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Gobierno de Gibraltar: Ministerio de Servicios Digitales y Financieros

El Centro Financiero de Gibraltar asiste a la Cumbre Blockchain For Europe en Bruselas

El Ministro [Albert] Ísola participa en el panel “Gobiernos y Blockchain: Seguridad, Infraestructura y Fiscalidad”

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El Ministro de Gibraltar encargado de la cartera de Servicios Digitales y Financieros, Albert Ísola, asistió a la edición 2020 de la Cumbre Blockchain For Europe (<https://www.blockchain4europe.eu/event/blockchain-for-europe-summit-2020-2/>) celebrada hoy en el Parlamento Europeo en Bruselas, donde fue uno de los ponentes del panel “Gobiernos y Blockchain: Seguridad, Infraestructura y Fiscalidad” [Governments on Blockchain: Security, Infrastructure and Taxation].

Blockchain For Europe constituye un foro para actores internacionales del sector del blockchain a nivel de la UE, contribuyendo proactivamente al debate normativo en curso mediante el apoyo a los responsables políticos europeos en sus esfuerzos por impulsar el desarrollo de la tecnología blockchain en Europa. La Cumbre fomenta una estrecha colaboración entre actores nacionales, regionales e internacionales en los ámbitos político y sectorial.

El Ministro Ísola estuvo acompañado en el panel “Gobiernos y Blockchain: Seguridad, Infraestructura y Fiscalidad” por Peteris Zilgalvis, Copresidente del Grupo de Trabajo Sobre Tecnologías Financieras (*FinTech*) de la Comisión Europea; Jason Kelley, Director General de Servicios Blockchain en IBM; y Marwan Alzarouni, Fundador y Consejero Delegado del Dubai Blockchain Center. El panel fue organizado por la eurodiputada Claudia Gamon y estuvo moderado por Theo Moore, Director General en Bruselas de APCO Worldwide.

En sus declaraciones sobre la Cumbre, el Ministro Ísola declaró: “La Cumbre Blockchain For Europe proporciona la plataforma idónea para entablar un debate y conversaciones de gran rigurosidad sobre el papel que la tecnología blockchain puede desempeñar en nuestra sociedad europea común. Estamos todos aquí para celebrar la convergencia de los avances tecnológicos, los marcos normativos y los objetivos educativos en torno a los Registros Digitales Compartidos (Distributed Ledger Technology, DLT), así como para ofrecer ideas que pueden impulsar los esfuerzos para acelerar el despliegue de la tecnología blockchain en nuestras jurisdicciones respectivas. Ha sido un placer contribuir al panel gubernamental y hacer gala del pujante ecosistema DLT de Gibraltar desde el punto de vista normativo y educativo”.

Además de asistir a la Cumbre en el Parlamento Europeo, la agenda del Ministro Ísola en Bruselas también incluyó una serie de reuniones en materia de FinTech y relacionadas con la

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tecnología blockchain con actores del sector y representantes europeos. El Ministro Ísola estuvo acompañado por el Alto Ejecutivo del Centro Financiero de Gibraltar, Paul Astengo, durante esta visita.

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Gibraltar Finance Attends Blockchain For Europe Summit in Brussels

Minister Isola participates in the 'Governments on Blockchain: Security, Infrastructure, Taxation' panel

Gibraltar – February 5, 2020 – Gibraltar's Minister for Digital and Financial Services, the Hon Albert Isola MP attended the Blockchain For Europe Summit 2020 in the European Parliament in Brussels today, speaking on the 'Governments on Blockchain: Security – Infrastructure – Taxation' panel.

Blockchain for Europe represents a forum for international blockchain industry players at EU level, proactively contributing to the ongoing regulatory debate by supporting European decision makers in their efforts to advance the ascent of blockchain technology in Europe. The Summit fosters close collaboration between national, regional, and global players in policy and industry spheres.

Minister Isola was joined on the 'Governments on Blockchain: Security – Infrastructure – Taxation' panel by Peteris Zilgalvis, Co-Chair of the European Commission's Fintech Task Force; Jason Kelley, General Manager, Blockchain Services, IBM; and Marwan Alzarouni, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Blockchain Center. The panel was hosted by MEP Claudia Gamon and moderated by Theo Moore, Managing Director, Brussels, APCO Worldwide.

Commenting on the Summit, Minister Isola said, "The Blockchain For Europe Summit provides the ideal platform to host rigorous debate and discussion around the role blockchain can play in our shared European society. We are all here to celebrate the coming together of technological advances, regulatory frameworks, and educational pursuits around DLT, and to offer insights that can drive efforts to accelerate blockchain deployment in our respective jurisdictions. It was a pleasure to contribute to the governmental panel and fly the flag for Gibraltar's thriving DLT ecosystem from a regulatory and educational standpoint."

In addition to attending the Summit at the European Parliament, Minister Isola's Brussels schedule included a number of fintech and blockchain-related meetings with European representatives and industry figures. Minister Isola was accompanied by Gibraltar Finance Senior Executive Paul Astengo on this visit.



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Minister for Digital and Financial Services, The Hon Albert Isola MP is available for interview.

About Gibraltar

A British Overseas Territory, Gibraltar is a self-governing and self-financing democracy that has established itself globally as a reliable centre for the blockchain and digital assets industry. In January 2018, Gibraltar became the very first jurisdiction globally to introduce legislation around Distributed-Ledger-Technology (DLT), and has since asserted its position as a leading blockchain and cryptocurrency hub. With Gibraltar's core values of regulation, reputation and speed to market at the foundation of its efforts within the blockchain industry, Gibraltar is now globally renowned for its commitment to creating a sustainable and secure regulatory framework for blockchain, as well as being one of the leading proponents in the advancement of the technology.

For more information please visit <http://www.gibraltarfinance.gi/en/home>

About The Hon Albert Isola MP

The Hon Albert Isola MP is Gibraltar's Minister for Digital and Financial Services with the primary responsibility of raising Gibraltar's profile as a well-regulated financial services centre, leading the way in DLT and online gaming regulation.

Minister Isola previously served as Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce where he played a central role in spearheading Gibraltar's purpose-built DLT regulatory framework, which was introduced in January 2018 for firms using blockchain to store or transfer value.

He has been a member of the GSLP/Liberal Administration since his by-election win for Gibraltar's governing parties, the GSLP/Liberal Alliance, on 4 July 2013. Minister Isola had previously been a GSLP member of the Opposition in the then 'House of Assembly' ('Parliament' under the new constitution) from 1996 to 2000. Prior to re-entering Parliament, Albert had been a Partner at a major Gibraltar international law firm from 1985 to 2013.

During his extensive legal career, Minister Isola gained high-level experience in all aspects of property acquisition, development, and financing as well as financial services. He also regularly acted as an adviser to the Financial Services Commission.

Minister Isola was educated at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire (1973-1980) and read Law at Kingston University (1980-1983).

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