



Digital CoO flow: Singaporean Experience

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Our mission is to
trade
for
good

We aim to

make global trade simpler,
more efficient and more
inclusive, so anyone and
everyone can become a
player in global trade



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



GUUD's unique ecosystem makes it all possible.

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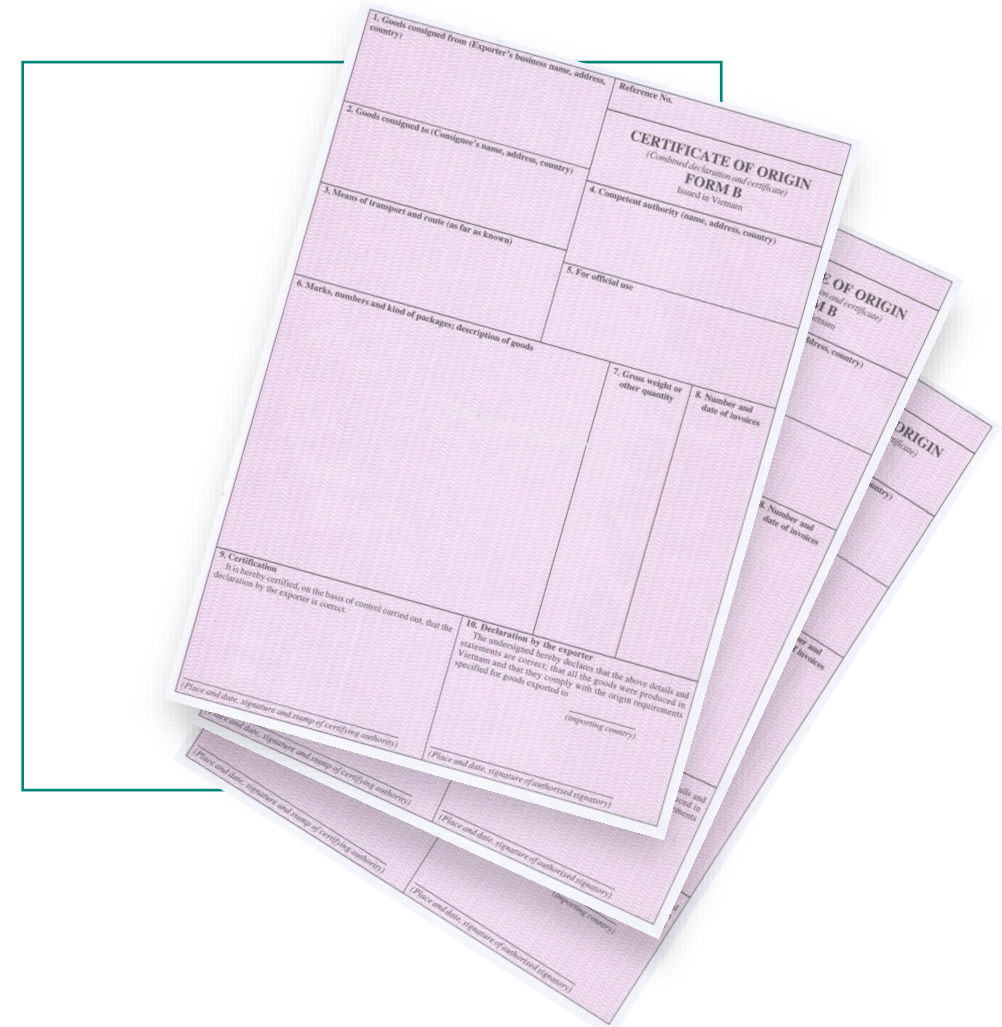
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It is the only one of its kind in the world to bypass long-standing barriers to entry in global trade, digitalising and radically simplifying the processes in UN/CEFACT's BUY-SHIP-PAY model.

GUUD CoO experience

- ✓ Implemented non-preferential eCO for the Singapore International Chamber of Commerce (SICC)
- ✓ Implementing non-preferential and preferential eCO for Qatar Chamber
- ✓ Launched world's first blockchain-based eCO
- ✓ Cross-border sharing of non-preferential eCO between Singapore and Belgium



World's first eCO on Blockchain

SICC and VCC Launched World's First Electronic Certificate of Origin (eCO) on Blockchain

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World's First Electronic Certificate of Origin (eCO) on Blockchain – Immutable. Smart. Simple.



