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Blockchain-based traceability of the food supply chain: consumer perception and a case study

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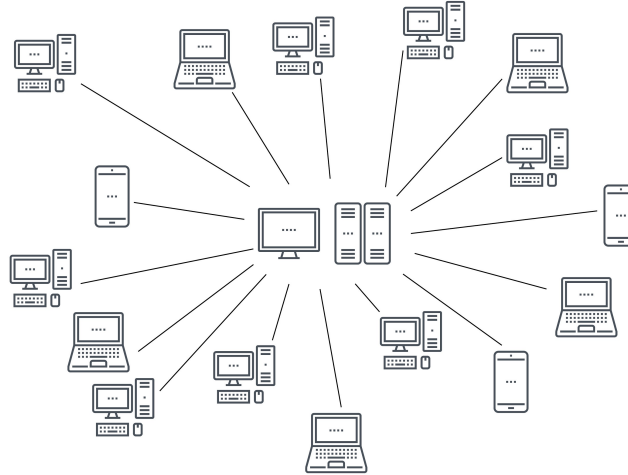
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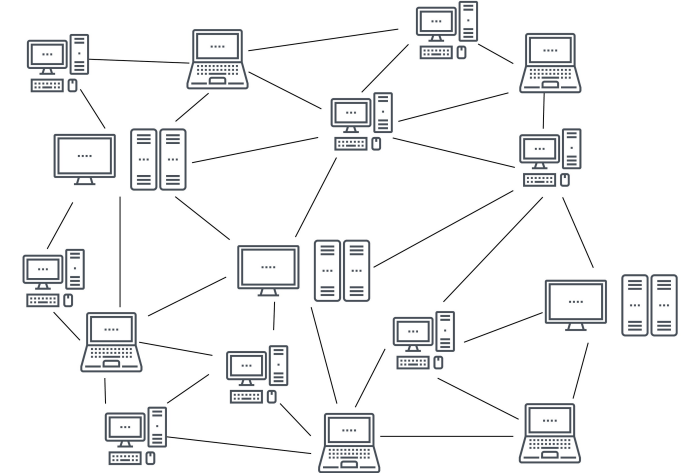
Blockchain

CENTRALIZED DATABASE

- Blockchain belongs to distributed database
- Each participant owns a copy of the same data register
- Any change in a copy is applied on the others



DISTRIBUTED DATABASE



Blockchain and supply chain

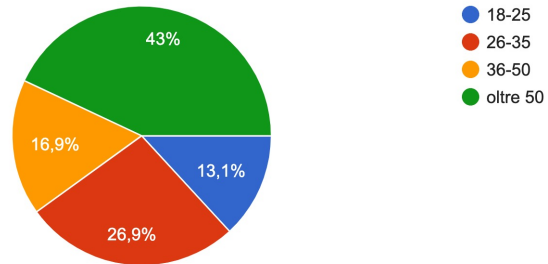
- Blockchain ensure:
 1. Immutability
 2. Security
 3. Transparency
 4. **Traceability**
- Blockchain is designed solve trust-related problems in a trust-lacking environment
- Do you trust a food producer?
- Are labels enough?



Do you control the origin of your food?

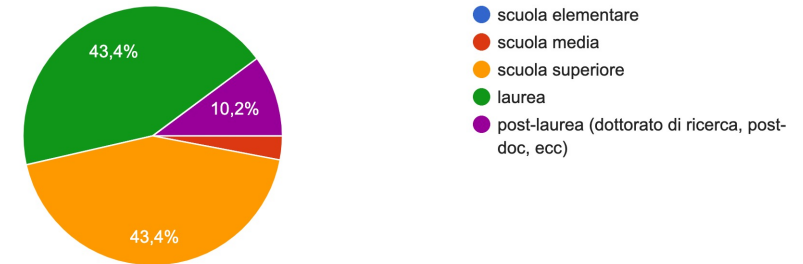
Quale è la tua età ?

