What is blockchain?
A blockchain is one type of distributed ledger technology (DLT). It is an encrypted, common ledger of transactions maintained by parties in a network. With no single central authority controlling the ledger, it is an extremely secure and transparent way to store information in an immutable and chronological record.

The OECD Blockchain Policy Centre
The OECD Blockchain Policy Centre is the global reference point for policy makers on blockchain and other distributed ledger technologies (DLT). It was created to support governments to address the challenges raised by DLT and their applications as well as to seize the opportunities it offers for achieving policy objectives. The Centre’s establishment in 2019 follows the success of the OECD’s inaugural Global Blockchain Policy Forum in 2018, and builds on more than 5 years of OECD research and analysis exploring this growing technology from the perspective of government.

With a cross-cutting perspective, the Centre considers the impact of DLT on issues as diverse as financial & capital markets, supply chains, responsible business conduct, competition, infrastructure, public administration, agriculture, health, tax and data privacy. As part of these efforts, the Centre’s work also considers DLT’s interface with other emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence.

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Policy Research
Undertaking research across the spectrum of OECD’s areas of work to explore the policy implications of blockchain technologies as well as how they may be used as a tool to achieve policy objectives.

Guidance, Recommendations and Standards
Developing guidance, recommendations and, as needed, standards, based on OECD research and global practice to promote the use of blockchain technologies in a way that minimises the risks and harnesses its opportunities.

Capacity Building
Ensuring officials understand the benefits and disadvantages of blockchain and its various applications. A short “Introduction to Blockchain” seminar is available to OECD officials.

Convening Events
Bringing policymakers, industry leaders, academics and civil society together at events such as the annual Global Blockchain Policy Forum as well as workshops, hackathons and expert roundtables.

Partnerships
Working with international and regional organisations and agencies to share knowledge about the policy implications of blockchain, and to develop partnerships to collaborate on joint projects.
RESOURCES
OECD Blockchain Primer
The Potential for Blockchain Technology in Corporate Governance
Is there a role for blockchain in responsible supply chains?
Blockchain as a Digital Enabler for Infrastructure Investment
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Blockchain and beyond: encoding 21st century transport
The potential for blockchain technology in public equity markets in Asia
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