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I. Introduction

A. Coverage Crypto Securities Register eWpG

The Crypto Securities Register under the German Electronic Securities Act (eWpG) is a legal framework established to facilitate the issuance, management, and transfer of electronic securities using distributed ledger technology (DLT) or similar electronic systems. The register is crucial for ensuring the legal recognition and enforceability of electronic securities under German law.

The Crypto Securities Register eWpG covers:

1. Issuance of Electronic Securities, eliminating the need for physical certificates, recording the creation of securities and their initial allocation to investors.
2. Tracking of Transfer of electronic securities between parties and ensuring that each transaction is recorded and ownership is clearly established and updated in real-time.
3. Legal Recognition by Entry in the Crypto Securities Register and therefore providing the same legal status as traditional paper-based securities.
4. Detailed information about the securities, including the issuer's identity, the rights and obligations attached to the securities, and any conditions related to their transfer or redemption.
5. KYC and AML Compliance.
6. Use of DLT or similar technology to ensure that the register is maintained in a transparent, secure, and tamper-proof manner, enhancing the integrity of the securities market.
7. Accessibility to authorized participants, such as investors and regulatory bodies, can access the necessary information in the register, ensuring transparency and facilitating oversight.

B. Temporal scope of Crypto Securities Register eWpG

The eWpG began on June 10, 2021, when the Act on the Introduction of Electronic Securities came into effect. Since then, the rules of the eWpG have been in use. Even though this is the start date, there's a part of the law (section 6, paragraph 3) that also affects securities that were issued before June 10, 2021. This means that securities created before this date can be turned into electronic securities.

C. Territorial scope of Crypto Securities Register eWpG

According to Section 32 (1), the eWpG is generally applicable insofar as the register-keeping entity in whose register the relevant security is entered is under supervision in Germany. The issuer can be from a different jurisdiction.

D. Material scope Crypto Securities Register eWpG

The Crypto Securities Register eWpG applies to:

1. Bearer bonds [Schuldverschreibungen auf den Inhaber] such as
 - a) bonds [Anleihen]
 - b) mortgage bonds [Pfandbriefe]
 - c) profit participation certificates [Genussscheine]
 - d) warrants [Optionsscheine]
 - e) commercial Papers
 - f) certificates [Zertifikate]

Through a certificate, the investor gets the right to a one-time payment of money or delivery of securities at the end of its term.

The value of the debt represented by the certificate depends on the performance of its underlying asset, such as stocks of a specific company, indices, commodities, or currencies.

- g) convertible bonds [Wandelschuldverschreibungen]
 - h) Investment fund shares [Investmentanteilsscheine] Reference: change to section 95 of the KAGB.
2. registered shares [Aktien, die auf den Namen lauten], and
 3. shares made out to bearer if they are entered in a central register [Aktien, die auf den Inhaber lauten, wenn sie in einem zentralen Register eingetragen sind].

E. Transaction protection function and right to inspection

Under Section 10(1) of the eWpG, "participants" in the securities register are allowed to view it. Initially, this includes any holder, person with rights, or affected party (like the issuer) of a listed security. Potential buyers, however, are not automatically granted access. They only gain access by proving a "legitimate material interest" as potential register participants (Section 10(2) eWpG). The government notes that buyers and sellers can demonstrate this legitimate interest.

Access to the register mainly reveals information about the holder's anonymous identifier. According to Section 8(1) No. 2 eWpG, the holder can be a "natural or legal person who holds the electronic security for themselves (individual registration)." However, per Section 17(2) Sentence 2 eWpG, the register uses a pseudonymized identifier instead of specifying the holder as a natural or legal person. Therefore, the identity of the holder and those entitled remains concealed from potential buyers, safeguarding transaction security. One can only verify if the identifier (e.g., public address) given by the seller matches the register's details. But the register does not provide the holder's actual identity (see Section 10(3) eWpG). Only those who "show a special legitimate interest" (Section 10(3) eWpG), such as enforcing rights or claims, can get information on the holder's identity under strict conditions. Merely having an interest in purchasing is not enough to qualify.

F. Raise capital across the EU

The "passport rule" regarding financial prospectuses in the European Union (Prospectus Regulation (EU) 2017/1129) is a regulatory framework that allows a financial prospectus, once approved by the financial regulatory authority in one EU member state, to be recognized across all other EU member states without the need for further approvals. This rule is part of the EU's efforts to harmonize financial services and capital markets across its member states, making it easier for companies to raise capital across the EU. Once the prospectus sheet is approved by the regulatory authority in one EU member state, the company can use this approval to "passport" the prospectus to other EU countries. This means the company can offer the securities in any other EU member state without needing separate approvals from each country's regulators.

II. Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG. [\[Milestone Acceptance criteria: "1. re legal analysis: a\) Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG.\]](#)

1. Law

Source for the documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG is Section 17 eWpG: Entries in the Crypto Securities Register.

Section 17: Entries in the Crypto Securities Register

(1) The entity managing the register must ensure that the crypto securities register contains the following information about the registered crypto security:

1. The essential content of the right including a unique identification number and the designation as a security,
2. The volume of issuance,
3. The nominal amount, or for share securities, their number,
4. The issuer,
5. An indication of whether it is an individual or collective entry,
6. The holder,
7. Information on mixed holdings as per Section 9 (3), and
8. For shares, additionally:
 - a) That they are registered in the name,
 - b) In the case of shares issued before the full payment of the issue amount, the amount of the partial payment,
 - c) Whether they were established as nominal value shares or as no-par value shares,
 - d) The class of shares, if multiple classes exist,
 - e) In the case of multiple voting rights shares, the number of voting rights attributed to them,
 - f) Whether they were issued as non-voting shares, and
 - g) Whether the company's articles of association condition the transfer of ownership on the consent of the company.

(2) In the case of an individual entry, the entity managing the register must ensure that the crypto securities register also contains the following information about the registered security, in addition to the details mentioned in paragraph 1:

1. Restrictions on disposal in favor of a specific person, and
2. Third-party rights.

The designation of the holder mentioned in paragraph 1, number 6, must be done by assigning a unique identifier for an individual entry. The entity managing the register must, upon instruction by a person authorized under Section 18 (1) sentence 1, number 1 or number 2, additionally include information on other restrictions on disposal as well as on the legal capacity of the holder.

(3) The entity managing the register must ensure that the information according to paragraphs 1 and 2, sentence 1, is linked in a way that it can only be retrieved together.

2. Analysis documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG

2.1 The essential content of the right including a unique identification number and the designation as a security (§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 eWpG)

a) Creation of the Crypto Security (scriptural process)

Issuing a crypto security involves a documented process that mirrors the procedure for central register securities, structured in three main steps:

1. Entering into the crypto securities register the details mandated by Section 17 of the eWpG, as specified in Section 4(4) eWpG.
2. Submitting the conditions of issuance to the entity managing the register (outlined in Section 5(1) eWpG). This step clarifies the specifics of the electronic security, ensuring its content is clearly defined.
3. Connecting the register entry of the crypto security with its conditions of issuance (detailed in Section 4(4) eWpG). This connection is meant to provide proof of the legal agreement, enabling verification by any party from the register. This link, whether through the security's unique identification number in the register or a direct link to the issuance conditions in the register entry, is maintained by the managing entity and is permanently available for third-party access.

