

# GLASS Project Partner Spotlight: Uni Systems



**Ilias Kontakos is a Senior RDI Project Manager at Uni Systems, responsible for the implementation of the GLASS project. In this Partner Spotlight he share his plans for GLASS, the positive impact it will have on EU citizens, and the reasons blockchain is the preferred choice of technology.**

## **Please introduce us to Uni Systems**

Uni Systems, one of the most reliable ICT companies in the European market, was the first Greek IT company founded in Greece, in 1964, and today it is a member of Quest Group of Companies. With more than 900 specialised ICT professionals and established branches and subsidiaries in the heart of the European Union, namely Brussels, Bucharest, Luxembourg and Milan, the Company delivers value-added integrated solutions to its worldwide client base of organisations and institutions.

Uni Systems has an established presence in the European and National research ecosystem. Its Research and Innovation (RDI) department has been successful in bidding and winning a series of research programs areas of 5G, artificial intelligence in health, and blockchain in governance.

## **How is Uni Systems participating in GLASS?**

We are the Project Coordinators responsible for ensuring the GLASS project delivers its promised scope on time and within budget.

**What are you hoping to achieve with the project?**

The vision of GLASS is to *place EU Citizens and Businesses in control of their information and streamline access to e-government services across Europe and beyond*. That is exactly what we aim to accomplish by the time we deliver the final implementations of the project.

The project is citizen-centric by design and it utilises state of the art technology (single sign-on Wallet as a Service, dAPPS for ID authentication and transactions validation, as well as Blockchain technology). It envisions the creation of an open, cross-sector and cross-border model of interaction among public administration, citizens, and businesses with a strong social, societal, economic, technological, and scientific impact. It is aligned with the EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020 and the EU Digital Single Market Strategy.

**What will be the impact of GLASS for EU citizens?**

GLASS will help democratise the relationship between citizens, businesses, and governments. With GLASS, public administrations will enhance their open government capabilities and significantly improve the sense of trust and confidence among citizens and businesses. Furthermore, they will have the freedom to make personal or businesses choices without the administrative burdens of the past.

**There are a number of EU projects looking to use blockchain technology. Why do you think this is the case?**

Blockchain offers the opportunity to completely change the way we act, in relation to business, finance and government. In a world that is based on international dependencies and collaboration, centralisation is in the transition process towards distributed collaboration. Distributed collaboration (i.e. peer 2 peer) creates dependencies where trust is of paramount importance. Blockchain is a technology that can secure this trust and help the development of new business and government models. Thus, it is worth the investment.

I believe Europe has realised the opportunities in blockchain and that is the reason it invests billions of euros in Blockchain Research and the set-up of the European Blockchain Services Infrastructure (EBSI).

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