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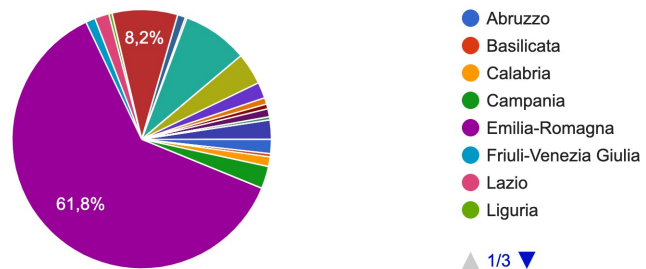
Qual è il tuo livello di istruzione?

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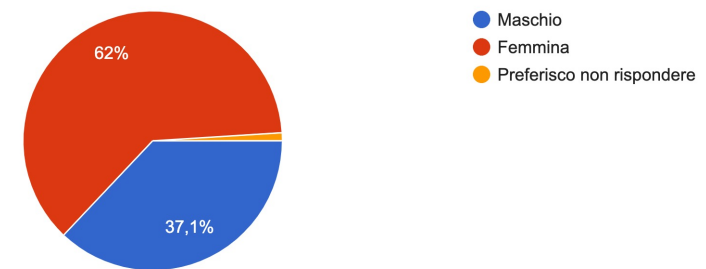
Da che regione provieni?

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Quale è il tuo sesso?

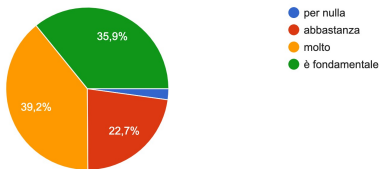
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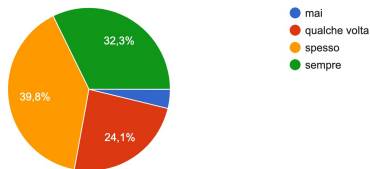
Quanto è importante per te conoscere la provenienza di ciò che mangi?

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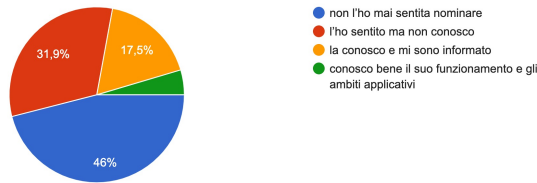
Al momento dell'acquisto del cibo ne controlli la provenienza?

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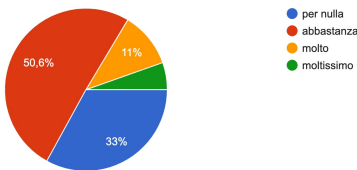
Hai mai sentito parlare di blockchain?

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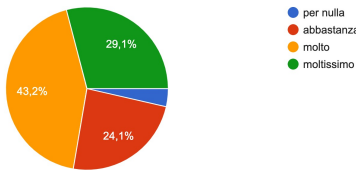
Ti ritieni informato sui sistemi per la tracciabilità del cibo?

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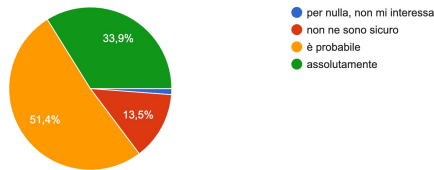
Con i moderni sistemi di tracciabilità informatica, il consumatore potrebbe attivamente verificare la provenienza delle materie prime. Disporre di strume...enterebbe il tuo interesse verso la tracciabilità?

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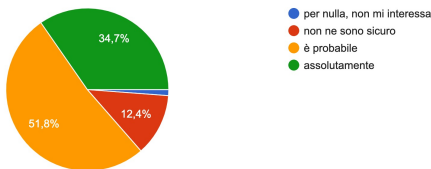
A parità di qualità, sceglieresti un prodotto con un sistema di tracciabilità informatica per verificarne l'origine rispetto ad un prodotto equivalente?

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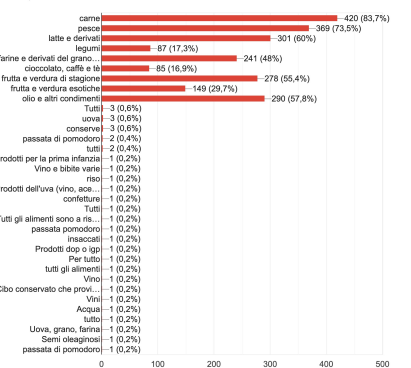
Al supermercato l'origine di un crescente numero di prodotti è verificabile tramite sistemi di tracciabilità informatica. Saresti più propenso all'a...otti rispetto ai concorrenti che ne sono sprovvisti?