As per Section 13 of the eWpG, similarly to Section 17, including this information in the crypto securities register during issuance is essential for the crypto security's establishment. This requirement is comparable to the traditional method of noting details on a physical certificate.

b) The crypto securities register must include the essential content of the right, such as a unique identification number and designation as a security.

c) For crypto securities, similar to central register securities, the register must clearly indicate the type of security (e.g., bearer bond) and the specific rights it conveys. This may be done by referencing the documented issuance conditions or directly listing essential details in the register. Important information typically includes Duration, Interest rate and calculation method, Payment due dates, Ordinary and extraordinary termination rights, and Subordination agreements.

d) The security must be identifiable by a unique identifier. For central register securities and crypto securities, this is often the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) and the German securities identification code (WKN). For crypto securities, identification can be

through a unique identifier or the security identification number. Identification using a unique number (Section 17 (1) No. 1 eWpG) is sufficient and practical. This could be the unique blockchain address of the smart contract used to create the crypto security. If an ISIN is assigned, it must also be recorded in the register.²

2.2 The volume of issuance; The nominal amount, or for share securities, their number; The issuer (§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 2 – 4 eWpG)

In the crypto securities register, unlike for holders, issuers cannot use pseudonymized entries. The rules, specifically Section 8(2) of the eWpRV, demand that the issuer's identification includes detailed information as described in paragraph 1. For companies, this means providing the name, location, the court where it's registered, and the registration number. An alternative is using a recognized code for companies, known as the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI), which is mentioned in Section 17(1) No. 2 of the eWpG. Using pseudonyms would make it difficult to identify the issuer of the security clearly and accurately.

2.3 Disclosure of the holder (Section 17(1) No. 6 eWpG) and designation by means of a unique identifier (Section 17(2) Sentence 2 eWpG).

a) The crypto securities register, just like the central register, must include the holder's details as required by Section 17(1) No. 6 of the eWpG, identifying the holder by a unique identifier as per Section 17(2) Sentence 2 of the eWpG. When securities are issued, the buyer becomes the holder under the eWpG, gaining ownership of the electronic security. Ownership does not depend on holding the private key.

b) It's important to note the different understandings of possession between the eWpG and traditional blockchain structures: For technical control and authority over a token on a blockchain, holding the private key is essential, whereas for legal ownership of an electronic security (technically, the token), registration as the holder is what counts. However, a holder can't prove their possession to others based solely on the public blockchain entry because it's pseudonymized. To prove ownership, they'd need to present verification or confirmation of ownership from the managing entity of the register.

c) For individual entries of crypto securities, the law mandates pseudonymization of the holder for data protection reasons. Consequently, Section 17(2) Sentence 2 of the eWpG specifies that in the crypto securities register, individual entries must identify the holder using a unique identifier: "The designation of the holder according to paragraph 1 number 6 must be made by assigning a unique identifier for an individual entry." Conversely, this means that for collective entries, the holder must be specifically named, and pseudonymized entries are not allowed.

D) Section 8(1) No. 2 of the eWpRV requires for legal entities (similar to the issuer's identification) the name/company, location, registry court, and registry entry – or alternatively, the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI). In cases of collective entries, it matters whether a central securities depository or a custodian is the holder; hence, their specific identification is necessary (Section 8(1) eWpRV). Whether collective entries become a significant use case in practice remains doubtful. More relevant is the scenario where multiple custodians are individually registered in the crypto securities register for different parts of the issuance they hold in trust for clients or themselves. This allows peer-to-peer settlements between institutional clients on a DLT-based network outside the usual infrastructures.

2.4 Collective and individual registration (Section 17(1) No. 5 eWpG) and mixed holdings (Section 17(1) No. 7 eWpG).

a) Crypto securities, much like traditional central register securities, can be issued in one of three ways: as individual registrations, as collective registrations, or as a mixed holding that combines both for a single issuance, according to Section 9(3) of the eWpG. However, there's a key difference between crypto and central register securities: when issued as a collective registration, crypto securities cannot participate in securities settlement systems, a contrast highlighted in Section 12(3) of the eWpG.

b) In practical terms, it is expected that crypto securities will seldom be issued as collective registrations. This is primarily because their main benefit—being traded within securities settlement systems—is not available to crypto securities. As stated in Section 8(1) No. 1 of the eWpG, in situations of collective registration, only central securities depositories or custodians are eligible to be listed as the holders.

c) The process of pseudonymization, which helps protect holder identities, is only relevant for individual registrations. In cases of collective registration, the law requires that the custodian or central securities depository be explicitly identified in the register, either by their name, as either a natural or legal person, or by their Legal Entity Identifier (LEI).

2.5 Restrictions on disposal in favor of a specific person (Section 17(2) Sentence 1 No. 1 eWpG) and third-party rights (Section 17(2) Sentence 1 No. 2 eWpG)

a) For data protection reasons, the crypto securities register requires that personal information related to the ownership of a crypto security in an individual registration be listed in a pseudonymized manner, utilizing a unique identifier for the holder. This means that the holder's actual name is not recorded in the register.

b) Different requirements exist for recording individuals who have specific rights or are subject to restrictions on disposal. According to Section 8(2), (1) of the eWpRV, for natural persons, details such as the first name, last name, date of birth, and address are necessary. For legal entities, the register must include the entity's name, location, registration number, and court of registration, or, alternatively, the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI).

c) The task of registering any relative restrictions on disposal (which could render transactions relatively invalid) and rights of third parties falls upon the register's managing entity, as mandated by Section 17(2) of the eWpG, which stipulates that the managing entity "must ensure" these details are recorded accurately. It is the responsibility of the managing entity to collect the necessary information or its verification directly from the holder.

2.6 Additional Restrictions on Disposal and Holder's Legal Capacity (Section 17(2) Sentence 3 eWpG)

- a) Information regarding further disposal restrictions (like statutory bans and unconditional disposal limitations) and the holder's legal capacity may be recorded in the register, but only if explicitly directed by someone with authority as defined in Section 18(1) Sentence 1 No. 1 or No. 2 eWpG.
- b) It's important to note that recording this information isn't compulsory for the entity managing the register; it happens exclusively upon specific instruction from an authorized party (Section 18 eWpG).

2.7 Combining Essential and Supplementary Details, and Ensuring Their Access (Section 17(3) eWpG)

The managing entity of the register is tasked by Section 17(3) eWpG with the responsibility of ensuring that the details outlined in Sections 17(1) and 17(2) Sentence 1 eWpG are interconnected in a manner that allows them to be retrieved only as a complete set. This stipulation specifically targets securities listed through individual entries, as indicated in Section 17(2) Sentence 1 eWpG, which solely pertains to such cases. The method of achieving this technical linkage within the crypto securities register remains a question. While security-related information might be encoded within the metadata of the token's smart contract, the placement of data regarding disposal limitations and their consistent readability through blockchain explorers poses a challenge. Wallet addresses linked to the token's contract via transaction histories solidify the connection between holders and their tokens. Fulfillment of Section 17(3) eWpG's requirements is deemed achieved as soon as all limitations, disposal restrictions, and third-party entitlements are accurately listed under the holder's address.

