

About the speaker

Hugo is a founding member and secretary at New Economy Institute, an advocacy group focused on making Portugal and Europe more crypto friendly. He has been deeply involved in the negotiations with the Portuguese government for the new taxation regime implemented in 2023, having prepared policy proposals and training materials for senior public staff on this and other national projects. Hugo started working full-time in crypto in 2017, as the Lead Analyst at the London Block Exchange and has consulted for various projects in the industry since. More recently, he coordinated the development of FACE, the Portuguese Federation of Associations for the Crypto Economy and is leading the organisation of the The Reg3 Conference with the EU Crypto Initiative.

Relevant speaking engagements

- Speaker - Homo fiducia, a critical review of the history of money - [Chain-in 2018](#), Porto.
- Panellist - How to design a Token Economy - [Crypto42 Summit 2018](#), Vienna.
- Moderator - Our “Cross Chain” Future - Aurora @ [NEARCON 2022](#), Lisbon.
- Moderator - The untapped impact of DeFi & stablecoins - [The Reg3 Conference 2022](#), Lisbon.
- Moderator - Are DAOs the future of organisations? - [DeNites by the Beach 2022](#), Porto.
- Speaker - The new Portuguese Crypto Taxation Regime - [DeNites Xmas 2022](#), Porto.

Areas of expertise

- National and regional crypto strategy building and policy making.
- Regulatory and legal frameworks for cryptoassets.
- The societal impacts of the crypto economy.
- Narratives for bridging DeFi and TradFi.
- Crypto taxation in Europe.
- MiCA and the TFR.

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