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### Launch of a new Distributed Ledger Research & Innovation Network

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In order to strengthen Norwegian capabilities and grow opportunities for both public and private sectors in the space of Distributed Ledger technologies (DLT), the IOTA Foundation has teamed up with leading Norwegian clusters, research and academic institutions to create a new DLT research and innovation network.

Initiated together with Oslo Medtech, Oslo Cancer Cluster, NTNU CCIS, The Norwegian Centre for E-Health Research and Alpha Venturi, the network has the ambition to grow as an international cross-industry network of research and academia experts involved with DLT research and innovation.

We will kickstart by addressing the eHealth opportunities through a series of workshops and events. The network will be launched on the 21st of June 2017 in Oslo at a joint event where DLT technologists, European eHealth experts together with the EU Commission will explore the potential for DLT in eHealth.

Registration: <http://www.oslomedtech.no/arrangement/blockchain-distributed-ledgers-in-ehealth/>

Founding partners of this initiative include:

**IOTA Foundation** is a non-profit foundation with the purpose of developing, maintaining and standardizing new open source protocols based on distributed ledger technologies (DLT). The IOTA tangle provides a revolutionary open source DLT which is scalable, lightweight and makes it possible to transfer value or data without any fees. <http://www.iota.org>

**Oslo Medtech** is a Norwegian health innovation cluster aimed at enabling high quality care by developing and industrializing world class health solutions through our members and eco-system, both for the Norwegian and global healthcare market. The cluster has over 200 members and the full health value chain is represented. <http://www.oslomedtech.no>

**Oslo Cancer Cluster** is an oncology research and industry cluster dedicated to improving the lives of cancer patients by accelerating the development of new cancer diagnostics and medicines. It is a national non-profit member organization with about 90 Norwegian and international members, representing the entire oncology value chain. <http://www.oslocancercluster.no>

**NTNU Center for Cyber and Information Security (CCIS)** is a national center for research, education and competence development in cyber and information security. The center is hosted and operated by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and unites 25 public and private partners. <http://www.ccis.no>

**The Norwegian Centre for E-health Research** is tasked with contributing to a common national ICT solution for health and care services. The new research and assessment centre collects, produces and communicates knowledge required by the authorities to develop a knowledge-based policy on e-health. <https://ehealthresearch.no/>

**Alpha Venturi** is a Norwegian strategic innovation and venture launchpad specialised in Distributed Ledger Technologies. <http://www.alpha-venturi.com>

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