Table 1: Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG

Table 1 for: [Milestone Acceptance criteria: "1. re legal analysis: a) Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG.]

No	Mandatory Information	Comment	Reference
1	Essential content of the right	The type of security (e.g., bearer bond) and the specific rights it conveys. This may be done by referencing the documented issuance conditions or directly listing essential details in the register.	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 eWpG
2	Unique identification number	International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) and the German securities identification code (WKN).	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 eWpG
3	Designation as a security		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 eWpG
4	Volume of issuance		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 2 eWpG
5	Nominal amount, or for share securities, their number,		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 3 eWpG
6	Issuer	Unlike for holders, issuers cannot use pseudonymized entries. For companies, this means providing the name, location, the court where it's registered, and the registration number. An alternative is using a recognized code for companies, known as the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI).	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 4 eWpG
7	Indication of whether it is an individual or collective entry		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 5 eWpG
8	Holder	For individual entries of crypto securities, the law mandates pseudonymization of the holder for data protection reasons by a unique identifier. For collective entries, the holder must be specifically named, and pseudonymized entries are not allowed.	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 6 eWpG and § 17 Abs. 2 eWpG

9	Information on mixed holdings as per Section 9 (3)	<p>Crypto securities can be issued in one of three ways: as individual registrations, as collective registrations, or as a mixed holding.</p> <p>When issued as a collective registration, crypto securities cannot participate in securities settlement systems</p> <p>As stated in Section 8(1) No. 1 of the eWpG, in situations of collective registration, only central securities depositories or custodians are eligible to be listed as the holders.</p>	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 7 eWpG
10	For shares, additionally: a) That they are registered in the name,		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 8a eWpG
11	b) In the case of shares issued before the full payment of the issue amount, the amount of the partial payment,		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 8b eWpG
12	c) Whether they were established as nominal value shares or as no-par value shares,		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 8c eWpG
13	d) The class of shares, if multiple classes exist,		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 8d eWpG
14	e) In the case of multiple voting rights shares, the number of voting rights attributed to them,		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 8e eWpG
15	f) Whether they were issued as non-voting shares, and		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 8f eWpG
16	g) Whether the company's articles of association condition the transfer of ownership on the consent of the company.		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 8g eWpG

17	<p>In the case of an individual entry,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restrictions on disposal in favor of a specific person, and 2. Third-party rights. 	<p>Different requirements exist for recording individuals who have specific rights or are subject to restrictions on disposal, meaning that pseudonymization by a unique identifier does not apply. According to Section 8(2), (1) of the eWpRV, for natural persons, details such as the first name, last name, date of birth, and address are necessary. For legal entities, the register must include the entity's name, location, registration number, and court of registration, or, alternatively, the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI). The task of registering any relative restrictions on disposal (which could render transactions relatively invalid) and rights of third parties falls upon the register's managing entity, as mandated by Section 17(2) of the eWpG, which stipulates that the managing entity "must ensure" these details are recorded accurately</p>	§ 17 Abs. 2 eWpG
18	<p>Information on other restrictions on disposal as well as on the legal capacity of the holder</p>	<p>Information regarding further disposal restrictions (like statutory bans and unconditional disposal limitations) and the holder's legal capacity may be recorded in the register, but only if explicitly directed by someone with authority as defined in Section 18(1) Sentence 1 No. 1 or No. 2 eWpG.</p> <p>It's important to note that recording this information isn't compulsory for the entity managing the register; it happens exclusively upon specific instruction from an authorized party (Section 18 eWpG).</p>	§ 17 Abs. 2 eWpG

III. Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG.
[Milestone Acceptance criteria: "1. re legal analysis: b) Documentation of the required data when subscribing to a crypto security and initial entry in the crypto securities register]

1. The required mandatory data when subscribing to a crypto security

1.1 The Crypto Securities Register eWpG requires the following data when subscribing:

a. Law Crypto Securities Register eWpG § 24 - 27

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Section 4

Transactions of Electronic Securities in Individual Registration

§ 24 Transaction Transparency

Subject to other legal requirements for their validity, the following transactions require registration or transfer in the electronic securities register:

1. Transactions involving an electronic security,
2. Transactions involving a right from an electronic security or a right to such a right, and
3. Transactions involving a right to an electronic security or a right to such a right.

§ 25 Transfer of Ownership

(1) To transfer ownership of an electronic security, it is necessary for the electronic security to be transferred to the acquirer at the direction of the entitled party, and both parties must agree that the ownership is to be transferred. Until the transfer to the acquirer, the entitled party does not lose ownership.

(2) The right from the security is transferred with the transfer of ownership of the electronic security as per paragraph 1. Section 67(2) sentence 1 of the Stock Corporation Act remains unaffected.

(3) In the case of electronic shares, if the company's bylaws require the company's consent for the transfer of ownership, the register managing entity may only perform the transfer after obtaining the company's consent. Transfer of electronic registered shares by endorsement is not possible.

§ 26 Good Faith Acquisition

In favor of the person who is registered in an electronic securities register based on a legal transaction, the contents of the electronic securities register are considered complete and accurate, and the holder is considered the entitled party unless the acquirer knew or should have known otherwise at the time of their registration due to gross negligence. A restriction on disposal as defined in Section 13(2) sentence 1 No. 1 or Section 17(2) sentence 1 No. 1 is effective against the acquirer only if it is registered in the electronic securities register or known to the acquirer. Sentences 1 and 2 do not apply to information under Section 13(2) sentence 3 and Section 17(2) sentence 3.

§ 27 Presumption of Ownership for the Holder

Unless otherwise provided by this law, it is presumed in favor of the holder of an electronic security that they are the owner of the security for the duration of their registration as the holder.

b. Law Crypto Securities Register eWpG § 18

§ 18 Changes to the Register Content

(1) The register managing entity is only allowed to make changes to the information specified in § 17 paragraphs 1 and 2, as well as to delete the crypto security and its recorded issuance conditions, based on instructions from:

1. The holder, unless the register managing entity is aware that the holder is not authorized, or
2. A person or entity that is authorized to do so:
 - a) By law,
 - b) Under a law,
 - c) Through a legal transaction,
 - d) By a court decision, or
 - e) By an enforceable administrative act.

In the case of a disposal restriction according to § 17 paragraph 2 sentence 1 number 1, the holder must assure the register managing entity, beyond their instruction, that consent from the individuals benefited by the disposal restrictions for the change exists. In the case of § 17 paragraph 2 sentence 1 number 2, the registered third party takes the place of the holder. The register managing entity timestamps the receipt of instructions. The register managing entity may proceed with an instruction from the holder if the instruction was given using a suitable authentication instrument.

