The Alpha-5 testnet is Online!

(Now ended - 31/01/24)

(and has been for a while now, launching in late September 2023

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*This is a fresh thread for the currently active alpha, which I meant to make back when Alpha-5 went live. Busy times!

New with Jólnir:

- In Jólnir, proposers need to acquire a bond from provers to propose a block. Provers need TTKOj tokens to deposit for the bond

- Proposers can choose their own local provers or provers from the prover market

- The new system is used to ensure some liveness on the network. It also replaces staking pools so that we can simplify the design and allow prover pools to be implemented off-chain.

- An updated bridge implementation and a new bridge UI design. We moved from TokenVault to separate vaults like ERC20Vault, ERC721Vault, and ERC1155Vault;

- An updated testnet stats page with line graph data in the block explorer. It's now much easier to follow the stats - [Jólnir stat explorer

](https://explorer.jolnir.taiko.xyz/stats)

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Taiko Alpha Testnet History:

Testnet

Code Name

Layer

Status

Start

End

Alpha-1

Snæfellsjökull

L2

Ended

[23/12/22](#)

15/02/23 (54 Days)

Alpha-2

Askja

L2

Ended

[23/03/23](#)

17/04/23 (25 Days)

Alpha-3

Grímsvötn

L2

Ended

[07/06/23](#)

31/10/23 (146 Days)

Alpha-4

Eldfell

L3

Ended

[18/07/23](#)

19/09/23 (63 Days)

Alpha-5

Jólnir

L2

Ended

[20/09/23](#)

31/01/24 (133) Days

Alpha-6

Katla

L2

Active

[16/01/24](#)

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*Edit there is another Alpha testnet (Alpha-6) which has just launched

- this should be the last alpha testnet ahead of the mainnet launch (still on track for Q1 2024).

Happy testing, Taikonauts!