The EIC Horizon Prize on “Blockchains for Social Good” addresses areas of social innovations in which decentralized solutions based on distributed ledger technology (DLT) show clear benefits over conventional centralised platform solutions. This document provides background information on the submitted applications.

Application country coverage
Applicants from 43 different countries submitted 178 proposals. The country with the highest amount of applications is the Netherlands, followed by the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Spain. Coordinators from non-EU countries submitted 33 proposals.

Area coverage
Predefined areas chosen for the prize are “traceability and fair trade”, “public transparency”, “democratic participation”, “decentralized platforms/circular economy”, “managing public records” and “financial inclusion”.

Participants submitted proposals in all areas. The area covered by the highest number of proposals is “decentralized platforms/circular economy”, followed by “other areas” and “public transparency”.

- a) traceability and fair trade
- b) public transparency
- c) democratic participation
- d) decentralized platforms, circular economy
- e) managing public records
- f) financial inclusion
- g) other areas
Other areas of focus
39 proposals indicated new areas of focus, such as “aid & philanthropy”, “health” and “identity & ownership”.

- health
- aid & philanthropy
- environment
- science & research
- quality content, art & journalism
- identity & ownership
- education
- agriculture & food
- energy

Participant background
The participants come from backgrounds related to the three main categories: small private companies or consortia, individuals and public institutions. The majority of applications has been submitted by participants working in small private companies or consortia, and have been created in collaboration between groups of participants.