

## Telekom Innovation Laboratories (T-Labs) joins Sovrin Network as a founding steward

*T-Labs will provide validator node services to the world's first distributed ledger purpose built for identity*

T-Labs (Telekom Innovation Laboratories), Deutsche Telekom's research and innovation unit, joined the Sovrin Foundation (<https://sovrin.org/s>) network as a founding steward.

In that role, T-Labs will dedicate hardware, security and network capacity to assist in the operation of the Sovrin identity network, which uses distributed ledger technology to provide the Internet with a long-missing identity layer.

As a steward, T-Labs is one of several organizations spanning a diverse cross-section of the business landscape whose responsibility it is to ensure the network is available, public, and secure.



*“Trust is central to all interactions in this age but is difficult to establish when operating over large distances, as the telecom industry does by definition,” said John Calian, VP Blockchain Group, Head of T-Labs. “Establishing trusted identity sources is vital to reducing friction in these interactions, since Deutsche Telekom solutions stand for security, resiliency and trust. Distributed ledger technologies gives us the opportunity to bring trust 2.0 to our customers. We’re excited to support the Sovrin network in this way.”*

Joining the Sovrin Network is one initiative driven by the Blockchain Group of Deutsche Telekom, established in June 2017. The Blockchain Group drives all the blockchain initiatives carried in Deutsche Telekom and aims to experiment, initiate and develop solutions based on distributed ledger technologies.