The world's first eCertificate of Origin (eCO) on Blockchain held by (from left), Mr Victor Mills – CE of SICC, Mr Chua Taik Him – Senior Advisor of Enterprise Singapore and Mr Desmond Tay – CEO of VCC

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The GUUD Certificate of Origin experience



eCO Journey in Singapore

		Submission And Process	Authenticating	Technology	Sharing e-copy
	Manual submission and processing of Certificate of Origins	Manual and be presented in person	Physical verification and authentication of printed copy	N/A	N/A
	Traditional electronic Certificate of Origins	Online	Physical verification and authentication of printed copy	Print on pre-printed form. Manual signature and stamp. Special equipment.	No
	Modern Technology integrated electronic Certificate of Origin	Online	Online verification and authentication by scanning QR	Print on normal paper. Digital signature and stamp. Blockchain and QR technology	No
	Connected electronic Certificate of Origin	Online	Online verification and authentication	Blockchain	Yes – A connected eCO system with stakeholders

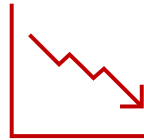


Challenges

Manual submission and processing



Cost. High cost in courier and manpower



Productivity.
Inefficiency and productivity losses.



Time consuming and delays.
Need for manual human processing causing delays. Need to be in person at chambers and other government agencies for submission and processing.



Fraud. Easily subjected to fraud and mishandling of documents.



Challenges

Traditional eCO system

Technology. Uses old technology in eCO system for the past decade even though disadvantages are apparent

Existing Technology	Disadvantages
Microprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need a high-resolution laser printer.• Have to use a magnifying glass to verify.
Digital watermark	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need a high-resolution laser printer.• Costly to implement as the technology need to be licensed.
2-D barcodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need a special software or barcode scanner to verify.

Fraud. eCO system's features are mainly for electronic submission/approval and do not prevent fraud.

The technology of scanners and copiers has also caught up, circumventing traditional fraud prevention methods.

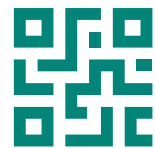


Improvements

Modern technology integrated eCO



Blockchain technology prevents data reproduction of digital assets through a distributed shared ledger.



QR Code technology. Enabling quick verification of authenticity of eCO without requiring importer/exporter to be present in person.

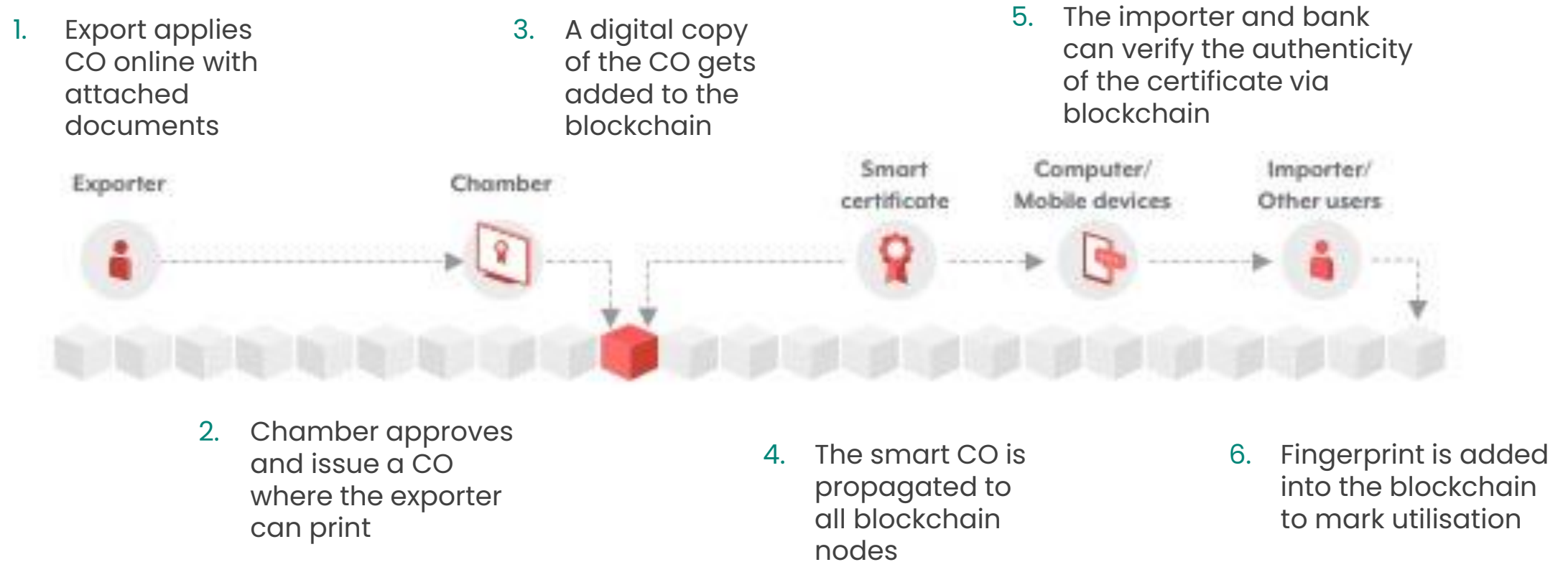
Being ubiquitous in our everyday life and is an effective and simple way to encode data creates easy adaption..