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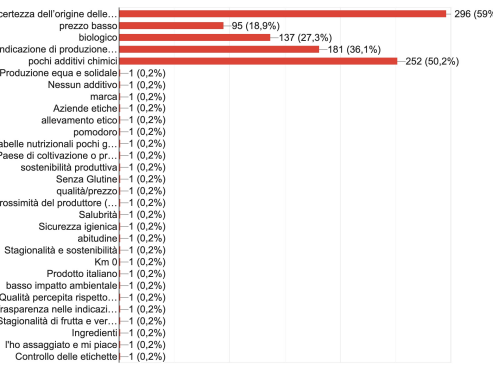
Per quale di questi prodotti pensi che ci sia maggiore necessità di tracciabilità delle materie prime oppure pensi sia maggiore il rischio di frodi alimentari? Puoi inserire più di una risposta

502 risposte



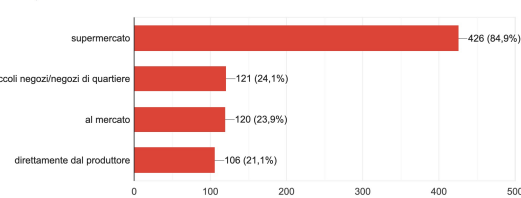
Quale/i aspetto/i è/sono per te più importante/i al momento dell'acquisto del cibo?

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Dove fai la spesa abitualmente?

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Do you control the origin of your food?

anagraphics

- 502 respondents
- They come majorly from Emilia-Romagna, but there are representative from all over Italy
- Respondants' age is mostly over 50, followed by 26-35 y.o.
- Usually they have high school diploma or university degree

Do you control the origin of your food?

