



Expanding the verifiable LEI (vLEI) Ecosystem

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Agenda

- How do the LEI and vLEI deliver secure, certain and verifiable Organizational Identity?
- Enabling identification, permissioning, authentication, and digital signing – application examples





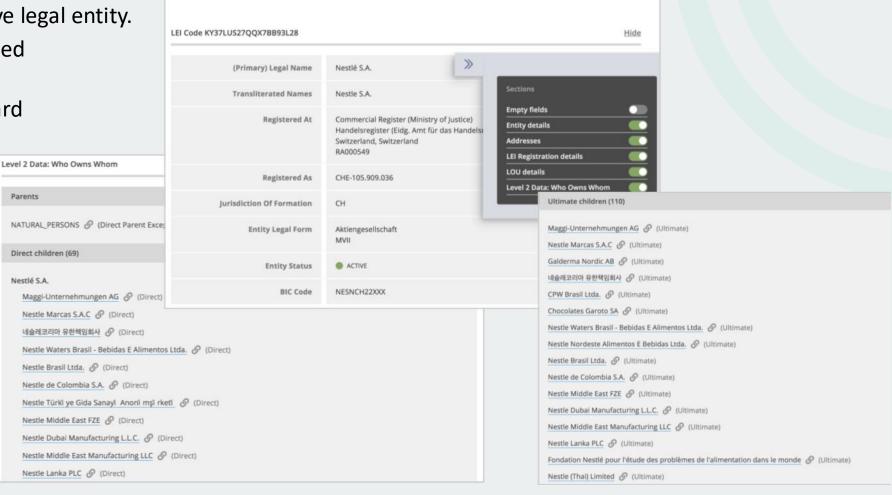




How do the LEI and vLEI deliver secure, certain and verifiable Organizational Identity?

Identifying organizations with the LEI

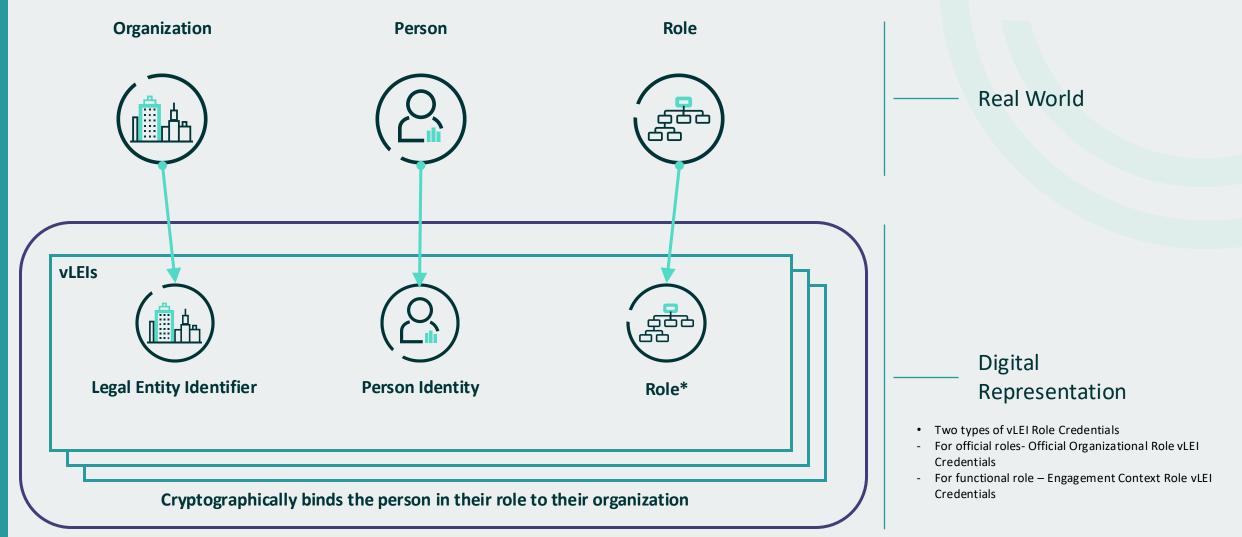
- The LEI is a life-long identifier
 owned by the respective legal entity.
- It points to the associated reference data.
- The LEI is an ISO standard
 ISO 17442 Part 1.





