Pioneers Discover set for Energy Blockchain Hack in Switzerland

Vienna, November 9th, 2018 – Pioneers will organize and execute Switzerland's first hackathon dedicated to finding use cases for Blockchain in the energy sector from December 3rd-5th. Swisspower and the Energy Web Foundation (EWF) will be hosts and, together with Iberdrola, challenge partners of the event. The winning startup will be fast-tracked to our flagship event, Pioneers '19, in Vienna.

15 selected startups will have the opportunity to show their skills during 48 hours as they hack a specific challenge issued by each partner:

- **Swisspower**: Developing Blockchain-based solutions to underpin energy trading between self-consumption communities.
- **EWF**: Designing an end-to-end provenance platform for goods to capture CO2 footprints.
- **Iberdrola**: Registering a device with attributes like OEM, capacity, operating specs, etc., and possibly using machine learning algorithms.

Our Energy Blockchain Hack partners believe that decentralized technology has the potential to accelerate the transition towards a cleaner, more resilient, and more cost effective energy system.

"The Energy Blockchain Hack provides relevant answers to the challenges municipal utilities face today," comments Ronny Kaufmann, CEO of Swisspower. "I'm convinced that this hackathon will foster the Blockchain applications within the energy industry."

Hervé Touati, CEO of the Energy Web Foundation adds: "The Energy Blockchain Hack is an exciting way to see the potential of blockchain in the energy sector being realized: it will produce actual solutions to real challenges faced by utilities and other energy companies globally."

About Pioneers
Creating an ecosystem to foster growth and innovation – that's our mission here at Pioneers. Together with our global community of entrepreneurs and tech innovators, we inspire and empower industries to help develop future technologies and introduce cutting-edge solutions. Since 2009, our agile team of 35 employees from 17 nations has been working towards creating longstanding communities and collaboration opportunities between startups, corporate executives, and investors through digital, consultancy and ventures services, events and inspirational, tailor-made offline experiences. Pioneers is proud to be a member of startup300 family.

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