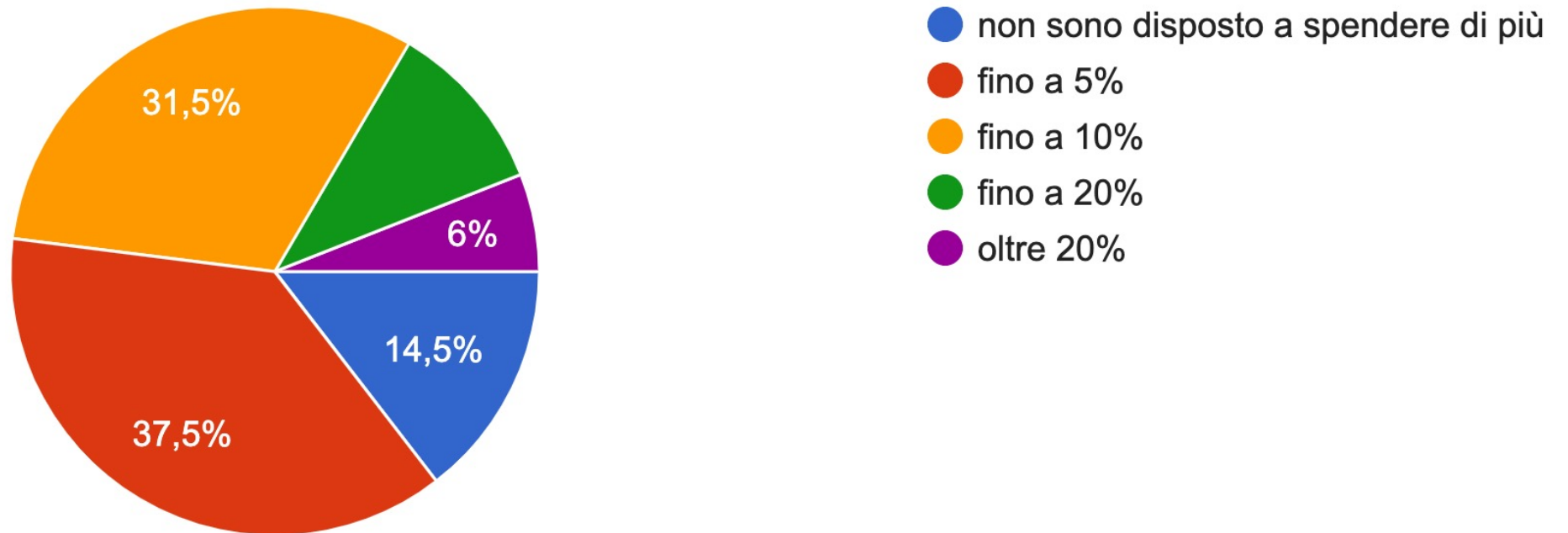
Results

- The majority of the respondents are interested in knowing the origin of the food
- They mostly know what is traceability
- They have heard about blockchain
- They are interested in knowing the origin of mainly meat, fish and dairy products
- They would rather buy a product provided with digital traceability system instead of an unprovided competitor
- They consider acceptable a **5-20% cost increase** for a digitally traced product.

Do you control the origin of your food?

Sei disposto a spendere in più per una maggiore garanzia di tracciabilità?

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Blockchain on supply chains

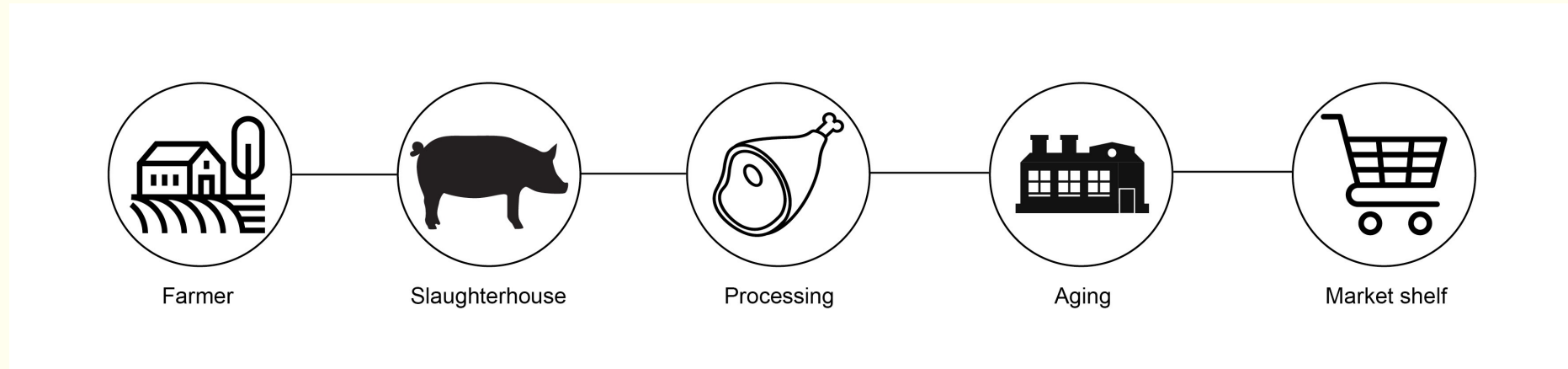
- Is the blockchain a universal technology?
- Which supply chains are suitable?
- Which are its limits?