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Identifying organizations and representing the connection among Organizations, Persons and Roles





vLEI use cases – Permissioning, Authentication, Digital signing







Permissioning
Confirmation that a legal entity,
or representative of this legal
entity is authorized to access a
system or to perform an action

Authentication
Verification of the cryptographic validity of the vLEI credential and signature

Digital signing
Digital sealing or signing (of
documents, contracts,
reports, invoices, data) by a
legal entity or authorized
representative

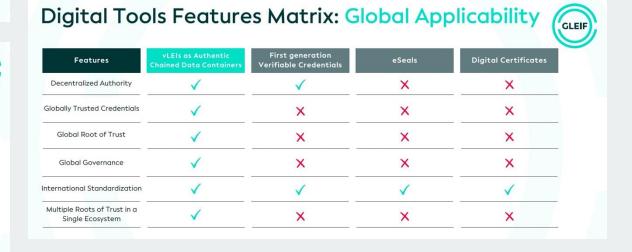


Digital Tools Features Analysis

Digital Tools Features Matrix: Signing GLEIF First generation Features Digital Certificates Verifiable Credentials **Digital Signatures** Persistent Digital Signatures only those VCs on a blockchair Single Level Issuance Delegable Authority/Multi-X X X level Issuance Non-repudiability X Signing logging X X X X Signing in Full and in Part X X Horizontally-scalable Signing X

Features	vLEIs as Authentic	First generation	eSeals	Digital Certificates	
	Chained Data Containers	Verifiable Credentials	***************************************	9	
Multi-signatures	✓	X	×	×	
Secure Custodial Key Management	✓	×	×	×	
Key Rotation	✓	×	X	×	
o Reliance on Web Security	✓	×	×	×	
Post-quantum proof	✓	×	×	X	
Zero Trust Architecture	✓		X	×	

Digital Tools Features Matrix: Verification GLEIF First generation Digital Certificates eSeals Features Verifiable Credentials Verifiable Provenance to a X Global Root of Trust Instant Revocation State X Verification Decentralized Revocation X Privacy-respecting X X Revocation Revocation by Any Party X X within the Chain of Authority





Infrastructure

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Important points to take away from Digital Tool Features Analysis

Global applicability

- Identification of organizations with the LEI uses an internationally recognized global standard (ISO 17442 Part 1)
- Digital signing with vLEIs uses anticipates the approval of an internationally recognized draft global standard developed by XBRL International D6 Working Group
- Standard LEI XBRL taxonomy can be included as part of broader XBRL taxonomies
- Authentication, Permissioning and Verification of organizations with vLEIs uses an internationally recognized global standard (ISO 17442 Part 3)

Unparalleled cryptographic security making vLEIs postquantum proof leveraging

- Root of trust with Linked credentials requiring multiple layers of infrastructure to be compromised
- Linked credentials with multi-signature feature and stronger identity authentication at issuance
- No reliance on web 'security'
- Key pre-rotation/rotation/ability to recover keys



Verification

 Automated decentralized verification of key state instantly indicated if a credential has been revoked

Plus . . .

- the ability to verify the connection among Organizations, Persons and Roles
- only digital tool with the capability to bring verification down to persons
- Enables organizations to leverage credentials with delegated authority both within and outside the organization



Qualified vLEI Issuers Update

- 8 QVIs currently
 - 6 based in Asia
 - 1 based in EU
 - 1 based in US
- vLEI Issuer Pipeline
 - 17 organizations









Enabling identification, permissioning, authentication, and digital signing - application examples

Using vLEIs: Private sector report submission to the public sector

Permissioning, authentication and signing with vLEIs

Demo of vLEIs signing Inline XBRL with vLEIs using draft standards developed by XBRL International D6 Working Group

vLEI credentials issued

 vLEI credentials are issued to certain officers and employees/managers of the organization.

Content signed

- Specific sections/parts of a report, for example, can be signed by officers and employees/managers of the organization with their vLEIs.
- The same report also can be signed in its entirety by officers and employees/managers of the organization with their vLEIs.

Permissioned access and report submission

Submitters present their vLEIs to access public sector portal

vLEI access and signing credentials presented and verified

 Status of the vLEI credentials (key state not revoked) and the cryptographic signatures are verified.



https://www.gleif.org/en/about/governance/annual-report
(browser based, no plugin required)



Why the LEI and vLEI in trade?

