

"The DAO Listing" – A Collection of Past and Present DAO Projects

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Introduction

This is a preliminary listing of SDG-supporting DAO organizations (*decentralized autonomous organizations*) to be complemented as **a work in progress**. It is part of an emerging digital research infrastructure project at the faculty of law, University of Turku. The contributing team members are Outi Korhonen, Juho Rantala, Ekaterina Markovich, Henrik Jylhä-Vuorio, Anne Alvesalo-Kuusi and Anne Kumpula. In addition, research assistant Oona Alitalo has contributed to preliminary data collection.

The list

Table 1: DAO Listing

<i>Name and link</i>	<i>Theme/purpose</i>	<i>Location/ year</i>	<i>Functionality</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Misc.</i>
AfroFuture DAO	tokenized community exploring Africa's past and inspiring its future	2021	a social token community that commissions and auctions artwork. A part of the purchase price goes to the Afrofuture treasury and part goes to the artists	Osinachi, Ayanfe Olarinde, Haneefah Adam, Riyadh Cassiem, Mwadzame Omar	
Agency DAO	a creative community to all disciplines	2020	leveraging its collective creations to attract work for hire, grants, income from media channels, and selling advertising space		
American Cryptofed DAO	a monetary system with no inflation, deflation or transaction costs	Wyoming, 2021	two tokens, Ducat (everyday transactions, manipulated supply) and Locke (voting, constant supply)	Marian Orr, Scott Moeller, Xiaomeng Zhou	
Autark	To enhance coordination possibilities, that strive to solve systemic problems, and explore new organizational models.	2019	Coordination tools for digital cooperatives...		
Backfeed		c.2015			Defund?
BairesDAO		2021(?)			"An investor syndicate"

Bankless Dao	driving adoption and awareness of bankless money systems like Ethereum, Bitcoin and DeFi	2021	coordinates and propagates bankless media, culture, and education. It's goal is to drive adoption and awareness of truly bankless money systems through collective participation. a valueless token represents participation in the bankless community	Ryan Sean Adams, David Hoffman, Lucas Campbell, Michael Wong, Luke Whitten, Mariano Conti, James Montgomery, David Mihal, Nate Welch, Reuben Bramanathan, Logan Craig, William Peaster	
BitNation	building world's first Decentralized Borderless Voluntary Nation (DBVN) - the Pangea Blockchain Jurisdiction	2014	building contracts, resolving disputes and enforcing agreements through reputation. Within this jurisdiction, governance services such as peer-to-peer security, insurance and education can be accessed via 3rd-party dapps	Susanne Tarkowski Tempelhof, James Fennell Tempelhof, Rachelle Traboulsi, Erik Vollstädt, Carin Ism, Mawo, Mark Nuzz, William Huang, Thiago Souza, Hoang Hung, Spencer Ferri, Prameet Chakraborty, Adrian Pollio, Camilo Luna	

BlankDAO					
BrightID	BrightID brings a new world with fewer boundaries and more transparency. It enables more freedom and more personal control over one's own identification	2019	A graph is constructed of people connecting to each other. It is then analyzed by an algorithm that looks at how users and groups of users are interconnected and assigns scores to demonstrate the probability of uniqueness for each and every user.	Adam Stallard, David Wisner, Aleeza Howitt, Alireza Paslar, Mahdi Heydari, Mohsen Khan-mohammad-zadeh, Tegan Kline	https://medium.com/brightid/brightid-becoming-a-world-citizen-763c56f9223f
brotDAO	"a decentralized organization that aims to bring together artists across the world for a common goal of financial security and prosperity"	2021	\$BROT, a governance/social token		
Charity DAO	"Charity DAO coordinates efforts and problem solving around crypto and blockchain applications for charitable giving"	2020	Moloch style; DAI		
Conscience Land	providing a worldwide safe-haven and practical ecosystem of guidance and support for individuals to achieve a Lifestyle Of Health, Happiness And Sustainability		an internet of citizens: a cooperation of independent networks. sharing data, meeting people, earning social credit, receiving currency	Philip McMaster	