TRACEABILITY

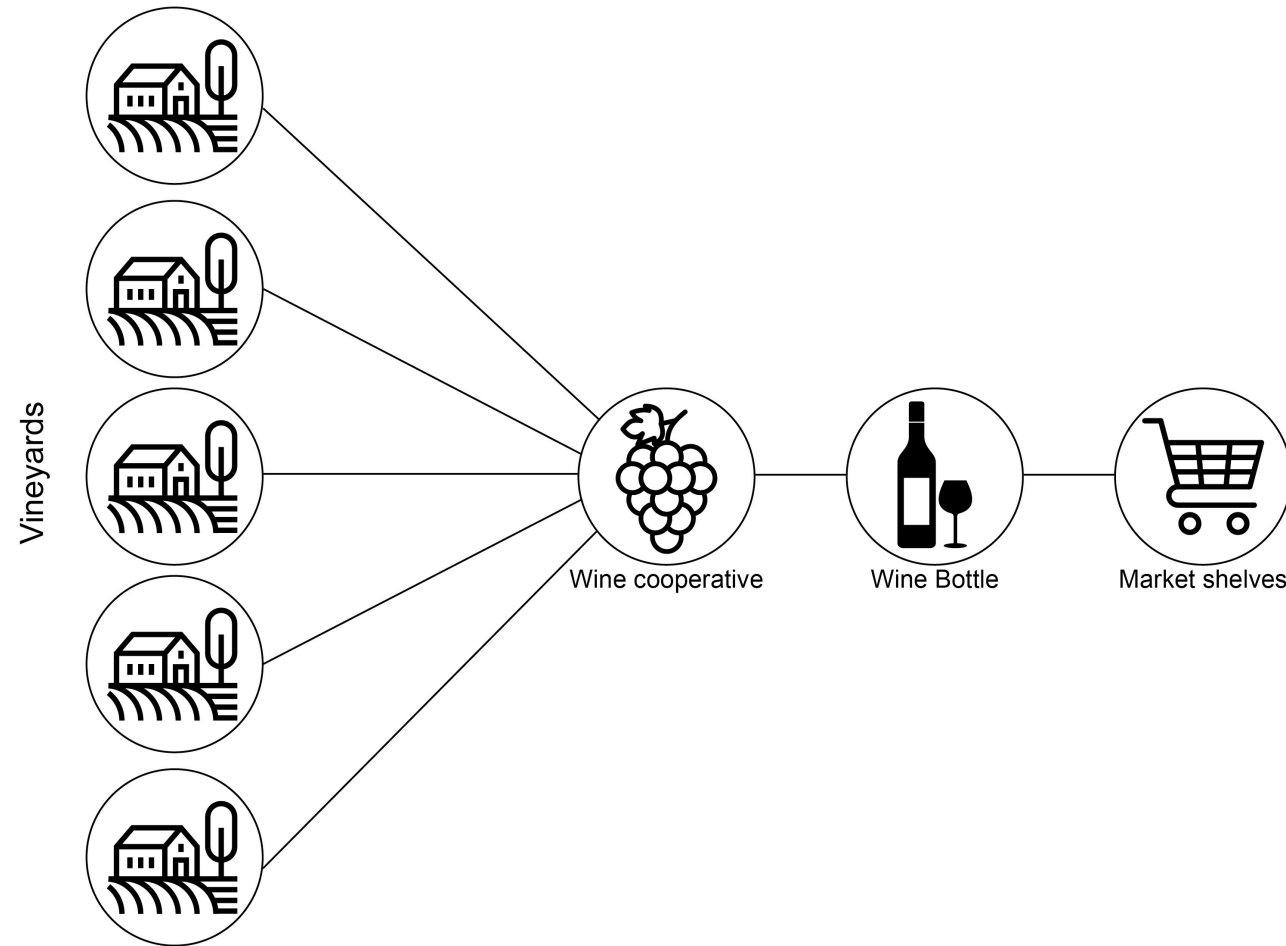
Linear supply chain

HAM SUPPLY CHAIN