(2) The register managing entity may only make changes to the information specified in § 17 paragraph 1 numbers 1 to 5, 7, and 8, and delete an entry and its recorded issuance conditions with the issuer's consent unless otherwise provided by law. Only the issuer is authorized to instruct the registration of the extinguishment of multiple voting rights registered under § 17 paragraph 1 number 8 letter d.

(3) The register managing entity ensures that changes to the register content, especially regarding the holder, are made only in the order in which the corresponding instructions are received by the register managing entity. The register managing entity timestamps the change of register content.

(4) The register managing entity must ensure that transfers are unique, carried out within a reasonable time, and the transaction cannot be invalidated in the recording system.

(5) If the register managing entity makes a change to the register content without an instruction as per paragraph 1 or without the issuer's consent as per paragraph 2, it must immediately reverse the change. The rights from Regulation (EU) 2016/679, especially its Article 17, remain unaffected.

c. Analysis regarding “The Crypto Securities Register eWpG requires the following data when subscribing”

c1. Data required by the Crypto security register for KYC, AML, KYT to enable subscribing

Clarification: Crypto security register managers (Kryptoregisterführer) according to Section 65(2) of the Banking Act (KWG) with permission for crypto security register management (Section 1(1a) No. 8 KWG), hereinafter referred to as crypto security register.

Clarification: Level of Identification in Germany for eWpG: Video Ident, PostIdent. In other countries: also AutIdent (example: Level 3 FINMA).

To enable § 25 Transfer of Ownership of Crypto Securities Register eWpG the Crypto security register demands the inclusion of specific attributes to adhere to Know Your Customer (KYC), Anti-Money Laundering (AML), and Know Your Transaction (KYT) regulations, thereby facilitating mutual authentication among participants with the following attributes, derived from a regulatory compliant identification.

Disclosures regarding the specific identity of the holder are provided for under § 10 paragraph 3 of the eWpG. Level of Identification: In Germany: Video Ident, PostIdent. In other countries: AutIdent.

List 1: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register for natural persons

List for for milestone 1. re legal analysis: b) Documentation of the required data when subscribing to a crypto security

Comment: list is valid for EU, CH.

For a natural person:

- 1 Wallet Public Key
- 2 Title
- 3 First Name(s)
- 4 Last Name
- 5 Gender
- 6 Birthdate
- 7 BirthPlace
- 8 BirthCountry
- 9 US Resident or National?
- 10 Russian Passport?
- 11 Sanction list
- 12 Nationality
- 13 ID Document Type
- 14 ID Document Issuing Country
- 15 ID Document Number
- 16 ID Document Issuing Body
- 17 ID Document Issuing Date
- 18 ID Document Validity End Date
- 19 Multinational
- 20 2nd Nationality
- 21 3rd Nationality
- 22 Tax residency
- 23 Street name
- 24 Street number
- 25 Sort code
- 26 City
- 27 Country
- 28 Email
- 29 Tel
- 30 Mobile
- 31 PEP-Status (yes/no)
- 32 Person acts in his/her own name for his/her own account (yes/no)
- 33 Person identical with Beneficial Owner (yes/no)
- 34 Special requirements (AML) (yes/no)
- 35 Origin of the client's assets
- 36 Requirement according to AML fulfilled? (yes/no)

List 2: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register for companies
[List 2 for for milestone 1. re legal analysis: b\) Documentation of the required data when subscribing to a crypto security](#)

Comment: list is valid for EU, CH.

For a legal entity or a partnership:

- 1 Company, name, or designation
- 2 Legal form
- 3 Registry number or similar
- 4 Street name
- 5 Street name
- 6 Street number
- 7 ZIP code
- 8 City
- 9 Country
- 10 Email
- 11 Tel
- 12 URL
- 13 The names of the members of the legal representatives and, if a member of the representative body or the legal representative is a legal entity, from this legal entity the data.
- 14 Beneficial owner and shareholder 25%+ (other jurisdictions: 10%+): first and last name, date of birth, place of birth, and optional address of the beneficial.
- 15 Wallet Public Key
- 16 (LEI optional)

c2. Data required by the issuer, investment brokerage § 1 para. 1a sentence 2 no. 1 KWG, § 2 (2) no. 3 WpIG, investment advice (§ 2 (2) no. 4 WpIG), MiFID II (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II) to enable subscribing

Information: In Germany, the EU Directive MiFID II (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II) is primarily implemented through the German Securities Trading Act (Wertpapierhandelsgesetz, WpHG). The WpHG contains the national regulations necessary to comply with the requirements of MiFID II, aimed at increasing transparency, enhancing investor protection, and helping financial markets to be more efficient and resilient.

Law:

Act on the Issuance, Approval, and Publication of the Prospectus to be Published When Securities are Offered to the Public or Admitted to Trading on an Organized Market (Securities Prospectus Act - WpPG).

§ 6 Individual investment thresholds for non-qualified investors

Notwithstanding the provisions in §§ 4 and 5, the exemption from the obligation to publish a prospectus pursuant to § 3 No. 2 is only applicable to an offer of securities if the offered securities are exclusively brokered through investment advice or brokerage by a securities service company that is legally obligated to verify whether the total amount of securities that can be acquired by a non-qualified investor does not exceed the following amounts:

1. 1,000 euros,
2. 10,000 euros, provided that the respective non-qualified investor, according to a self-declaration, has freely available assets in the form of bank deposits and financial instruments of at least 100,000 euros, or
3. Twice the amount of the respective non-qualified investor's average monthly net income according to a self-declaration, but not more than 25,000 euros.

The restrictions according to sentence 1 do not apply to securities offered to shareholders as part of a rights issue.

For this reason, a MiFID II compliant onboarding process is required for the issuer and the liability umbrella, investment brokerage § 1 para. 1a sentence 2 no. 1 KWG, § 2 (2) no. 3 WpIG, investment advice (§ 2 (2) no. 4 WpIG), covering the following areas:

- 1 Identification: KYC, AML, KYT
- 2 Client Classification
- 3 Suitability Assessment for Securities Investments
- 4 Individual investment thresholds for non-qualified investors

For the distribution of financial instruments (stocks, bonds, certificates, profit participation certificates, etc.), authorization according to § 15 of the WpIG (Securities Institutions Act) is required. Intermediaries of financial investments have the option to use what is known as a liability umbrella. These are securities institutions that manage independent distribution partners as tied agents according to § 3 (2) of the WpIG.