CuraDAO	Improve socio-economic state of Curacao, research sustainability of DAOs, create a collaborative framework	Curacao / 2019	allows anybody to request resources for social impact project in Curaçao	Initiated by Caribbean Blockchain Network	-
DAO IPCI	"the integral platform for climate initiatives", blockchain ecosystem for carbon markets, environmental assets and liabilities	2016/ 2017	provides common space and common tools to allow stakeholders such as businesses and individuals to register quantified impacts and pledges, to invest mitigation projects, to offset carbon footprint, to acquire and trade mitigation outcomes, to join existing programs or launch new programs. Mitigation Token MITO serves as an exchange unit.	Anton Galenovich , Alexey Shadrin, Sergei Lonshakov	
DAOHaus	Community/platform for DAOs	2019	HAUS token; tools to create your own DAO		
DAOrayaki	autonomous media and research community	2021	readers can directly fund the DAO, participate in governance, elect the executive team, and set rules and content standards		
daorecords	reinventing the record label and democratizing the music industry	2020	a hybrid model that incorporates the traditional business approach but with the company acting as a 'social enterprise' that engages primarily in digital distribution. Attached to the company is a NGO, which acts as a 'Trust' and distributes funds to the DAO, where artists and their communities can receive funding.		
Democracy Earth	Tools for human coordination	2018			

DoinGud	NFT marketplace	2021			
dxDAO	DAO for community governance of software protocols --> experiment toward the ends of human coordination	2019	dxDAO has full autonomy—over its processes and the assets it controls. The dxDAO will use the DAOstack’s Genesis Protocol for decision making.	-	https://blog.gnosis.pm/introducing-the-dxdao-27ec4301eced
eduDAO	"...to provide a low-cost, fully accountable funding platform for the most underfunded education-related organizations while bringing people together to support and empowering the local communities to drive the changes in their neighborhoods."	2016/ New York		See here.	
Endaoment	Platform for financing/funding of projects/funds	2020			More e.g. here.
FairDataSociety	"...a non-profit initiative that is reimagining the data economy and creating a fair and decentralised data layer."	2019	E.g., Fairdrop, "...decentralised file transfer app built on blockchain technology that doesn’t collect any user data. It offers secure, fault-tolerant, encrypted, censorship- and DDOS-resistant file sharing."		"Decentralized Altruistic Community" (DAC)
Fetch.ai	an open access, tokenized, decentralized machine learning network to enable smart infrastructure built around a	founded in early 2017, following a merger of two independent companies,	connecting IoT devices and algorithms to enable collective learning	Humayun Sheikh, Toby Simpson, Thomas Hain, Jonathan Ward,	Developers, Research, IT and marketing people https://fetch.ai/about/#meet-the-team

	decentralized digital economy	itzMe.AI and uVue		Maria Minaricova	
FlexiDAO	was created to accelerate the transition towards a decarbonised and decentralised energy industry. Mission is to effectively coordinate millions of distributed energy resources into the grid	Amsterdam / 2017	For the purpose, FlexiDAO offers utilities white-label blockchain applications on top of a middleware platform that can access any blockchain infrastructure in an enterprise-grade, secure way	Simone Accornero, Joan Collell, Grzegorz Bytniewski, Francesc Ortiz, Josep Otal Pares, Salvador Rubio, Jordi Igual, Abraham Alcaina Castro, Emanuele Rossi, Maria Jurado Lopez, Paul Hauptmeijer, Carmen Santos, Jordi Biosca, Alice Zannini	
FWB	a social community using tokens for access and rewards		you get access by investing in the community and holding a certain amount of the currency. FWB then allows people to send cryptocurrency to each other and manage complex transactions like smart contracts, as well as meet new people and help each other	Trevor McFedries	

