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Abstract:
Title: Blockchain - have we missed the boat?

The various cryptocurrency schemes have recently cast blockchain in a dubious light, but does the distributed ledger concept behind this technology offer something new for GLAMs? This short paper will present an overview of ongoing initiatives in Europe on applying blockchain technologies in the cultural sector that range from secure recordkeeping, to ownership ascription and tracking services, and to cryptocurrencies to support digital preservation of heritage objects.

Bio:
Raivo has a background in digital preservation, electronic records management and e-services development. He has been part of designing national policies for digital cultural heritage and information governance. He has been involved in research and development projects in and around digital preservation (Durafile, 4C, E-Ark, DCH-RP, DC-Net, Protage, DPE), and is teaching library and records technology subjects at Tallinn University. In 2012 he joined the National Library of Estonia as the head of digital preservation department and for the last four years has had the role of director of development at the library.