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Improvements

How eCO with Blockchain works

With Singapore International Chamber of Commerce (SICC)



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Improvements

Modern technology integrated eCO

Prevent Forgery and Fraud

Applying blockchain technology to prevent data reproduction and modifications of a digital asset.

Simple verification process

Easy process to verify authenticity through simply scanning a QR code.

Distributed database

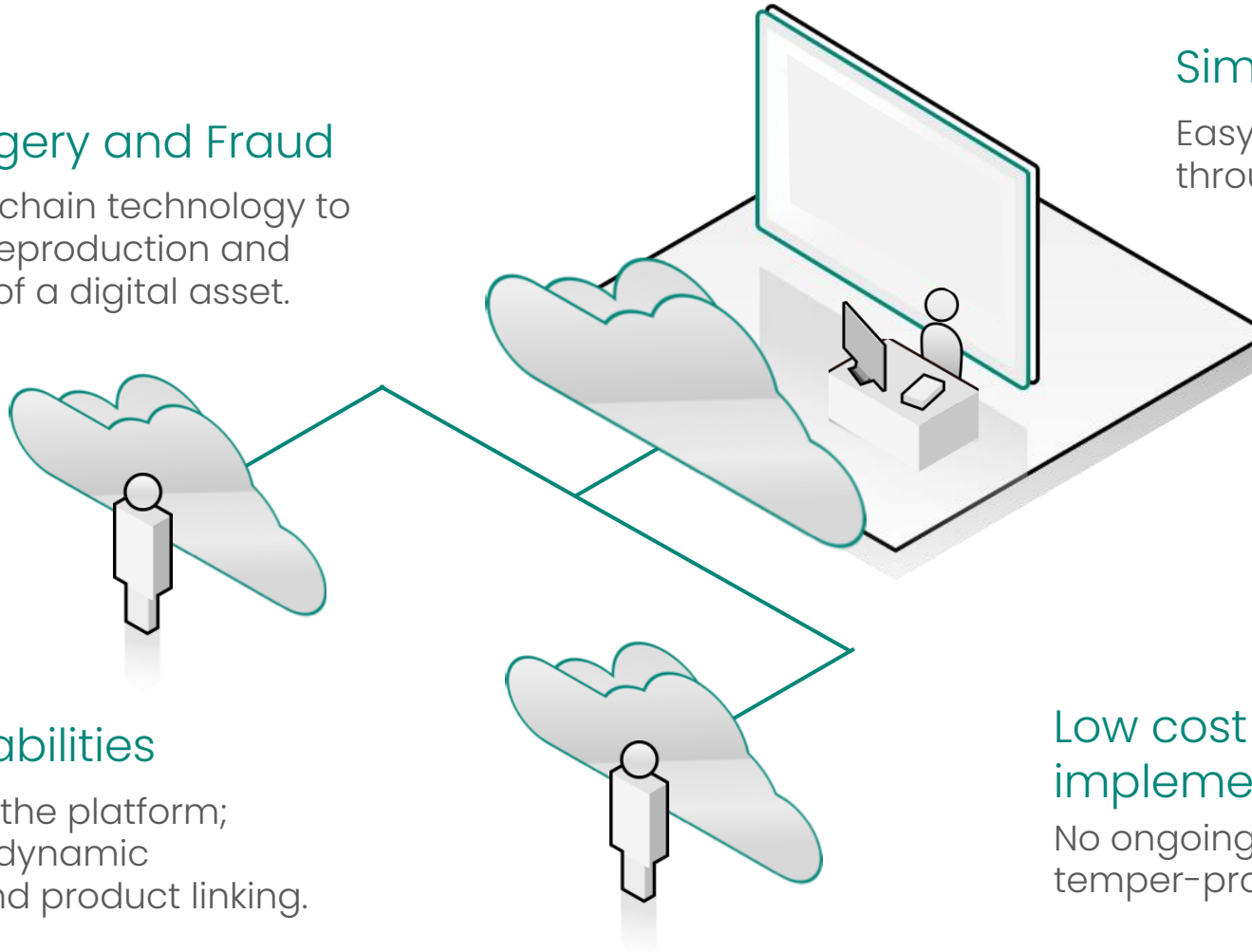
Database is not dependent on a single source of truth.