GaiaCoin	creates a token that it utilized for environmental purposes, incentivizes environmental action and creates liquidity pools in support of the environment	2021			
GovBlocks	Tools for governing dApps networks	2018		See e.g. here	
Idavoll Network	"...a decentralized organization platform that provides infrastructure and services to users of the Idavoll Network" and, thus, Idavoll Court.	2021			
KlimaDAO	leveraging the existing carbon market infrastructure and improving on it	2021	Interfering with demand conditions in the traditional markets by locking carbon supply within the treasury, so that the supply in the market is reduced. All decisions are formed by community members on the forum and made by KLIMA holders through snapshot voting	conceptualised and built by a distributed psuedo-anonymous team	
Kolektivo.ko	Blockchain tools for creating and enabling community from ground up/grass root level	2021	Currency, governance, impact dashboard and grant mechanism		
Komorebi	an investment DAO focused on funding female and nonbinary crypto founders	2021		Manasi Vora, Eva Wu, Kristie Huang, Medha Kothari,	

				Kinjal Shah	
LexDAO	"...research, develop and evangelize first-class legal methods and blockchain protocols that secure rules and promises with code rather than trust"; connecting traditional legal settlement layer to code.	2019(?)			
MahaDAO	a new kind of money that maintains its buying power irrespective of which direction the market moves in	2020	ARTH is a decentralized algorithmic currency that aims to fight depreciation. MAHA is a governance and utility token for voting and such. The MAHA tokens help keep the ARTH coin completely decentralised.	Steven Enamakel, Pranay Sanghavi, Gafoor Khan, Harish Suthi, Zoran Grubisic, Nenad Milak, Sagar Behara, Yash Agrawai, Mitul Gajera	
MakerDAO		2014			
MantraDAO	give financial control back to the people, create, distribute and grow wealth fairly	2020	community-governed DeFi platform focusing on staking, lending, and multi-chain DeFi services. users have a credit score or reputation mechanism.	https://www.mantradao.com/about-us	
MetaCartel	building decentralised applications and a connection layer				

<p>Meta Gamma Delta</p>	<p>inclusive and empowering society supporting women-led projects; a safe space for fostering conversations around ideas, projects, new tech and new ways of doing things</p>	<p>2020</p>	<p>empowers women and marginalized communities through social support, networking, education, and grants/funding</p>		<p>First DAO to launch a decentralized website</p>
<p>Metis</p>	<p>to create an easy-to-use economy platform</p>		<p>Metis is solving Ethereum's biggest challenges: simplicity, speed, storage, scalability, security and savings</p>	<p>Elena Sinelnikova, Kevin Liu, Yuan Su, Jonah Keri, Lya Glaentzlin, Caria Wei, Sheyda Lotfalian, Pavel Sinelnikov, Norbert Amankwaa Adomako, Anderson Magri, Alice Liu, Yaroslav Kozhukov, Vaishnav Rahul, Akwasi Afriye Sarpong</p>	
<p>Moloch DAO</p>	<p>funding of the Ethereum network</p>	<p>2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allows you to vote on issuing new stock - allows you to destroy your stock to get access to its capital 	<p>Ameen Soleimani, Arjun Bhuptani, James Young, Layne Haber & Rahul Sethuram</p>	<p>Good description: https://medium.com/@simondlr/the-moloch-dao-collapsing-the-firm-2a800b3aa2e7 Podcast with Ameen Soleimani https://www.youtube.com</p>

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Myco	digital social clubs			Mark Beylin	
Nature 2.0	Platform to share and create sustainable and ownerless systems/projects				Several projects/DAOs
necDAO	"...empowers the community to democratically drive development of the Nectar ecosystem whilst giving people the world-over a new way to pitch and be rewarded for their talents."	2019	Reputation earning system; Nectar tokens; GEN tokens		"The Nectar DAO"
NexusMutual	return the power of insurance to the people. Initially, provide cover for smart contract hack or bugs through purchases of Smart Contract Cover.	UK / 2019	uses blockchain technology to bring the mutual ethos back to insurance by creating aligned incentives through smart contract code on the Ethereum blockchain	Hugh Karp, Roxana Danila, Nitika Arora, Reinis Melbardis, Graeme Thurgood, Nick Munoz-McDonald, Kayleigh Petrie, Steve Baker, Evan van Ness	-
OceanDAO	See e.g. here	2017	Details, e.g., here.		
Orchid	Decentralized and privacy-	2017	See, e.g., here.		

