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GLEIF and Chainlink Form Strategic Partnership to Bring Institutional-Grade Identity Solution to Blockchain Industry

01 October 2025 – Frankfurt am Main, Germany – The [Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation \(GLEIF\)](#), the only global source of open, standardized and high-quality legal entity reference data, and [Chainlink](#), the industry-standard oracle platform, today announced a strategic partnership to create an institutional-grade identity solution for the blockchain industry. The solution combines GLEIF's verifiable Legal Entity Identifier (vLEI) with Chainlink's infrastructure for Cross-Chain Identity (CCID) and [Automated Compliance Engine \(ACE\)](#) to enable digital asset transactions that are verifiable, compliant, and trusted across jurisdictions while preserving user privacy.

While digital assets are set to transform global finance, the lack of a verifiable identity onchain has been a key barrier to institutional adoption. By enabling verifiable identity data to be embedded directly into onchain assets and smart contracts, Chainlink and GLEIF are empowering institutions and tokenization platforms to seamlessly meet compliance requirements for regulatory frameworks across the globe. This removes the final hurdles for banks, asset managers, and institutional investors ready to implement digital asset solutions at scale and opens up hundreds of trillions in institutional capital to flow onchain.

“GLEIF is thrilled to work with leading technology providers like Chainlink to give institutions a trusted way to self-verify the identity of entities on any blockchain — from wallets and asset issuers to smart contracts. Leveraging the LEI and vLEI, this turns duplicative and manual compliance checks into automated, on-chain workflows. The result is greater efficiency, reliability, and scalability for digital assets compliance. We welcome collaboration with forward-looking partners like Chainlink seeking to embed trusted organizational identity into their platforms and services.” — Alexandre Kech, CEO of GLEIF

GLEIF's vLEI serves as the trusted issuer of verifiable credentials. These credentials can be used to prove the legal entity behind any onchain wallet or smart contract. The vLEIs are stored onchain as CCIDs, and can be extended to support additional credential attributes, such as accreditation status or sanctions checks. Applications across blockchains can use Chainlink to reference these CCIDs for real-time verification of information about onchain assets and counterparties. Furthermore, institutions can use Chainlink ACE to embed these credentials directly into their onchain workflows, unlocking trusted, automated digital asset solutions that meet regulatory requirements at global scale.



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This transformative new solution unlocks critical capabilities for realizing tokenized finance at scale:

- Stablecoin issuers can prove their legal identity at the contract level, ensuring regulators, markets, and users can distinguish between genuine, reserve-backed stablecoins and fraudulent imitations.
- Asset issuers and smart contract applications can unlock seamless compliance with regulations across different jurisdictions, such as Europe's Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA), the U.S. Financial Data Transparency Act (FDTA), and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) requirements.
- Custodians and Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs) can verify that receiving addresses meet FATF Travel Rule requirements without exposing customer data.
- Banks and asset managers can issue tokenized assets with verifiable provenance throughout the asset's lifecycle.
- Enterprises can restore control of compromised contracts using role-based recovery mechanisms.
- Regulators can supervise transactions with assurance of compliance while also preserving user privacy.
- Trading venues can restrict participation to verified entities through onchain credential checks.
- Investors and institutions can confirm the legal ownership of specific wallets with ease.

"I'm very excited to be working closely with the team at GLEIF. Bringing the LEI identity standard onchain is something that will accelerate the adoption of digital assets by the world's largest institutions, which is what Chainlink is now at the epicenter of enabling globally. It has been great working with the GLEIF team, and I think their widely used identity standard will also become widely used in the onchain finance world." — Sergey Nazarov, Co-Founder of Chainlink.

With trusted identity and compliance policies embedded directly into contracts and assets, financial institutions, stablecoin issuers, and trading venues can confidently scale tokenized asset solutions globally.

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Glossary of terms

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)

The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) is a 20-character, alpha-numeric code based on the ISO 17442 standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The LEI connects to key reference information that enables clear and unique identification of legal entities participating in financial transactions. Each LEI contains information about an entity's ownership structure, answering the questions of 'who is who' and 'who owns whom'. It provides a universally recognized identifier paired with essential entity data, rigorous verification processes and high data quality.

Verifiable LEI (vLEI)

The vLEI concept is simple: It is the cryptographic secure digital counterpart of a conventional LEI. In other words, it is a digitally trustworthy version of the 20-digit LEI code which is automatically verified, without the need for human intervention. It gives government organizations, companies, and other legal entities worldwide the capacity to use non-repudiable identification data pertaining to their legal status, ownership structure and authorized representatives in any kind of digital interaction, transaction, or e-signature scenario.

About the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)

Established by the Financial Stability Board in June 2014, the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) is a not-for-profit organization created to support the implementation and use of the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) and its digital counterpart the verifiable LEI (vLEI). GLEIF is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland.

GLEIF's mission is to manage a network of global partners to provide trusted services and open, reliable data for unique legal entity identification worldwide. GLEIF makes available the technical infrastructure to provide, via an open data license, online access to the full global LEI database free of charge to users. GLEIF is overseen by the Regulatory Oversight Committee, which is made up of representatives of public authorities from across the globe.

Diversity and inclusion underpin GLEIF's values. This is reflected in its workforce of approximately 60 staff from over 20 nations, its operational excellence, and its commitment to open, global participation in the Global LEI System.

For more information, visit the GLEIF website at <https://www.gleif.org/en>.



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About Chainlink

Chainlink is the industry-standard oracle platform bringing the capital markets onchain and powering the majority of decentralized finance (DeFi). The Chainlink stack provides the essential data, interoperability, compliance, and privacy standards needed to power advanced blockchain use cases for institutional tokenized assets, lending, payments, stablecoins, and more. Since inventing decentralized oracle networks, Chainlink has enabled tens of trillions in transaction value and now secures the vast majority of DeFi. Many of the world's largest financial services institutions have also adopted Chainlink's standards and infrastructure, including Swift, Euroclear, Mastercard, Fidelity International, UBS, ANZ, and top protocols such as Aave, GMX, Lido, and many others. Chainlink leverages a novel fee model where offchain and onchain revenue from enterprise adoption is converted to LINK tokens and stored in a strategic [Chainlink Reserve](#). Learn more at chain.link.

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