

Taskforce Blockchain

## **Hand over of the Whitepaper to Minister Johann Schneider-Ammann**

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First, I want to thank you and your colleague, minister Ueli Maurer, that you were ready to initiate, together with Members of Government of the Cantons of Zurich and Zug, the Taskforce Blockchain, bringing together the relevant stakeholders and brains in the Blockchain-Technology in Switzerland.

The mere fact of starting this initiative was and is important - as a sign within our country and towards the world, that the Federal Government is taking this Blockchain development and its opportunities as serious. You showed - and by your today's presence you demonstrate once more -, that you are eager to know the functioning of Blockchain, that you are open to learn and discuss, that you are welcoming innovations and start-ups and try to help to find ways, how to integrate new technologies and industries into our legal framework. You, as minister of the "Crypto-Nation Switzerland". In this context, I also thank you for your initiative and this week's decision of the Federal Government to allow more resources for research and education in digitalization.

The other important fact was and still is, that this Taskforce is a close collaboration of representatives of companies (banks, Blockchain-industry, lawyers), of universities and of authorities. So brains and personalities of three levels were working together: the economic, the scientific and the political level. Each side has brought in its know how. Only together we will take the right steps forward. I would call this: the swiss way.

Last point to mention: Our Taskforce has worked like a start-up: quick, dynamic, the working groups with different speed and schedules. Therefore, today's results are one milestone of more to come. And - like a start up - the Taskforce will need a future on aspect of organisation and financing. But for the moment, as head of the political working group, I am proud to hand you over the Whitepaper.