About The Commons Stack

Realigning incentives around public goods — We are building commons-based microeconomies to sustain public goods through incentive alignment, continuous funding and community governance. Our library of open-source, interoperable web3 components will put effective new tools in the hands of communities, enabling them to raise and allocate shared funds, make transparent decisions, and monitor their progress in supporting the Commons. Our future stack will have components to initialize a commons, incentivize participation, ensure accountability, facilitate good governance, and monitor progress.

Token Engineering CommonsToken engineering has the potential to address many of the problems facing humanity by giving us the power to realign economic incentives. The Commons Stack aims to accelerate the development of this new engineering discipline by inviting the token engineering community to come together as a DAO and use our Augmented Bonding Curve to launch the Token Engineering Commons. This will be an 'ecosystem-funding DAO focused on furthering token engineering R&D. The Token Engineering Commons will raise and allocate funds to establish and grow the token engineering discipline as well as incentivizing siloed researchers across the industry to collaborate on shaping the emerging standards of this nascent field.

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BlockScience:
Iterative design strategy — Technical & cultural initialization — To advance the design of commons-based economies, we need an open-source ecosystem of token engineering tools and a robust token engineering methodology. That is why we supported BlockScience in open sourcing cadCAD at the 2019 Token Engineering Global Gathering; because this software serves the critical function of testing the economic parameters of a Commons before it launches. We have included this key piece of software as a core technical initialization tool of the Commons Stack iteration 0.

The Commons Stack Users:
Of course, the most important feature of any Commons built using our toolkit will be the people who use it, the cultural initialization component of our systems.

Trusted Seed:
That’s why we are implementing the Trusted Seed: a curated list of community members aligned with our mission of creating sustainable funding for public goods, specifically token engineering research, open source software and, eventually, all kinds of nonprofit causes. To become a member of the Trusted Seed, you can put skin in the game by contributing funds or labor to the Commons Stack, entitling you to CSTK tokens which denote your reputation in the Trusted Seed. Members of the Commons Stack Trusted Seed will be invited to participate in the Hatch phases of our various Field Test Commons to guide these communities toward success and bring this new cooperative economic paradigm to maturity. Read more about the Trusted Seed here: https://medium.com/giveth/the-trusted-seed-of-the-commons-stack-5af6fb04cd30
Vision
A world where public goods are valued fairly for the benefits they deliver.

Mission
To build commons-based microeconomies to sustain public goods through incentive alignment, continuous funding and community governance.

Values
- **Public Goods**: We want to create a world where public goods are valued fairly for the benefits they deliver. Our current economic system frequently exploits the environment, and undervalues open-source software, open research, and other altruistic efforts addressing the collective needs of our society. We aim to change this.
- **Principles**: Design principles
- **Incentives**: Incentive alignment
- **Openness**: Radically open-source
- **Iteration**: Iterative development
- **Engineering**: Robust engineering practices
- **Polycentricity**: Polycentric governance
- **Standardization**: Open standards
- **Ecology**: Ecological economics
- **Biomimetics**: Biomimetic design
Community Tools

*Put new tools in the hands of communities*

1. Funding
   *Enabling communities to raise and allocate shared funds.*

2. Decision Making
   *Enabling communities to make transparent decisions.*

3. Monitoring
   *Enabling communities to monitor their progress in supporting the Commons.*

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