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## CRYPTO CURRENCY

Legal, ethical and environmental issues



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#### What is Cryptocurrency?

- Is a decentralized digital / virtual currency secured by cryptography based on blockchain technology.
- Because they don't use any third-party intermediaries, these transaction are faster as compared to standard money transfers.
- Thus, a system with cryptocurrencies eliminates the possibility of a single point of failure.
- The potential use of the technology are endless. In regards of security, innovation, etc.

#### **Issues involving Digital currency**



Money laundering



Terrorist financing



**Tax Evasion** 





#### What has been done so far?

- The key issue that needs to be addressed is to unveil the anonymity.
- New initiatives like the Investigation of Transactions in Underground Markets ("TITANIUM") project will research, develop, and validate novel data-driven techniques and solutions designed to support law enforcement agencies.
- Money laundering activities are usually carried out in an international context and therefore national measures are not sufficient.
- AMLD5 Proposal; imposes due diligence controls on exchange and wallet service providers.

### observation

- Given the fact that the current system is also being used for illegal activities, the question should be how to balance the potential use for evil purpose and the benefit.
- Since the potential use of the system is huge, the ethical judgement should be made on the use of the technology not on the technology itself.
- Though the measure that has been taken are encouraging, they shouldn't change the true principle of the technology.

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