	driven marketplace				
Panvala	create a window in which any community in the world can have their contributions to public goods amplified at attractive rates	2019	Funds the work the whole Ethereum community depends on -- > Donors contribute and earn loyalty from token holders, teams earn grants to sustain Ethereum, and Panvala's community grows.	Niran Babalola, Akua Nti, Daniel Schifano, Jacob Cantele, Romana Basilaris, and Isaac Kang	-
PeepsDemocracy	Combines "...the power of crowdfunding, tokenized incentives and blockchain-based voting"; Peeps DAO: "...allows anyone to build a digital political or nonprofit organization that raises crypto and gives donors a voice in spending it."				Link to DAO
Politeia/Decred	Decred is a decentralized cryptocurrency for group funding and governance; Politeia is a funding request system for Decred.	2016	PoW/PoS; DCR token		Decred documentation

PolkaDOT	<p>built to connect private and consortium chains, public and permissionless networks, oracles, and future technologies that are yet to be created; facilitates an internet where independent blockchains can exchange information and transactions in a trustless way via the Polkadot relay chain; makes blockchain experimentation possible</p>	<p>2020</p>	<p>equivalent to a set of independent chains (e.g. a set containing Ethereum, Ethereum Classic, Namecoin and Bitcoin) except with pooled security and trust-free interchain transactability, parallelized chains</p>	<p>Robert Habermeier, Dr. Gavin Wood, Peter Czaban</p>	
PowerLedger	<p>an operating system for new energy markets enabling tracking and trading of energy, flexibility services and environmental commodities</p>	<p>Perth, Australia, 2016/2017</p>	<p>works as a secure and accountable platform that can audit and streamline the buying and selling of renewable energy</p>	<p>Dr Jemma Green, John Bulich, Vinod Tiwari, Maria Atkinson, Tim Bray, Cristina Mata Yandiola, Caren McLaren, Dr. Bill Tai</p>	
Proof of Humanity	<p>System to proof other users (human beings) and UBI distribution system.</p>	<p>2021</p>			<p>See also.</p>
ProsperDAO	<p>Art project?</p>	<p>2021</p>			<p>Defund?</p>

Publicwall et.org	<p>"Partner with NFT artists to support causes, charity, organizations or disaster recovery efforts; Royalty payments for secondary sales; users can create content in the form of NFTs; users can create workshops etc."</p>				Whitepaper
Rahat Platform (eSatya)	<p>"an open source blockchain-based token cash and voucher assistance platform"</p>	<p>2021(?)</p>			
ResearchCollective	<p>decentralizing science through expert DAO curation</p>		<p>experts submit information, members review it. If the vote passes, the information gets released on a public feed</p>	<p>https://www.notion.so/Team-Members-c00d4816d2634616a253e2f63fcbbc55</p>	
Sarafu (Grassroots Economics)	<p>"Grassroots Economics Foundation helps communities and design, deploy, utilize and maintain Community Inclusion Currencies (CICs), which are customizable tokenized claims against redemption."</p>	<p>2018</p>			
Seeds. (joinseeds)	<p>Decentralized community and currency for sustainable cooperation, environment etc.</p>	<p>2017</p>			

Social Impact Network (Sunny Pool)	"a decentralized impact investing ecosystem connecting investors with impact projects in frontier and less developed markets. The system provides high liquidity green loans to impact projects, and above-average returns to investors"	2021			See also.
social.network	a new decentralized social network, solution to systemic problems caused by centralized social networks		The Beta phase will feature a decentralized chat workspace similar to Discord or Slack, Social Tokens for governing your Society, NFTs for provisioning access to your Society		testing stage
SolarDAO	tokenized fund for funding PV solar plants and RES projects across the globe	2017	a financial instrument that will allow users to anonymously and safely invest in the construction of solar power plants	Dmitriy Solodukha	
Sovereign Nature	funding projects working broadly under the umbrella Nature 2.0	2019	same as Moloch DAO	Trent McConaghy, Jan-Peter Doomernik, Dimitri de Jonghe, Carsten Stoecker	- brings together different projects, e.g. terra00
Stratosphere DAO	a showcase to uplift, elevate, and provide increased visibility to emerging artists	2021		Kurt J. Xu, Ali Sabet, Terra Naomi, Gabe Weis, Kasandra Vegas, Keith Botha, Taylor Good/WAR HODL,	

