# CAISSE DES DEPOTS Innovating in a public financial institution through Blockchain technologies



### Caisse des Dépôts Group

### A diverse public group for the general interest

- Caisse des Dépôts and its subsidiaries are a public group and a long-term investor dedicated to general interest and economic development of regions.
- Supporting strategic sectors, Caisse des Dépôts is working for France's competitiveness. A trusted third-party for more than 200 years, Caisse des Dépôts is in charge of public and private mandates and managing assets on behalf of the State.

#### SUPPORT CENTRAL AND - LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY -



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### **Blockchain as an opportunity for our Group**

Building the future infrastructures for trusted services

Forecasting a redefinition of trusted intermediaries and the growth of new economic leaders, Blockchain technologies are a strategic issue for Caisse des Dépôts, its business units, its clients and its mission to support the development of national ecosystems.

#### **BLOCKCHAIN & DLT**

- A transaction revolution
- New services for decentralized certification
- New trusted actors such as Oracles

#### **CRYPTOASSETS & TOKENS**

- Creation of a new class of financial assets
- New ways to raise money
- New economic models: tokenization, decentralized apps...



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## **Blockchain & Cryptoassets Programmes**

### Three main areas of action



| Partnership with the ecosystems            | BloCDChain<br>internal Program for the Group  | R&D  |
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## **Innovating for the general interest**



A unique model of internal organisation

- Sparkling innovation in an institution as old as Caisse des Dépôts can be a challenge.
- Since 2015, Caisse des Dépôts is working on Blockchain and now has:
  - A functionnal expertise on Blockchain technologies and cryptoassets and their usecases in the finance and banking industry and other sectors relevant to our group
  - > A technological expertise with a team of developers coding Blockchain infrastructures or services
  - A legal and compliance expertise used to advise regulators and legislators on upcoming laws in France and Europe
  - > A unique ability to build partnerships with both public and private incumbents and startups
  - An agile and integrated multidisciplinary team

## LaBChain consortium

### Innovating with corporate companies and startups



- Launched in December 2015
- 33 partners from banks, insurers, asset managers, mutualists, startups and research institutions
- A collaborative and agile approach on DLT technologies to support the ecosystem building its future infrastructures and services
- A place to share insight with peers and other actors of the ecosystem



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A LaBChain pilot project with BELEM

- BELEM is a FinTech building blockchain based solutions for financial institutions
- Focus on a LaBChain project: issuance and management of a Euro Stable Coin
- Collaborations between Société Générale, Crédit Agricole, Caisse des Dépôts, and BELEM

#### **Objectives of the project**

- Provide an overview on the stablecoin landscape: different types, regulation, existing solutions, etc.
- Create a Euro Token, a cash on-ledger, in the context of the Delivery-versus-Payment of financial securities
- Explore blockchain opportunities: simplify or avoid reconciliation between the Euro Token and the real world
- > Design a governance model for token issuance by a central entity, which would be in charge of the KYC

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#### **Pilot functionalities:**

- Token issuance
  - By a wallet operated by a centralisator
  - Issuance of new tokens thanks to a transaction signed by the administrator
  - Additional transaction to transfer funds
- Reconciliation between token and deposit accounts
- Burning tokens on-chain, by the centralisator, via a specific transaction
- Payment / collection of interests
- Token swaps by different actors on the on-chain whitelisting
- DvP on-chain and cross-chain
- Shared audit trail of all operations

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#### Key takeways:

- Stablecoins are a current major topic, with some prominent initiatives underway such as the JPM Coin or Facebook Coin
- We have validated the representation of a cash on-ledger Euro Token to enable the Delivery-versus-Payments of securities on a blockchain
- > The use of an ERC-20 token makes it possible to represent financial securities as simply as cash instruments
- Blockchain allows for real-time reconciliation of cash and securities positions
- Effective on-chain management of KYC and token conservation
- More than governance itself, it is the legal and accouting structure of the model that still raise questions





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#### **Delivery VS Payment problems and challenges:**

- ▶ In order to be fair with respect to trustless parties introduce a trusted middleman (i.e., escrow service)
- On-chain and cross-chain swap offer a method to cut out any middleman
- Atomic swap protocol have to be constructed and proper security analysis carried out

#### Swap protocols (both on-chain and cross-chain) have to deal with:

- Multi-agent situations
- Network failures (i.e., DoS attacks)
- Latency problems
- Asynchronous blockchain networks
- Crypto-assets high volatility