Smart Capabilities

Embedded on the platform; fingerprinting, dynamic certification and product linking.

Low cost of implementation

No ongoing cost of implementing temper-proof printing.



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Improvements

Connected electronic Certificate of Origin

End-to-end digitalisation

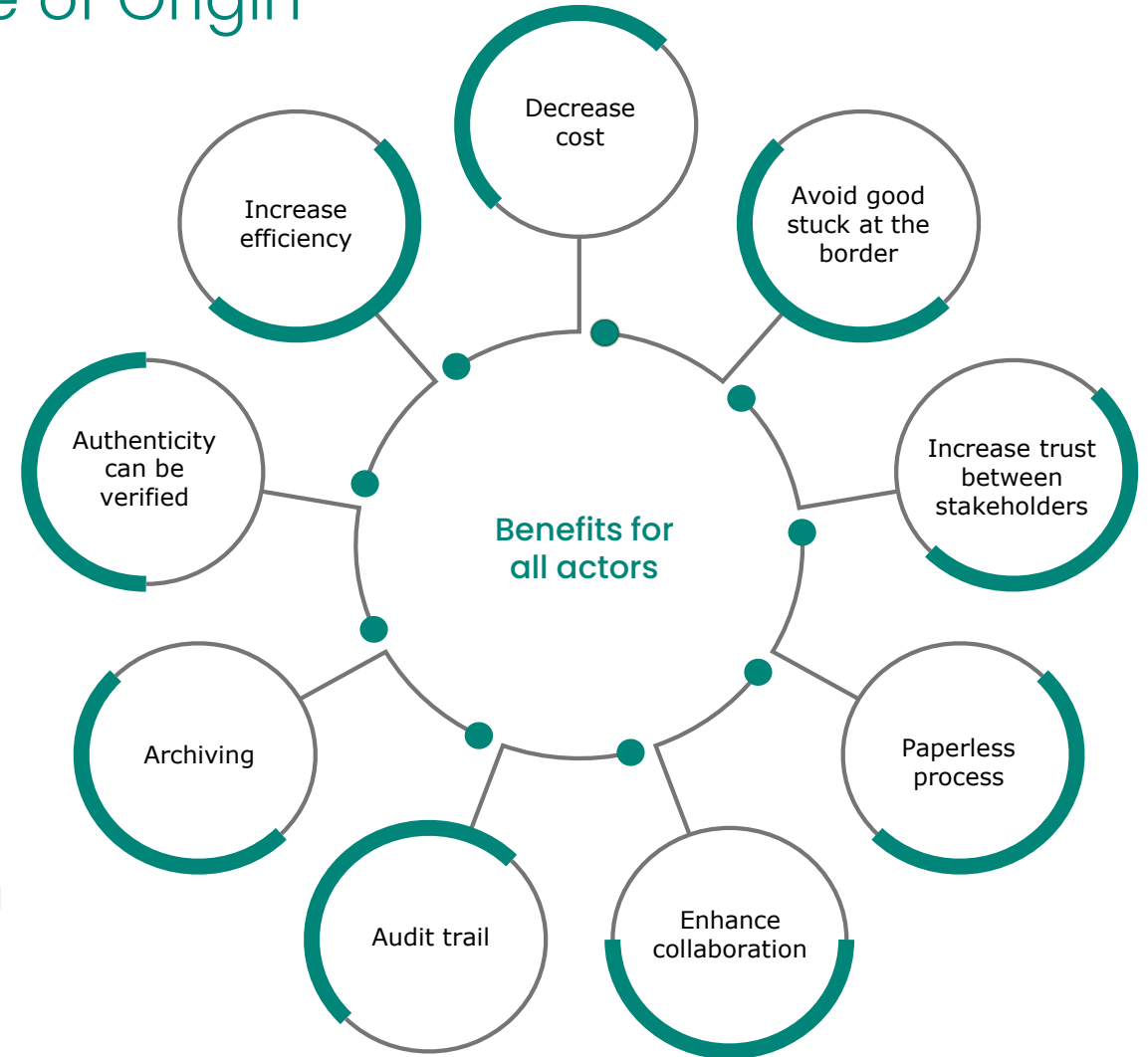
Numerous platforms for issuing or processing CoO's already exist. The challenge is making the process end-to-end digital, across several existing platforms and initiatives (both cloud-based and blockchain-based)

