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Bitcoin Foundation Welcomes EU Affiliates Germany & the Netherlands at Bitcoin 2014

(May 20, 2014) -- At the close of the first International Affiliate Summit at Bitcoin 2014, the [Bitcoin Foundation's](#) 2nd annual conference, the Bitcoin Foundation welcomed new affiliates, [Bundesverband Bitcoin](#) of Germany and [Stichting Bitcoin Nederland](#) of the Netherlands.

"We could not have planned a better way to kick off Bitcoin 2014. At the close of last year, we made a commitment to provide support and resources to those that linked arms to fulfill our mission to protect, promote and standardize the development and adoption of Bitcoin worldwide," said Jon Matonis, Executive Director of the Bitcoin Foundation. "Today we are proud to make good on that promise with our newest EU partners."

"With the addition of Germany and the Netherlands to Canada, Australia and more recently, Mexico, we are steadily increasing and strengthening our community's impact and influence around the globe," said Mark Woods, Affiliates Director for the Bitcoin Foundation.

Based in Berlin, [Bundesverband Bitcoin's](#) leadership team consists of JF Gallas, Chairman and Press Coordinator; Joerg Platzer, Deputy Chairman; and Radoslav Albrecht, Board Member.

"By cooperating with the foundation we strive to further professionalize the activities of German Bundesverband Bitcoin. It is a strong signal to local entities when diverse Bitcoin organizations are part of a global movement," said Radoslav Albrecht, Board Member of Bundesverband Bitcoin.

[Stichting Bitcoin Nederland](#) is based in Amsterdam, the host city for Bitcoin 2014, and led by Jouke Hofman, Chairman; Carl Kuntze, Secretary; and Board Members Willem van Oort and Richard Kohl.

"We believe international cooperation is essential for the success of bitcoin worldwide. Partnering with the Bitcoin Foundation helps us to achieve our shared goal of protecting and improving the Bitcoin technology," said Carl Kuntze, Secretary of Stichting Bitcoin Nederland.

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ABOUT // The Bitcoin Foundation is a member-driven non-profit organization dedicated to serving the business, technology, government relations, and public affairs needs of the Bitcoin community. The foundation works to protect and standardize the Bitcoin protocol and software, to broaden the use of Bitcoin through public education and by fostering a safe and sane legal and regulatory environment, and to support local Bitcoin efforts by connecting a network of Bitcoin communities worldwide. Think Globally, Act Locally. [Join us!](#)

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