Secure and reliable legal entity identification helps:

	Cross-border payment	Fraud and risk mitigation	Financial inclusion	Supply chain Efficiency	ESG stewardship		
Challenge	AML ScreeningRealtime due diligenceCost	SanctionsInformation in silosName matching ambiguity	 Access to trade and supply chain financing 	 Lack of interoperability Fragmentation Manual work prone to error 	Regulation complianceCost		
How can the (v)LEI help?	 Minimize false positives 	 Cross-border Identification of parties across the suply chain directly (e.g. buyer and seller) and indirectly (e.g. customs, insurance) 	 Validated again local public registers 	Unambiguous identificationTransparency and securityMinimize fraud	 Machine readable, open data, and easily integrated API to LEI Repository 		
LEI	Unique, accurate (high data quality), scalable, consistent (parent relationship data), users can challenge it.						
vLEI	Digital and cryptographic advancement of the traditional Legal Entity Identifier (LEI). vLEI enables decentralized and automated verification of an organization's identity.						



LEI in Supply Chains

LEI in Trade and Trade Digitalization













Key Trade
Documents and
Data Elements

Digital standards analysis and recommendations— An integrated framework for digitalising the entire supply chain



Trust in Trade

Verifiable Trust: A foundational digital layer underpinning the physical, financial, and information supply chain



Application of vLEIs - Digital Trade Documents Exchange Platforms

Ensuring the authenticity and integrity of trade documents like e-bill of lading (eBL) and e-bunker delivery note (eBDN).

Problem:

Proprietary certificates are employed for user authentication, which may limit flexibility and interoperability.

vLEI verifies the identity of entities involved, ensuring trust in the accuracy and legitimacy of document exchanges.

Role of vLEI:

Supports secure document signing using standardized methods, improving reliability over proprietary certificates.

vLEI offers flexible signing methods (PDF embedded and segregated hash signing), making document exchanges more secure and efficient.

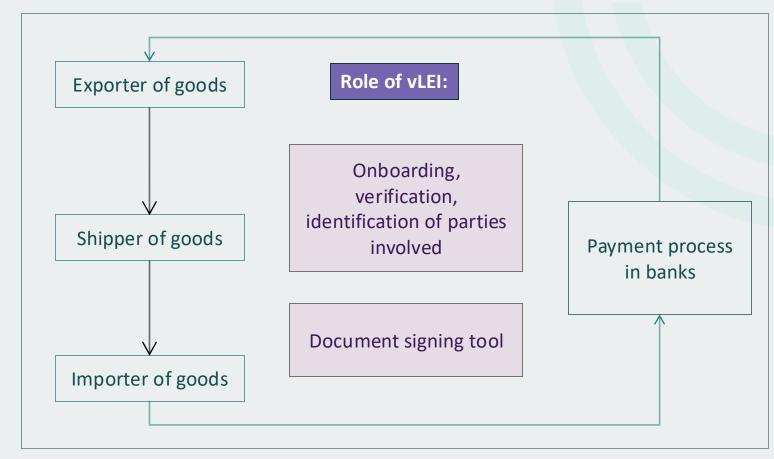


Application of vLEIs - e-bills of Lading

e-bills of lading has information about the entire transaction

Shipping business

Transportation business



e-bill of Lading: Utilizes vLEI to identify enterprises and their employees on a digital trade platform, serving as both a unique identification and an online authentication and document signing tool.



Application of vLEIs - Product Traceability

Platform Function

Centralizes and tracks full life-cycle product data for financing and history verification.

Producer

Material

Platform gathers data about

Quality

Country of origin

Collected data available through barcodes and QR codes

Role of vLEI:

Identifies Legal Entities: Confirms the identity of producers, shippers, and other entities involved in the product's journey.

Verifies Data Size: Ensures that the data package is accurate and complete.

Signs Data Package: Digitally signs the data to confirm its authenticity.

Validates Trustworthiness: Verifies the reliability and trustworthiness of the data package.



Application of vLEIs – ESG

The platform gathers ESG data from various sources, including IoT and other digital inputs.

The platform analyzes the collected data to evaluate the SMEs' environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance.

Based on the analysis, service partners produce comprehensive ESG reports for SMEs.

SMEs with strong ESG credentials can access green financing from banks, improving their financial opportunities.

SMEs may undergo an ESG audit conducted by a professional institution to validate their ESG performance.

The ESG reports are converted into verifiable credentials, backed by implementer's blockchain for authenticity and integrity.

How vLEI Will Help:

Each SME is issued a vLEI, which they use as a secure login credential to access the ESG platform.

The vLEI extracts the SME's Legal Entity Identifier (LEI), identifying the SME and linking it to supply chain and ESG information.