Experience the benefits hands-on

Allow both economic operators and authorities to experience the benefits of an end-to-end digital process.

Proof of scalability

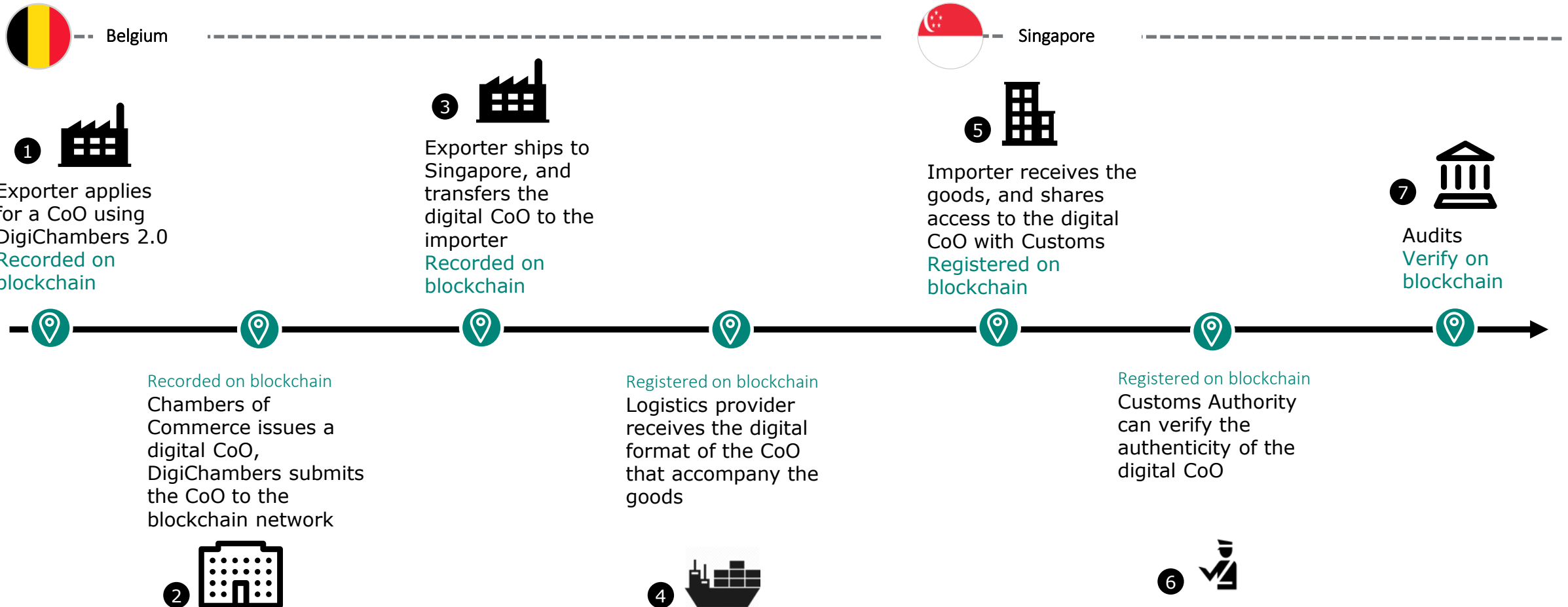
Not just a technology demo – we did that in 2018 with phytosanitary certificates and insurance bonds – but a “Proof of Business” to show it can scale and gain adoption. Including a suitable financial model.