				Philip/GOD CLOUD, Michael Rutledge	
Subsidium Network	"Subsidium.Digital is a collective of tools designed specifically to enable the world of philanthropy on chain in a secure a verifiable manner"				
Swachhcoin	Aiming to implement & validate a system integrated w/ blockchain providing a sustainable solution to revolutionise the waste management.	2018	Uses IoT, Adaptive Intelligence, Big Data and BC for existing waste management companies - -> waste contributors awarded for responsible disposal	-	-
TerraCredit DAO	Provides "...a range of solutions that will bring the worlds unbanked into the era of digital currency"				
The Commons Stack	create a world where public goods are valued fairly for the benefits they deliver		Sustain public goods through incentive alignment, continuous funding and community governance	Griff Green, Michael Zargham, Bernad Lapp, Jeff Emmett, Max Semenchuk , Stefaan Ponnet, Lorelei Loie, Kris Decoodt, Kay	

				Gertler, Adam Reese	
The DAO	funding of Ethereum network	2016	defunct (or?)	Christoph Jentzsch, slock.it	The first famous experiment called 'The DAO' - important point of reference for the blockchain community
The Ocean Protocol	aim to unlock data - give power back to data owners and enable people to capture value from data to better our world.				
thegeneralstore.me	a structure for equality and involvement. It's a retail store, co- working space, incubator with venture funding and a community space	Minneapolis, USA	they have a physical community space. Each person that participates in the General Store can get 'reputation' and/or 'ownership' in the store. For example, they have a janitor, but he/she/they spend half their time cleaning/maintaining and half the time as an apprentice with member companies giving them an option to grow their knowledge, job opportunities and ownership	Brandon Klein	

Treejer	"Treejer functions as a link between those who fund trees and those who plant them even in the most remote places on our planet. It records credit ownership and enables secure payment between different parties using smart-contracts."	2021			See also.
Trojan DAO	wish to create a collective vehicle to organise cultural events that express our ideas and artistic imperatives as participants.	2019	Uses blockchain to enable participants to interact free from the bureaucratic obstacles of legacy systems.	Daniel Shavit, Haythem Sellami, James Duncan, Rahul Sethuram, Adam Reese, Joulia Strauss	
Unbanked	a financial institution that provides products and services, they believe that financial access and control is a fundamental human right		provides debit cards and globally accessible bank accounts for digital currency as well as rewards for purchases	Ian Kane, Daniel Gouldman, Keith Johnson, Corey Ballou, Natalia Radyushkin, Anne Blanchard	
UnionChain	enhance food safety, production efficiency in agriculture and make agriculture finance system more inclusive	2018	aim at building agricultural product industry chain with blockchain technology, artificial intelligence (AI), big data and cloud computing technology		https://hackernoon.com/decentralized-autonomous-organization-the-future-of-management-f611830nv

VitaDAO	mission is the acceleration of research and development in the extension of human life and health-span; a cooperative vehicle for community-governed and decentralized drug development and intellectual property	2021	VitaDAO uses a combination of novel governance frameworks in decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs), non-fungible tokens (NFTs), and financial engineering tools such as algorithmic automated market makers (AMMs), all of which run on the Ethereum blockchain	long list of partners, contributors and advisors; https://www.vitadao.com/contributors-and-partners	
Wetonomy	"Wetonomy combines blockchain smart contracts and incentive frameworks to help you create an organization ran by code"	2018			See also.
WhalerDao	DeFi tools for everyone (not just rich and powerful "whales")	2020	Defund?		See also.
Xcapit	Smart wallet & NFT platform	US/Argentina/2021			