List 3: Attribute list c2 MiFID II

List 3 for milestone “1. re legal analysis: b) Documentation of the required data when subscribing to a crypto security”

Comment: list is valid for EU, CH investment brokerage

- 1 All attributes from “List 1: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register
- 2 Financial situation to assess the suitability of the products: Individual investment thresholds for non-qualified investors
- 3 Knowledge and Experience with different types of financial instruments
- 4 Investment Objectives and Risk Tolerance: A basic assessment to identify products that are fundamentally unsuitable
- 5 Wallet Public Key
- 6 Tax number (withholding tax self custody of wallet)
- 7 Disclosure to the client of monetary and non-monetary benefits such as sales commissions, placement fees, trailing commissions
- 8 Client Classification (optional)

2. The required data of initial entry in the crypto securities register

[Milestone Acceptance criteria: "1. re legal analysis: b) Documentation of the required data when of initial entry in the crypto securities register]

2.1 The Crypto Securities Register eWpG requires the following data of initial entry.

Please compare in this document pages 4 – 10:

[II. Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG]

Section 17 eWpG: Entries in the Crypto Securities Register.

There the documentation of the required data collection can be found:

[Table 1: Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG](#)

IV. Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG.

[Milestone Acceptance criteria: "1. re legal analysis: c) Documentation of the required data collection when instructions are issued by authorized persons. Identification data of authorized and acquiring persons.]

Please compare in this document pages 11 – 15:

[II. Documentation of the mandatory information in the Crypto Securities Register eWpG]

Section 17 eWpG: Entries in the Crypto Securities Register.

There the documentation of the required data collection can be found

[List 1: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register for natural persons](#)

[List 2: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register for companies](#)

[List 3: Attribute list c2 MiFID II](#)

Chapter B

2. re analysis current Cardano smart contracts

a) What are the specific requirements based on the eWpG that Cardano smart contracts must meet?

1 Use of smart contracts within the framework of the eWpG

The Electronic Securities Act (eWpG) does not explicitly mandate the use of a smart contract. The eWpG facilitates the issuance and circulation of electronic securities using Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) or other electronic systems. The use of smart contracts is a technical means to enhance efficiency, transparency, and automation in dealing with electronic securities, but it is not legally required as a compulsory requirement.

The decision on whether and how to utilize smart contracts under the eWpG depends on the specific needs and requirements of the issuer or the managing entity of the electronic securities register. Smart contracts could be used to automatically ensure compliance with contractual conditions, expedite transaction processing, or efficiently meet regulatory requirements.

In summary, the use of smart contracts within the framework of the eWpG is an optional technological solution that offers many benefits but is not a legal obligation.

2 Smart Contracts within the framework of the eWpG on public permissionless blockchains

As demonstrated by the issuance of the first crypto securities in practice, crypto securities registers are indeed set up on public permissionless blockchains like Ethereum, Polygon, Algorand, or Stellar.

In addition, private blockchains such as Corda or Hyperledger are also used. Smart Contracts are employed for register management (on Polygon, which is compatible with the Ethereum Virtual Machine), but blockchain-specific functions for issuance and token management are also utilized (as on Stellar, which has its own asset token functionalities) to generate the security token (the later electronic security) and subsequently manage it in terms of a crypto securities register.

The crypto security is usually generated as a token like other non-crypto securities, e.g., on Ethereum with minimum standards such as an ERC-20 or ERC-777 Smart Contract on the blockchain.

The Smart Contract can already be equipped with all necessary operations for token management: ownership rights, transfers, and access rights. However, the crypto securities register could also be managed via a separate register Smart Contract, to which the new token is transferred. The utilized Smart Contracts ultimately contain only the code that determines which operations are possible with the tokens. Each (Token) Smart Contract has a contract address on the blockchain, where all related transactions can be called up at any time: instructions sent to the contract or tokens issued or received to other addresses.

The new token becomes a crypto security only with formal issuance: besides concluding an issuance contract), and laying down the issuance conditions, this requires the entry of information pursuant to § 17 eWpG into the crypto securities register (§§ 2 para. 1 Sentence 2, 5 para. 1 eWpG). Since the information pursuant to § 17 eWpG is to be made in the register at the security, this can only be the address of the Token Contract or (if available) a Register Smart Contract (on the blockchain). On a public permissionless blockchain, therefore, the following must be entered under the address of the Token Contract or the linked Register Smart Contract (§ 17 para. 1 eWpG):

- a (Security) identification number, designation as a security (possibly ISIN);
- b essential content of the right or alternatively a link to the issuance conditions (§ 7 para. 1 eWpRV);
- c issuance volume;
- d nominal amount;
- e issuer;
- f designation as collective or individual entry); and
- g possibly the existence of a mixed holding.

The entries on public permissionless blockchains are fully public. The need for pseudonymization of the holder is understandable (§ 17 para. 2 Sentence 2 eWpG). In practice, however, it seems that the remaining information pursuant to § 17 eWpG is also omitted directly on public blockchains – in the crypto securities register. The information can be partially viewed via the websites of the register leaders and internet presences or issuance conditions, as far as public placements are concerned. This implementation practice is surprising, since the register was understood less as a transaction register but more as a real folio system (similar to the land register and commercial register), from which the current information on the registered security should always be visible.

The person registered as the holder pursuant to § 3 eWpG can indeed be considered as (fictional) direct possessor. This concept is closely related to the phenomenon of digital possession, which is already widely encountered in everyday life, especially since, with blockchain technology, possession of the Private Key for one's own wallet has long been recognized for the direct management of significant assets, albeit without a clear bearer of publicity outside of registers. It is obvious for the assignment or allocation of such an identifier in the crypto securities

Compare Audit Report Smart Contract Code Review and Security Analysis Report ETH
The Audit Report Smart Contract Code Review and Security Analysis Report for Tokeny reveals the audit areas for commonly known and more specific vulnerabilities. Sources
1 https://tokeny.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Tokeny_ONCHAINID_SC-Audit_Report.pdf
2 <https://github.com/ERC-3643/ERC-3643>
3 <https://eips.ethereum.org/EIPS/eip-3643>

3 Specific requirements based on the eWpG that Cardano smart contracts must meet

Milestone “2. re analysis current Cardano smart contracts. a) What are the specific requirements based on the eWpG that Cardano smart contracts must meet?”

The use of smart contracts within the framework of the eWpG is an optional technological solution that offers many benefits but is not a legal obligation.

List 4: Smart contracts functions to be used by the Crypto Securities Register eWpG

List 4 for milestone “2. re analysis current Cardano smart contracts. a) What are the specific requirements based on the eWpG that Cardano smart contracts must meet?”

- 1 the registration in the crypto securities register (§ 8 eWpG),
- 2 the amendment of the register's content (§ 18 eWpG, §17 eWpg),
- 3 the reregistration (§ 4 para. 8, § 18 para. 4 eWpG),

4 Analysis on List 1: Smart contracts optional services of the Crypto Securities Register eWpG

4.1 the registration in the crypto securities register (§ 8 eWpG),

a) Law

§ 8 Collective Registration; Individual Registration

(1) At the issuer's instigation, the holder of electronic securities up to the nominal amount of the respective issue, or for share certificates up to the total number of shares, can be registered as:

1. a central securities depository or a custodian (collective registration), or
2. a natural or legal person or a legally capable partnership holding the electronic security as the entitled party (individual registration).