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Connected electronic: Certificate of Origin

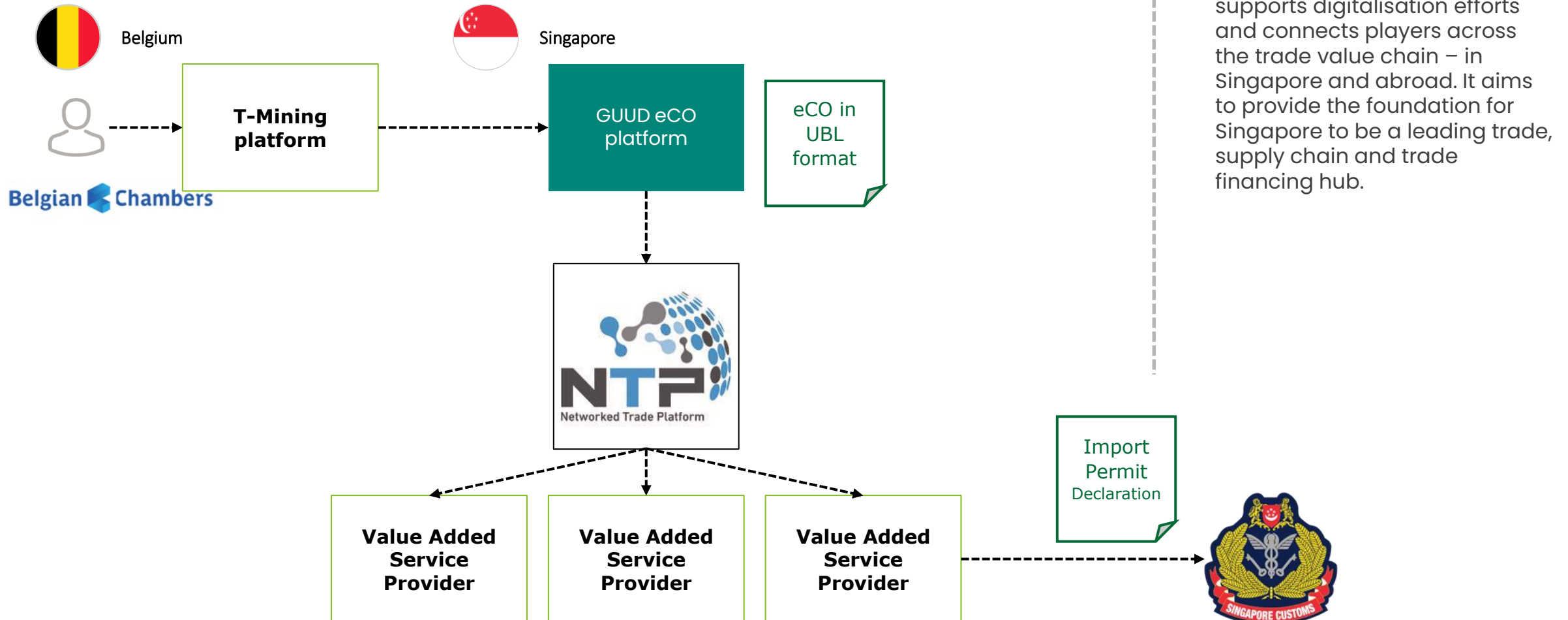
Cross-border sharing of eCO between Singapore and Belgium (pilot)



