years](#), in exchange for regularly organized Polkadot events. This agreement grants us full access to the building during such events and enables us to create a long-term co-working and networking area.

The hub resides there and because of that we can use the [whole](#) (not just an office room) for bigger events. The [second floor auditorium](#) has a limit of 600 attendees, the [cinema room](#)'s capacity is 70, [presenter room](#) is limited to 100, a [classroom](#) for 80, multiple rooms/office spaces for ecosystem workshops/presentations, outside/open space area, and a canteen, NFT gallery, reception desk, security service, radio station and two levels of parking.

Currently, the Sanctuary's daily life is confined to an office space where the daily workflow takes place. For the Blocktalks event, a presenter room is available. We utilize our [Telegram](#) group chat, [Twitter](#) and [Meetup.com](#) to inform members about upcoming events. Additionally, members can use these platforms to notify us if they plan to visit the hub or if they would like to propose any activities for presentation at the hub. Once the HQ app is ready for use, hub members will have the option to pre-book desks, event spaces, or private offices and many more features.

BBC - The whole building - <https://goo.gl/maps/2hWW1cxK8TaBG4GK9>

Space dedicated for Polkadot Sanctuary - <https://goo.gl/maps/9jArHbSViyxYx8xz5>

Make it Reality

Success Metrics

To effectively evaluate the performance and growth of the Polkadot Sanctuary, various metrics must be measured. These include the number of repeat and new visitors, participants, and students, as well as the success of investment and project deployment. Other important metrics include feedback scores, events and hackathons, collaborator contributions, social media stats, and the number of new ambassadors and team members.

At the Polkadot Sanctuary, the focus is on fostering steady and dependable growth rather than merely pursuing short-term numbers. Our goal is to create a welcoming environment without strict deadlines, promoting organic growth and fostering inclusivity. This approach ensures sustainable growth and success while prioritizing community engagement and satisfaction.

To provide a framework for measuring success so far, we have identified the following metrics:

Blocktalks	9
Number of outreach generated from events	1000+
Number of successful bigger events(Decoded viewing party , Soulbound)	2
Number of new local Substrate developers who have recently joined the team working on the Mandala chain .	5
Polkadot and Kusama Bali Telegram channel	current 160+
PR articles ' views	10 000+
Ambassador candidate onboarding	5

Budget and Payment (for 12 months)

Our request for a management fee is intended to recognize the valuable contributions made by us to advance the Polkadot ecosystem. While the fee does not seek funding for the physical hub's sustainability, it compensates us for our dedicated time, efforts, and research shared as a case study with the broader community. We have demonstrated that a self-sustainable physical hub is achievable and beneficial for the Polkadot ecosystem. Therefore, we seek compensation for our research work, which began in January and continues throughout the year.

In response to community feedback regarding the costly PR campaign, we took their concerns seriously. To address this issue and prioritize community satisfaction, we made the decision to exclude this title from our budget and covered the expenses ourselves. We have also excluded flight tickets, accommodations, and the cost of living, such as daily food and beverages.

In essence, the management fee acknowledges the pivotal role played by us in promoting the growth, awareness, and sustainability of a Polkadot hub, making it a valuable investment in the ecosystem's success.

Expenses	Cost
1. PR campaign(2 articles , prepaid)	0 USD
2. Management fee for Six / David Pethes and Gabor Bovai(we are calculating based on a modest rate of \$12 per hour/person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on the project (40 hours/week) in Q1 at the location.* - Working on the project remotely(20 hours/week) in Q2. * - Working on the project remotely(16 hours/week) in Q3. * - Working on the project remotely(16 hours/week) in Q4. * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11,520 USD - 7,680 USD - 4,608 USD - FREE
3. Contingency (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is used to protect us from price loss. 	3,571 USD
4. Exchange fee (3%)	714 USD
Any remaining funds by the end of the project are returned to the Treasury.	
Total	28,093 USD

- Polkadot address to receive the funds:
15fHj7Q7SYxqMgZ38UpjXS8cxdq77rczTP3JgY9JVVi5piMPN (on-chain identity of Six)
- Our calculations took into account both the EMA30 exchange rate and the contingency.