All ESG data for the SME is tagged under their LEI, ensuring that the data is accurately linked to the specific SME.

The platform successfully verifies and tags the ESG data using vLEI, ensuring its authenticity and traceability throughout the process.



Application of vLEIs - Pharma Industry

Problem:

Uncertainty over the authenticity of prescriptions, hospitals, doctors, and patients involved.

Varying costs of medical procedures and consultations make it hard to verify which prescriptions are genuine.

Difficulty in securely sharing prescriptions across borders.

Role of vLEI:

vLEI identifies hospitals, doctors, and patients to ensure authenticity.

vLEI digitally signs and verifies prescriptions, ensuring they are genuine and trustworthy.

Encapsulates medical information in verifiable credentials, making cross-border exchanges secure and reliable.



LEI and vLEI in KYC: Simplifying Onboarding

KYC process

Customer provides LEI

Bank uses LEI to identify the organization with certainty and with access to validated reference data about the organization.

Customer obtains vLEI

The customer can use the vLEI to sign and submit documentation required by the bank during the initial KYC process.

Subsequent business and onboarding

The customer can reuse the vLEI to apply for additional bank services.

Permissioning

The vLEI can be used to permission access by the customer to banking services replacing traditional username and password and other forms of multifactor authentication.

The vLEI also will:

Speed up transaction processes by eliminating the need to repeat KYC verification, allowing faster access to financial services.

Reduce information asymmetry, providing consistent and verified information across all transactions, which builds trust and accountability.

Lower operational costs by reducing the need for manual verification, saving on human resources and minimizing administrative work.



Using vLEIs: Trust in voice calls and texts

Verification of corporate voice calls with vLEIs by the first QVI - Provenant

Companies and telco operators engaged in corporate voice calls will leverage the vLEI to instantly verify the authenticity of the caller

- Helping companies reach their customers
 - Customer service, Tech support
- Enables a call center to prove the right to use a local phone number although the origin of the call is international

GSMA Foundry launches Open Verifiable Calling project, building on proven live deployments to restore trust in Global Voice Communications

Richard Cockle, Head of the GSMA Foundry, said:

"Everyday consumers are increasingly confronted with the decision of whether to trust the calls or messages they receive. At the GSMA, we are dedicated to exploring and advocating for innovative solutions that empower mobile consumers to maintain trust in their communications."

https://www.gsma.com/get-involved/gsma-foundry/contenttype/news/gsma-foundry-launches-open-verifiable-calling-projectbuilding-on-proven-live-deployments-to-restore-trust-in-global-voicecommunications/





Music Industry Use Case: Songwriting, Publishing, Recording Agreements

Problem:

Creators do not have an easy way to document information needed by publishers and labels, or a way to delegate this work to authorized representatives.

Music companies receive data about new music via texts and emails.

Legal contracts are entered into catalog management systems manually.

Fraud and poor data security run rampant throughout the music industry.

Solution:

Verified writer identities – cryptographically secure publisher connections and identity verification.

Verifiable compositions – machine readable writer and publisher data secured with digital signatures.

Secure workspaces – collaborative deal rooms for writers and their teams.

Role of the LEI & vLEI:

The combination of identity verification and legal authority verification, encapsulated in a cryptographic credential that detects tampering, leads to verification across databases.



vLEI Interoperability and Portability Engagement

Veridian by Cardano Foundation

IOTA Foundation Trade Worldwide Information Network (TWIN)

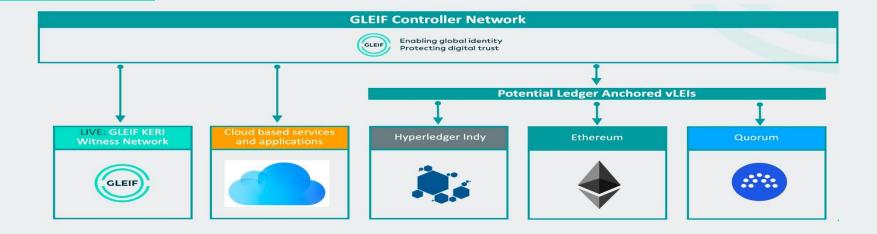
esatus **SOWL vLEI Module**

Chainlink Cross-Chain Identity (CCID) and Automated Compliance Engine (ACE)

Finternet Lab open-source tools, including UNITS, DeDi frameworks, and transaction protocols

VLEI Hackathon

> **GLEIF Partners** Program







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