(2) Individual registrations can be converted into a collective registration upon the holder's request, provided this is not excluded in the issuance conditions, or for shares, in the articles of association of the corporation.

b) Analysis specific requirements

The issuer effects the registration in the crypto securities register and transmits to the Crypto Securities Register the information required under § 17 para. 1 of the eWpG.

The initial registration of information on restrictions on disposal and third-party rights under § 17 para. 2 of the eWpG is carried out based on an instruction.

The entry of the holder in the crypto securities register is pseudonymized by Crypto Securities Register assigning a unique identifier to the holder, under the prerequisite, that the Crypto Securities Register is in possession of:

List 1: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register for natural persons

List 2: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register for companies

Including the wallet public key.

4.2 the amendment of the register's content (§ 18 eWpG),

a) Law

§ 18 Amendments to the Register Content

(1) The register managing entity may only make amendments to the information pursuant to § 17 paragraphs 1 and 2 and the deletion of the crypto security and its recorded issuance conditions based on an instruction

1. from the holder, unless the register managing entity is aware that they are not authorized, or

2. from a person or entity that is authorized to do so

a) by law,

b) under a law,

c) by legal transaction,

d) by judicial decision, or

e) by enforceable administrative act.

In the case of a restriction on disposal pursuant to § 17 paragraph 2 sentence 1 number 1, the holder must assure the register managing entity beyond their instruction that the consent of the persons benefited by the restrictions on disposal for the amendment exists.

In the case of § 17 paragraph 2 sentence 1 number 2, the registered third party takes the place of the holder. The register managing entity timestamps the receipt of instructions. The register managing entity may proceed on an instruction from the holder if the instruction is given using a suitable authentication instrument.

(2) The register managing entity may only make amendments to the information pursuant to § 17 paragraph 1 numbers 1 to 5, 7, and 8 and the deletion of an entry and its recorded issuance conditions with the consent of the issuer, as far as legally determined otherwise.

For the registration of the extinction of multiple voting rights registered under § 17 paragraph 1 number 8 letter d, the issuer alone has the authority to instruct.

(3) The register managing entity ensures that amendments to the register content, especially regarding the holder, are only made in the order in which the corresponding instructions are received at the register managing entity. The register managing entity timestamps the amendment of the register content.

(4) The register managing entity must ensure that re-registrations are clear, carried out within a reasonable time, and the transaction on the recording system cannot be invalidated again.

(5) If the register managing entity has made an amendment to the register content without an instruction as per paragraph 1 or without the consent of the issuer as per paragraph 2, it must immediately reverse the amendment. The rights from Regulation (EU) 2016/679, especially its Article 17, remain unaffected.

b) Analysis specific requirements

The register managing entity is only authorized to alter the register's data as described in § 17 paragraphs 1 and 2 of the eWpG, or to erase a crypto security and its stipulated issuance conditions, [following a directive from either the holder or another legally authorized individual or entity](#), as per § 18 paragraph 1 sentence 1 of the eWpG.

Instructions are conveyed to the register managing entity via the submission of transaction data, coupled with a directive for its inclusion in the crypto securities register.

This process can be authenticated through the use of a designated authentication tool, as mandated in § 18 paragraph 1 sentence 5 of the eWpG, typically involving a [cryptographic signature](#) according to § 11 paragraph 6 number 1 of the eWpRV. In employing a cryptographic signature, the individual issuing the directive transmits the transaction message directly to the register managing entity, which is then responsible for relaying this information to the network.

Cryptographic signatures fulfill dual functions in this context:

- They provide formal authorization proof to the register managing entity, initially from the holder. Nevertheless, this practice should also extend to other authorized parties provided that the register managing entity permits them to issue directives via an approved authentication tool. Once the register managing entity verifies the authorization through a valid signature, it can proceed with network submission, assuming no contrary information is known (refer to § 18 paragraph 1 sentence 1 number 1 eWpG).
- For network nodes, cryptographic signatures are fundamentally technical, acting as a necessary system component for transaction data inclusion in the Distributed Ledger.

[An authentication tool, notably a cryptographic signature or an equivalent instrument, is considered appropriate if it meets current technological standards](#) (§ 11 paragraph 6 number 1 eWpRV) and allows the register managing entity to accurately associate the tool with the issuer of the directive, whether a natural or legal entity (§ 11 paragraph 6 number 2 eWpRV). This provision underscores the flexibility of using cryptographic signatures, common in blockchain systems, but highlights that they are not the sole option. The eWpG's technology-neutral framework is thus preserved in the eWpRV.

Further, § 16 eWpRV highlights the relevance of adhering to [established cryptographic guidelines \(e.g., TR-02102 by the BSI\)](#) to maintain IT security compliance, recognizing the dynamic nature of cryptographic standards for ongoing reference.

Every transaction begins with a message indicating the transfer of digital values between network addresses, requiring authorization evidenced through a digital signature. This process involves generating a hash of the transaction data, then creating a signature using a specific algorithm.

The register managing entity's responsibility extends to identifying the instructing party based on the provided digital evidence, aligning with the GwG's identification requirements and the BSI's TR-03147 and TR-03107-1 and -2 guidelines.

4.3 the reregistration (§ 4 para. 8, § 18 para. 4 eWpG),

a) Law

Re-registration is the replacement of the holder of a crypto security recorded in the electronic securities register with a new holder (Definition: §8 para 8 eWpG).

The register managing entity must ensure that re-registrations are clear, carried out within a reasonable time, and the transaction on the recording system cannot be invalidated again. (§18 para 4 eWpG).

b) Analysis specific requirements

Per § 18 (4) of the eWpG, it is incumbent upon the registry authority to guarantee that transfers are clear, timely, and irreversible once recorded. This regulation aims to ensure that a security's ownership can be clearly established at any point. Further, § 23 (1) No. 1182) authorizes additional provisions in § 12 eWpRV, which outline not technical standards but rather responsibilities for decision-making and communication (refer to Rz. 57 for further details). The absence of specific technical criteria stems from the foundational principle of technology neutrality. Setting concrete technical guidelines for entry or transfer validity without contravening this principle is nearly impossible.

Clarity in a transfer means that a digital security is allocated to a newly, distinctly identifiable owner. Crypto securities are recognized by their unique identifier (§ 17 (1) No. 1), and typically, owner identification is achieved through their network address. Though within the recording system the network address serves as a pseudonym, it is associated with an actual individual by the registry authority outside the system, ensuring unique identification of the crypto security's owner. The concept of "finality" means the transfer process is unequivocal once it becomes irreversible.

For a transfer to be irrevocable, it must reach a state of finality, meaning it cannot be reversed. Although "irreversible" should not be taken as an absolute term, modern Distributed-Ledger technologies that fulfill the criteria for a secure recording system as per §§ 4 (11), 16 (1) eWpG are capable of guaranteeing transactions that are nearly impossible to reverse.

Transferring ownership of a crypto security to the acquiring party requires the prior instruction of the entitled person. The instruction of the entitled person is carried out by sending a directive in the form of a transaction to the crypto security register. Authentication is performed through the transaction's signature, which must be executed with a private key that can be associated with the entitled person's public network address. The entitled person must provide the following information:

- the unique identification number of the crypto security,
- the public network address of the acquiring party, and
- the number of units.