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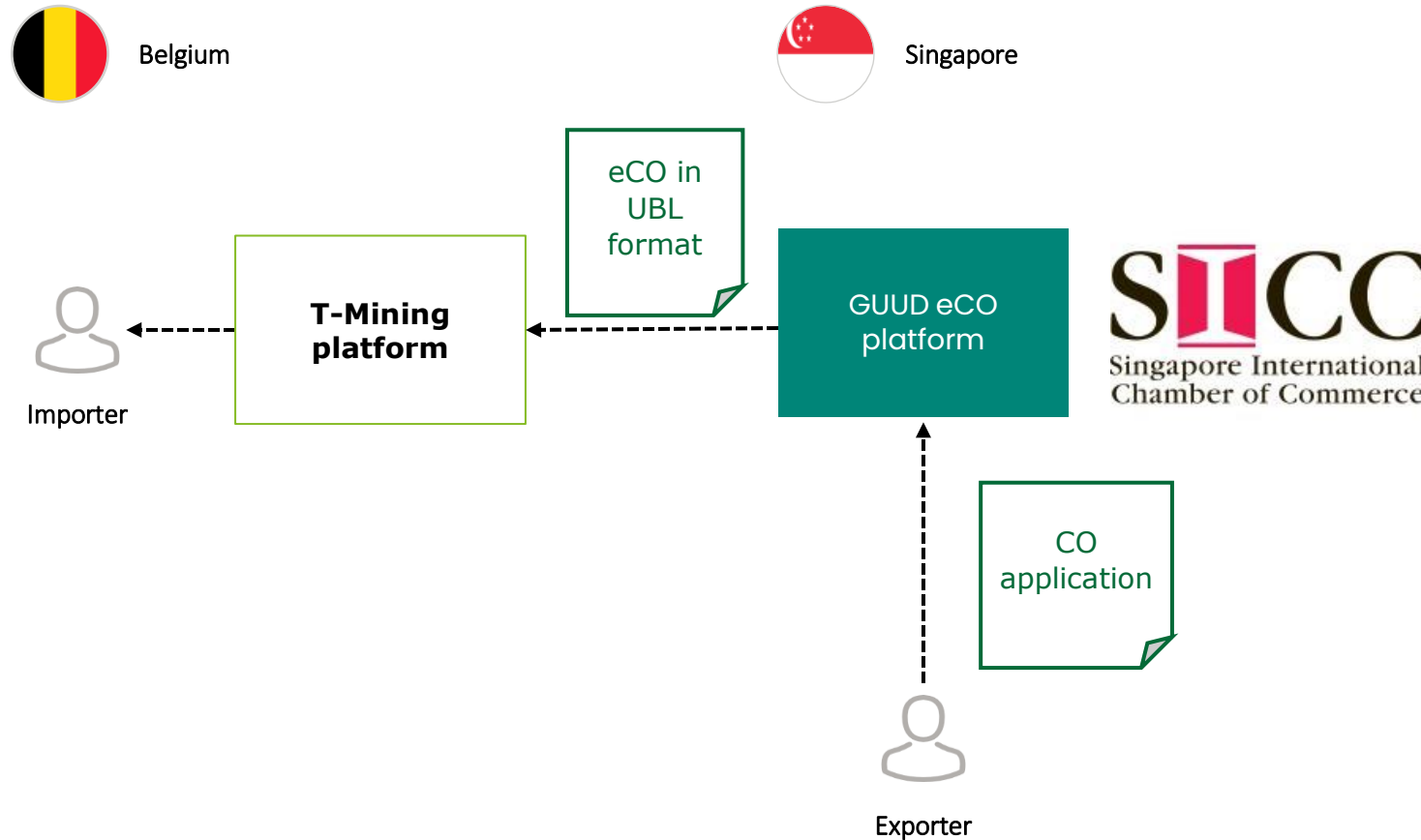
Inbound to Singapore (Singapore Custom's Networked Trade Platform)



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Cross-border sharing of eCO between Singapore and Belgium (Pilot)

Outbound from Singapore (Singapore International Chamber of Commerce)