***Milestones in detail:**

***Q1:** We conducted various pre-organization and preparation tasks for the trip, including:

- Researching and booking flight tickets and accommodations while determining the most advantageous location to commence our activities.
- Traveling to Bali. Upon arrival, we dedicated weeks to scout venues and suitable coworking spaces for meetups and the hub's operations.
- The creation of social media profiles (Twitter, Telegram), as well as the development of a basic website.
- Engaging with the community and starting from scratch to build it up from the ground.
- Engaging in negotiations with the head coordinator of BBC (Bali Blockchain Center) to explore collaboration opportunities and establish the Polkadot Sanctuary as its home.
- Organizing workshop and meetup events aimed at strengthening bonds with the community and developers.
- Participating in panel talks and engaging with government representatives to promote our initiative and Polkadot's core technology.

***Q2:** We had to return to Europe to participate at multiple other Polkadot-related events, but we continued the work we had initiated remotely. Our activities during this time included:

- Continuously monitoring the growth of the Bali Polkadot community.
- Initiating conversations when we noticed a lack of interest or quietness in the chat and Telegram groups.
- Providing ongoing guidance on organizing Blocktalks events and suggesting themes for each one.
- Reaching out to speakers from the ecosystem who were present in the region, such as Adam Nagy from Moonsama to give a presentation on the Blocktalk event.
- Assistance with the Polkadot Decoded Viewing Party Proposal.
- Holding weekly interactions or calls with the community lead, ambassadors and/or the coordinator of the BBC.

***Q3:** During this period, we primarily operated on the project remotely, except for one occasion when we returned to Bali for the Blockchain Summit. Our activities included:

- Collaboratively creating a proposal for the Soulbound event with the Bali team.
- Reaching out to potential ecosystem members to encourage their participation and presentation at the event such as Filippo Franchini from W3F.
- Traveling to Bali for the entire Blockchain Week to support the Bali team in the final stages of event organization.
- Successfully signing the MOU with the government, granting approval for the Polkadot Sanctuary to utilize the BBC building for Polkadot-related events for the next 3 years, free of charge.
- Continuously monitoring the community's growth and engagement.
- Maintaining weekly interactions or calls with the community lead, ambassadors and/or the coordinator of the BBC.

***Q4:** During this quarter, we will continue our remote assistance and maintain regular weekly calls with the head coordinator of the BBC as well as the ambassadors. The community appears to be steadily growing, and they have become more proficient in managing the



space, developments, and the overall community efficiently. **Due to these positive outcomes, we are not seeking compensation for our efforts during this period.**

The Polkadot Sanctuary Team

Six / David Pethes – Polkadot Head Ambassador

He started Polkadot Hungary in 2021 which is still one of the most active meetup series in the ecosystem. The main organizer of the Polkadot Metaverse Championship hackathon series. The founder of CryptoCTF OÜ, the organizer company behind the largest web3 hacking competition called CCTF. His hacker background helps oversee both tech and non-tech problems and to find efficient solutions.

Gabo Bovai – Polkadot Ambassador

He is a Web3 strategic coordinator interested in blockchain technology and real-life use cases of smart contracts and how we can integrate them into everyday life. Organizing meetups and hackathons, creating and delivering meaningful projects on the way. Junior developer in Solidity. A talented leader with an analytical approach to business planning and day-to-day problem solving, founder of Local Korner business.

Kresna Sucandra– Senior Polkadot Ambassador/Substrate developer

Anesthesiologist and programmer who loves entrepreneurship.

Learn, research, develop, and educate Web3, with a main focus on the Substrate framework in the Polkadot Kusama ecosystem.

IGP Rahman Desyanta – Head Coordinator of Blockchain Bali Center

Anta is the head coordinator of BBC and the person who convinced the Denpasar government to dedicate NDA building to blockchain and development. He is tasked to make blockchain the second biggest industry in Bali, right after tourism. Thanks to him we could convince the local government and 14 universities to choose Substrate for development.

Greatta Agatha - Event manager at Blockchain Bali Center

Greatta supports the Polkadot Sanctuary with her outstanding event management skills. She already supported many of the past meetups and we are happy to work with her.