The replacement of the holder in the crypto securities register is pseudonymized by Crypto Securities Register assigning a unique identifier to the holder, under the prerequisite, that the Crypto Securities Register is in possession of:

List 1: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register for natural persons

List 2: Attribute list KYC, AML, KYT with German Crypto security register for companies

Including the wallet public key.

4.4 the inspection of the crypto securities register (§ 10 eWpG),

This is NOT part of the smart contract, but handled by the registry authority.

a) Law

§ 10 Publicity; Register Secrecy

(1) The registry authority must ensure that participants of the electronic securities register can electronically access the register.

(2) The registry authority must grant electronic access to the electronic securities register to anyone who demonstrates a legitimate interest.

(3) Information that goes beyond the details in the electronic securities register about the registered security, including information about the identity and address of an owner, may only be provided by the registry authority if

1. the person requesting information demonstrates a special legitimate interest,
2. providing the information is necessary for fulfilling that interest, and
3. the interests of the owner in protecting their personal data do not outweigh the interest of the person requesting information.

A special legitimate interest always exists for the owner of an electronic security regarding a security registered for them.

(4) Competent supervisory, regulatory, and law enforcement authorities must be granted access to an electronic securities register according to paragraph 2 and provided information according to paragraph 3, as far as this is necessary for fulfilling the legal duties of these authorities. The registry authority must always assume the presence of these conditions when requested for access or information by the authorities mentioned in § 34 paragraph 4 sentence 1 of the Federal Registration Act.

(5) The registry authority must keep a record of the access and information provided under paragraphs 2 to 4. Record-keeping is not required for access by or information provided to a participant of the register according to paragraph 1. Register participants must be provided information from this record about access or information pertaining to them upon request unless disclosing this information would jeopardize the success of criminal investigations or the performance of duties by an authority mentioned in § 34 paragraph 4 sentence 1 of the Federal Registration Act. Record entries must be destroyed two years after the date of entry.

b) Analysis specific requirements

Section 10 of the eWpG outlines the [requirements for access to and transparency of the electronic securities register](#). The focus is on the details registered within the electronic securities register, specifically those outlined in sections 13 and 17 of the eWpG, while the publicity of recorded issuance conditions follows the general guidelines set forth in section 5, subsections 1 and 4 of the eWpG.

Under section 10, paragraph 1, of the eWpG, the responsibility lies with the register's administrator to enable participants of the electronic securities register to have electronic access to it. This provision under section 10, paragraph 1, concerns the transparency of the electronic securities register as defined in section 4, paragraph 1, covering both the central register as per section 12 eWpG and the crypto securities register as specified in section 16 eWpG. The entities tasked with maintaining these registers are designated under sections 12, paragraph 2, and 16, paragraph 2, of the eWpG. This includes central securities depository banks or custodians authorized in writing by the issuer, according to section 12 (2), and any entity named by the issuer to the holder as per section 16 (2), with the issuer itself stepping in if no designation is made. Their duty encompasses implementing the necessary technical and organizational measures to guarantee anytime electronic access to the register for its participants, with the method of implementation left to the discretion of the registry. The eWpRV also does not provide detailed instructions in this regard. The provisions of section 10, paragraph 1, aim to establish a direct entitlement for participants to electronically access the register, specifically concerning their own entries.

The extent of this access right for participants is determined by their specific roles or positions within the electronic securities register, thereby limiting the right to information directly relevant to their individual securities or roles within the register. As such, participants do not have the right to access information on the entire register or all securities within a particular issue.

The exercise of this right to access is strictly through electronic means, as stipulated by section 10, paragraph 1. Participants must be able to view relevant register entries electronically, utilizing standard technical tools or their own infrastructure. This right is confined to the ability to electronically obtain information.

Sections 10 (3) and (4) of the eWpRV lay out the obligations for evidence provision and request, dictating that the register's administrator must verify information based on appropriate evidence as per section 10, paragraph 4, sentences 1 and 2 of the eWpRV. Suitable evidence includes various forms of identification for natural persons and documentation for entities, reflecting the need for comprehensive identification in line with regulatory requirements. The process and requirements for identification, including the potential use of online verification methods, are subject to current debate and considerations of practicality and cost.

Finally, section 10, paragraph 5, mandates the register's administrator to maintain logs of access and information provided, with specific instructions on record-keeping, disclosure, and eventual destruction of these records after two years. This section aims to balance the need for transparency and the protection of participant and third-party rights, emphasizing the participants' right to information on their own entries while safeguarding the integrity of investigations and regulatory functions.

4.5 the issuance of a register excerpt (§ 19 eWpG)

This is NOT part of the smart contract, but handled by the registry authority.

a) Law

§ 19 Register Extract

(1) The registry authority must provide the holder of an individually registered crypto security with a register extract in text form upon request, as long as it is necessary for the exercise of their rights.

(2) If the holder of an individually registered crypto security is a consumer, the registry authority must provide the holder with a register extract in text form at the following times:

1. after the registration of a crypto security in the register for the benefit of the holder,
2. whenever there is a change in the register content that affects the holder, and
3. once annually.

b) Analysis specific requirements

The regulation consists of two distinct sections. Under the general guideline in § 19 (1) of the eWpG, any holder of an individually registered crypto security has the right to request a register extract for the purpose of exercising their rights. On the other hand, a more specific directive in § 19 (2) eWpG provides that consumers (as defined in § 13 BGB) are to be furnished with a register extract automatically, triggered by specific events, without the need for a direct request.

The requirement for delivering register extracts, as outlined in both § 19 (1) eWpG and its subsequent paragraph, is that they be provided in text form as specified in § 126b BGB. This format demands a legible statement on a permanent medium, identifying the declarant by name. Methods such as postal mail are acceptable; however, the format does not necessitate a handwritten signature. Delivery via email, or through a dedicated online customer portal or mailbox on a website, also complies with the text form criteria. Furthermore, a distributed ledger technology, like blockchain, which inherently supports the permanent recording of legible statements, could potentially fulfill the text form criteria. This implies that delivering a register extract need not be restricted to traditional mail, as digital channels aligned with the decentralized nature of recording systems are equally valid, provided they adhere to the stipulations of § 126b BGB.

While the eWpG mandates the text form for register extracts, it does not impose specific design requirements.

Nonetheless, according to § 13 (1) No. 5 eWpRV, the registry authority is tasked with defining the specifics concerning the form, nature, and contents of the register extract. Such specifications must be documented clearly and informatively, ensuring they are easily understood by someone with the requisite knowledge (§ 13 (1) eWpRV). This guideline likely extends to the form, nature, and contents of the register extract itself. Options could include a table format, akin to a chronological commercial register extract. For the sake of clarity in tracing registry entries, it may be necessary to illustrate not only the current status but also any historical states that preceded it.