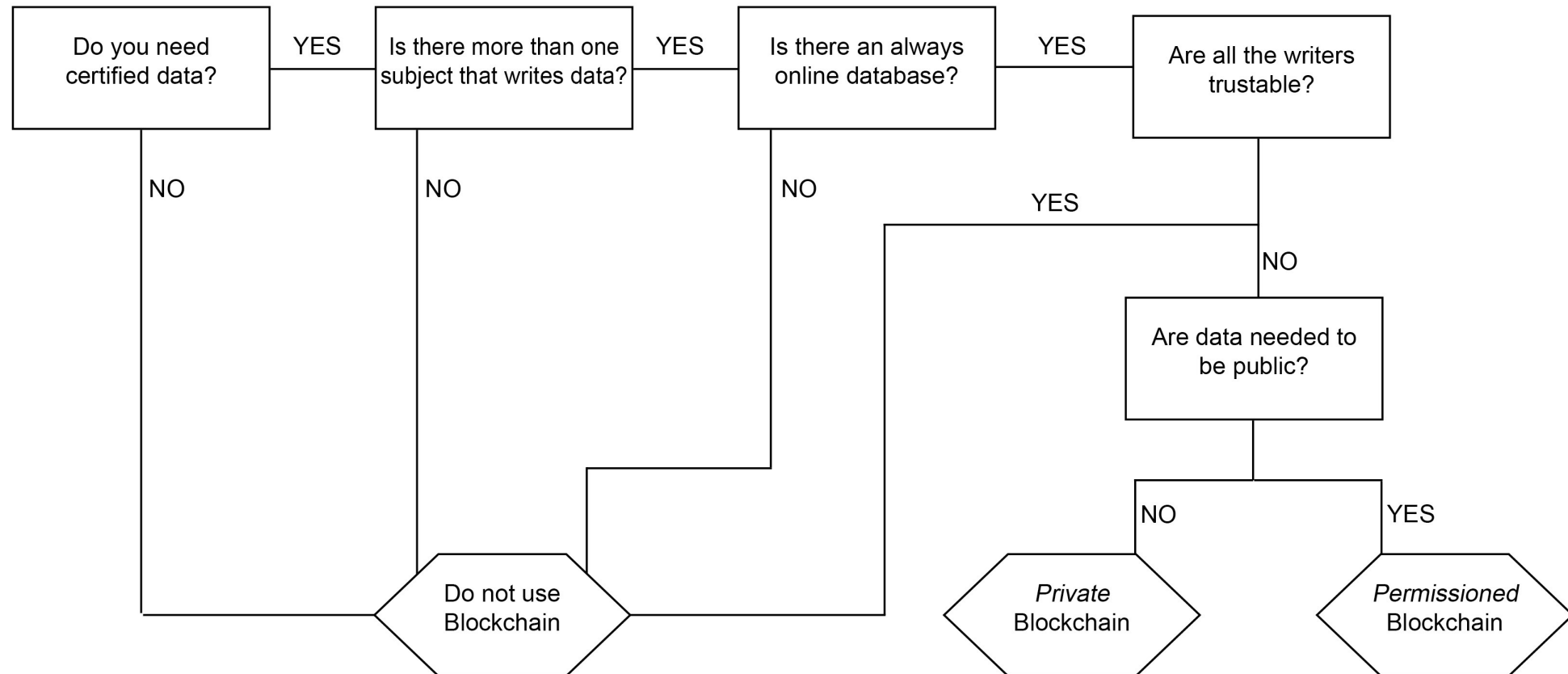


Multi-producer supply chain

WINE SUPPLY CHAIN



Blockchain or other systems?