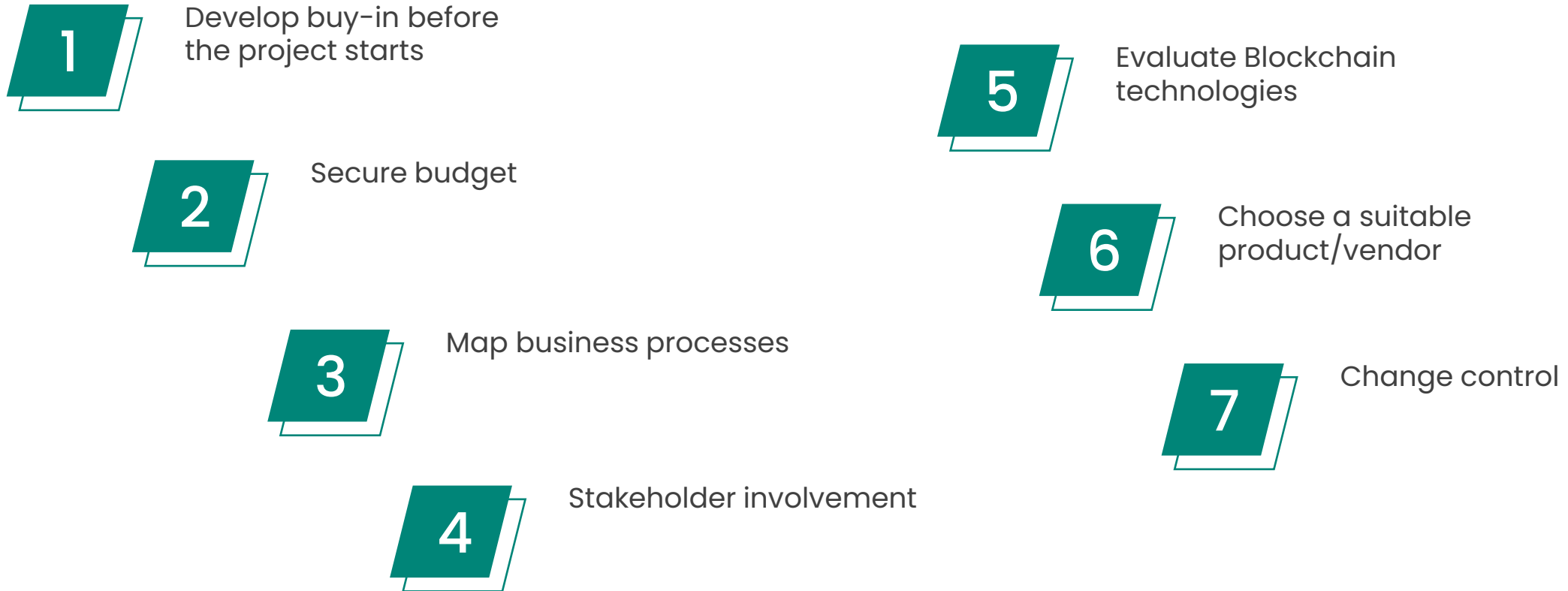
The Singapore International Chamber of Commerce (SICC) was founded in Singapore in 1837. It is a wholly independent, non-profit business association.

SICC began by standing up for Singapore as a business hub and for its members' business interests. This is still its mission today. SICC achieves its mission by understanding its members' business concerns. It advocates these to the government with the aims of achieving greater mutual understanding and practical solutions. This win-win approach benefits policymakers and the businesses which sustain Singapore's economy. SICC members include global corporations, large local companies as well as SMEs from 20 industries. The Chamber also works to facilitate international trade via its Certification Services.

How to get started



New technology eCO



Exchange CO cross-border

1

Focus on the **business case and proof of adoption**, the technology has already been tested and validated. Choose an existing blockchain framework over building your own technology.

2

Choose a technology platform and pilot architecture that allows you to **scale to production** if the pilot is successful. Plan for the production phase. This includes thinking about (financial) incentives for the different types of participants.

3

Join a **broad consortium** that represents your target market, be a forerunner but make sure you get the laggards on board

Blockchain is about
cooperating / co-creating
with your peers/competitors



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