5 Mandatory smart contract data

List 5: Mandatory data to be published in the meta data of the smart contract

List 5 for milestone “2. re analysis current Cardano smart contracts. a) What are the specific requirements based on the eWpG that Cardano smart contracts must meet?”

1. companyConsent
2. hash of term of issue
3. individual entry
4. issuer country
5. issuer court city
6. issuer LEI (optional)
7. issuer name
8. issuer registration number
9. issuing memo
10. mixedRecordKeeping
11. multipleVoting
12. nominal amount
13. partialPayments
14. recordKeeping: individual
15. shareClass
16. shareForm
17. shareType: registered
18. term of issue
19. terms
20. thirdPartyRights
21. transferRestrictions
22. type of entry
23. type of issuance
24. volume of issuance
25. wallet public key
26. withoutVotingRights

Table 2: Mandatory data to be published in the meta data of the smart contract and legal source

Table 2 for milestone “2. re analysis current Cardano smart contracts. a) What are the specific requirements based on the eWpG that Cardano smart contracts must meet?”

No	Mandatory Information	Comment	Reference	Smart Contract meta data and (explained, examples)
1	Essential content of the right	The type of security (e.g., bearer bond) and the specific rights it conveys. This may be done by referencing the documented issuance conditions or directly listing essential details in the register.	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 eWpG	1. term of issue (via a link to the terms of issue displayed as PDF) 2. hash of term of issue 3. type of security (bond) 4. recordKeeping (individual) 5. mixedRecordKeeping (false) 6. terms (see by-laws) 7. shareForm 8. shareClass 9. multipleVoting (not applicable) 10. withoutVotingRights: (false) 11. companyConsent: true 12. transferRestrictions (not applicable) 13. thirdPartyRights (not applicable) 14. issuing memo 15. crypto security register
2	Unique identification number	International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) and the German securities identification code (WKN).	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 eWpG	isin
3	Designation as a security		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 1 eWpG	shareType (registered)
4	Volume of issuance		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 2 eWpG	volume of issuance (total amount of securities issued)

5	Nominal amount, or for share securities, their number,		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 3 eWpG	1. nominal_amount 2. share security number
6	Issuer	Unlike for holders, issuers cannot use pseudonymized entries. For companies, this means providing the name, location, the court where it's registered, and the registration number. An alternative is using a recognized code for companies, known as the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI).	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 4 eWpG	1. issuer_name (Legal entity name) No 2 - 5 are usually part of "term of issue", displayed via a link to a PDF, and therefore must not be, but can be part of the meta data 2. issuer_registration_number (registry number of similar) 3. issuer_country 4. issuer_court_city 5. issuer_LEI (optional)
7	Indication of whether it is an individual or collective entry		§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 5 eWpG	type of entry (individual entry, collective entry)
8	Holder	For individual entries of crypto securities, the law mandates pseudonymization of the holder for data protection reasons by a unique identifier. For collective entries, the holder must be specifically named, and pseudonymized entries are not allowed.	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 6 eWpG § 17 Abs. 2 eWpG	1. wallet public key (for natural persons and legal entities) 2. collective registration holder (central securities depositories or legal entity name of custodian)

9	Information on mixed holdings as per Section 9 (3)	<p>Crypto securities can be issued in one of three ways: as individual registrations, as collective registrations, or as a mixed holding.</p> <p>When issued as a collective registration, crypto securities cannot participate in securities settlement systems</p> <p>As stated in Section 8(1) No. 1 of the eWpG, in situations of collective registration, only central securities depositories or custodians are eligible to be listed as the holders.</p>	§ 17 Abs. 1 Nr. 7 eWpG	<p>1. type of issuance (individual registrations, collective registrations, a mixed holding)</p> <p>2. mixedRecordKeeping (false)</p> <p>1. collective registration participate settlement (not applying)</p> <p>2. partialPayments: (not applying)</p> <p>collective registration holder (central securities depositories or legal entity name of custodian)</p>
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6. Information: Risks on Smart Contract Code

While attacking robust cryptographic protocols is enormously costly (computational power, financial resources, time) and currently practically impossible, security vulnerabilities or attacks (exploits) on smart contracts are common. Smart contract code implemented on public blockchains is publicly accessible and executable by anyone. It is important to consider the impossibility of altering the code of a smart contract once it is activated; it can only be deleted if it contains a self-destruct code. The more complex, diverse, and customized the code, the more likely are code errors or loopholes through which the smart contract can be manipulatively triggered.

The most famous example of a smart contract exploit is the attack on "The DAO," which led to the loss of 150 million USD in June 2016 and subsequently to the fork of Ethereum. In 2022 alone, the ten largest smart contract exploits netted 2.1 billion USD, including the attacks against the Wormhole Solana-Ethereum Bridge (around 300 million USD), against FTX (after filing for bankruptcy, approx. 500 million USD), and the Ronin Bridge Hack with around 600 million USD. These are just a few examples out of many that highlight the significant vulnerabilities smart contracts can have.

As the entity managing a crypto securities register, natural persons, legal entities, and legally capable groups of persons are considered eligible. There are concerns about whether natural persons and groups, e.g., entities operating the decentralized system as defined in § 4 (11) eWpG, can collectively assume the necessary supervisory responsibility. Smart Contracts and artificial intelligence are not suitable as entities managing the register. However, the administration and updating of the register can be automated and based on algorithms. The issuer may have the crypto securities register managed by a representative (§ 16 (2) Sentence 1 eWpG) or directly manage it themselves (subsidiary fiction according to § 16 (2) Sentence 2 eWpG).

Chapter: C

3. re project plan:

Table 3: Project Plan Smart Contract eWpG

a) Project plan, including timelines and resources for BaFin compliant Cardano Smart Contract under the Electronic Securities Act (eWpG)

Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Deliver minutes of the meeting of the Initial discussion with the BaFin regarding the requirements for a compliant smart contract on Cardano under the Electronic Securities Act (eWpG)	1. re "beta smart contract" on Cardano to meet under the Electronic Securities Act (eWpG): Provide the code for this contract on GitHub and deliver a code-repository.	1. re Pentest-Report: Provide the Pentrest-Report. You can expect 5 pages in writing. Format: PDF. Clarification: We will provide a testing report that includes summarized testing criteria and changes, and where the changes can be found in the repo (penetration test).	1. Provision for submission of a close out report and video: We will submit the Project Close-out Report and Video as an output of the final milestone
	2. re review: Deliver minutes of the meeting regarding the review of the beta smart contract". You can expect 3 pages of writing. Format: PDF.	2. re modification: Provide the code for this modified smart contract in GitHub. Clarification: alongside the updated code itself, we will show that the outputs for this milestone have been achieved. We will deliver a dedicated code repo with a SC, and a report featuring an expert review meeting.	2. The tokenized asset using a Cardano Smart contract is published and it is translated into English. Format: PDF.
			3. Final report: Submit the final code repo and meet opensource requirements: contributor, readme and OS license.

Resources

Personnel involved: NMKR, FluidTokens & IAMX

Skills: Technology, Product, Legal; senior level

Materials: Tech stack, law

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