Use cases

- Walmart
- Carrefour
- Coop

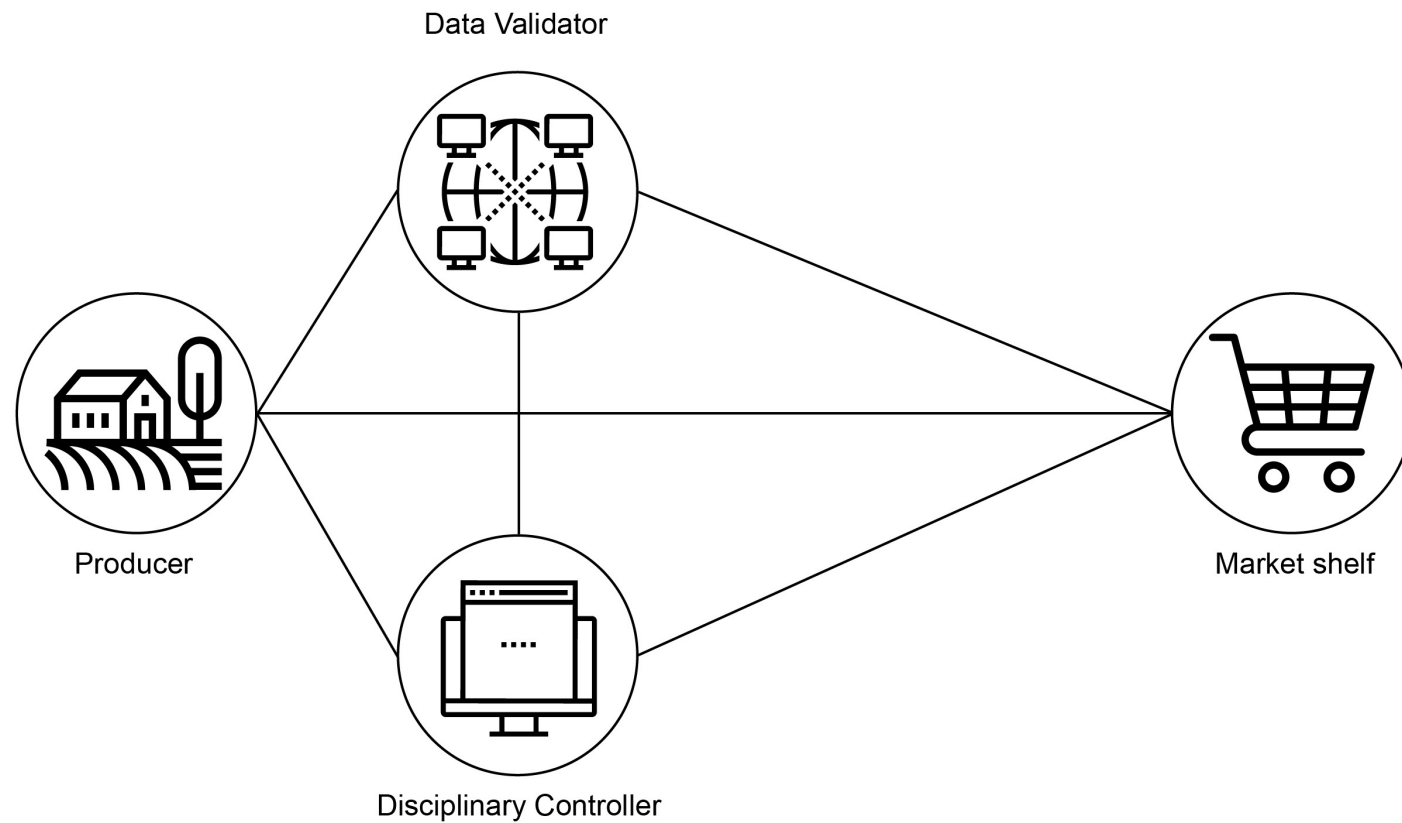


Saporare case study

- Franceschi srl is composed by two parts
 1. E-commerce named Saporare
 2. Traceability platform named S|trace
- Acts as a third part in the supply chain, but without substituting to any disciplinary or control agency
- Becomes a «data validator»



Saporare Case Study



Saporare Case Study

- S|Trace is based on Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM)
 - Ethereum is a smart contract-based blockchain
 - S|Trace works on an Ethereum fork
 - A Fork is a substantial change to a blockchain
 - Smart contracts designed in Solidity



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Miele in favo, dettaglio.

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Ispezione del favo, particolare di un telaio del nido con api e covata. Ogni apicoltore sceglie i propri attrezzi più confacenti, nel caso specifico: la leva, l'affumicatore e guanti in lattice monouso per un'attenzione sanitaria nei confronti degli alve.

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Geolocalizzazione. Immerso nell'Appennino Reggiano, area incontaminata e ricca di un'ampia scelta di fioriture per la produzione del miele.

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Saporare and Unimore

The red dot on the side of each timing means that the data have been successfully registered on the blockchain

Photos and other documents can be added to improve traceability and story telling of each traced product batch

Advantages

- Consumers
 - More **information**
 - Improved **power of choice**
- Companies
 - Improved **marketing** through story telling and **customer fidelization** by showing transparency
 - **User profiling** (anagraphics, location, etc)
- Control agencies
 - EFSA, USDA, etc
 - **Immediate access** to the data in case of suspected contaminations or frauds

Blockchain limitations

- Complex technology
- The number of working cases is increased, but it is not sufficient for establishing a standard
- Cost increase for the companies not well assessed (project design, management, transaction fee, ecc)
- Cost increase for the consumers (acceptable up to 10-20%)
- Lack of legislation
- User data profiling
- Do we really want complete transparency?

Thank you for the attention

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