Dirga – Polkadot Ambassador

Interested mostly in development and education, he also helps the Bali community to grow.

Musa – Polkadot Ambassador Candidate

Became a Polkadot candidate recently, actively working on content creation, also working at Republik DAO, the largest web3 community in Indonesia.

Arwyn Levin - Event host

She is an active member of the blockchain community in Bali and helps us host events.

Michael Bennalack – CEO of Republic Rupiah/Polkadot ambassador

He is the CEO and co-founder of Republic Rupiah which is Indonesia's biggest media platform.

Adrian Keet – Unit Network

Co-Founder at Unit Network | Impact Strategist | Tech for Good | Regenerative Wellness | Strategic Advisor

Partners

Polkadot Ambassadors

Polkadot Ambassadors are instrumental in helping to create Polkadot Sanctuary. As advocates and team members current and future Ambassadors are working on building and running a healthy hub.

Bali Blockchain Center

[BBC](#) is an association formed by the government of Denpasar city. It works together with the BEKRAF Foundation which is working in collaboration with Baliola and KEPENG Foundation.

They have already done developments in the fields of NFT and digital ownership to support local artists. Their mission is to build a secure and trustworthy blockchain industry standard. Establishing a reliable information center and media channel. Build a center for education and development of human resources for the global blockchain and web3 industry. Manage the community and develop a healthy and safe blockchain ecosystem.

Badan Ekonomi Kreatif Indonesia (BEKRAF)

The formation of Bekraf is the government's optimism that the creative economy will definitely become the backbone of the national economy. This is the beginning of a new milestone for Indonesia's creative economy and provides its support for BBC and Polkadot Sanctuary.

CCTF

The CCTF aka Crypto CTF OÜ team members are hackers who set out on the mission to bring web3 and crypto closer to people, hosting the biggest CTF-type hacking challenges in the world.

Republik DAO

Republik DAO (former [Republic Rupiah](#)) is a research-based [platform](#) in Indonesia, designed to assist investors in comprehending and navigating the general financial world, with a focus on crypto assets. This is achieved through community, research, and education. With millions of active monthly users, they are eager to support us in gaining recognition in the region.

Santos Productions

The full range of PR services includes planning, strategy, branding, visual support (videos, photos), copywriting, event organization, national and international media coverage (articles, interviews), press release distribution, social media management, and brand representation.

Polkadot Hubs Collective


The Polkadot Hubs Collective is a group of individuals within the Polkadot ecosystem spearheading a decentralized and community-driven initiative. Their mission involves defining, contextualizing, and materializing Polkadot Hubs, which are global physical spaces dedicated to the Polkadot community.

References

Previous discussions about the project

- We already discussed this topic during the last 6 months in many events and started the public Polkasembly discussion as well: [Polkadot Hubs - Initiative case-study](#)

Polkadot Sanctuary - Story video

-  [Polkadot Hub BALI : An Introduction](#)

Links completing the proposal

- Hackerspaces: https://wiki.hackerspaces.org/List_of_Hacker_Spaces

Links to public relevant information

- <https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/web3-experience-like-never-before-polkadot-hub-is-opening-in-bali-1032037700>
- <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/web3-experience-never-polkadot-hub-181600776.html>
- <https://www.enterpriseasia.org/web3-experience-like-never-before-polkadot-hub-is-opening-in-bali/>
- Polkadot Sanctuary memories NFT collection accepted by RMRK <https://twitter.com/RmrkSingular/status/1626569556264386560>

Links to communication channels

- Bali Meetup.com group and events: <https://www.meetup.com/polkadot-and-kusama-bali/events/>
- Polkadot and Kusama Bali telegram group: <https://t.me/PolkadotKusamaBali>
- Polkadot Hubs telegram discussion group: <https://t.me/polkadohubs>

Polkadot-related events organized by the proposers

- [Polkadot Metaverse Championship](#) / hackathon
- Polkadot Hungary community and meetup series / running monthly since 2021
- Polkadot Ambassador Meetup in Berlin / Decoded 2022 side-event
- Kickstarter of the Dubai community in 2022

Part of the proposer team organizes CTF, the largest crypto hacking competition <https://www.youtube.com/@CryptoCTF>