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**U2SID PROJECT
BELGRADE WORKSHOP EVALUATION REPORT**

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Introduction

The U2SID workshop held in Belgrade on December 15-16, 2023, was a dynamic and engaging event focused on cutting-edge topics in artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and blockchain technologies. The workshop aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the challenges, ethical considerations, and practical applications associated with these rapidly evolving fields. This evaluation report seeks to assess the overall organization, content quality, and participant experiences during the workshop, with the goal of gaining valuable insights for future workshop improvements.

The survey covers various aspects of the workshop, including the organization, structure of sessions, content relevance, and participant engagement. Additionally, it delves into specific topics such as the challenges of AI, cybersecurity in academia, and the application of blockchain in Industry 4.0. Participants were also meaningful discussion throughout the workshop.

The insights gathered from this survey will be instrumental in shaping future U2SID events, ensuring they continue to meet the evolving needs of participants and remain at the forefront of technological advancements. The following sections present a detailed analysis of the survey responses, highlighting key strengths and areas for potential improvement, as well as capturing the sentiments and perspectives of the participants.

Methodology

The evaluation of the U2SID workshop in Belgrade from December 15-16, 2023, was conducted through an online questionnaire (Annex 1) through the google form platform a structured survey distributed among the participants. The survey aimed to gather quantitative and qualitative feedback to assess various aspects of the workshop, providing a comprehensive understanding of participant experiences and insights.

The survey was distributed electronically to all workshop participants. Participants were given a reasonable timeframe to complete the survey, ensuring **14** participant's thoughtful responses.

Quantitative data, such as ratings and yes/no/maybe responses, were analysed using statistical methods to derive overall scores and percentages. Qualitative data from open-ended questions and additional comments were analysed thematically to identify recurring patterns. This mixed-methods approach provided a comprehensive understanding of the participants' perspectives, allowing for a nuanced evaluation of the workshop's success and areas for improvement. The results of this survey form the basis for the detailed report presented in the subsequent sections.





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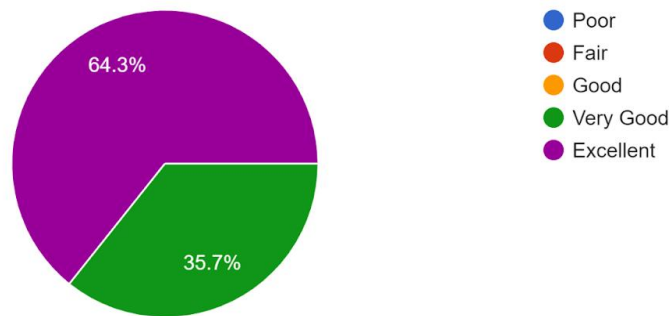
Findings

1. Overall organization

The majority of participants (64.3%) rated the overall organization of the workshop as "Excellent," and 35.7% as very good, indicating a high level of satisfaction with the event logistics and coordination.

1. How would you rate the overall organization of the workshop?

14 responses

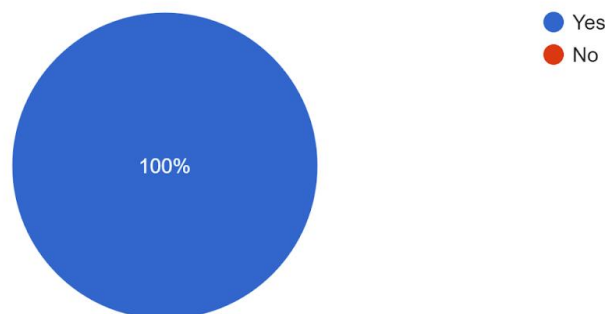


2. Agenda and Session Structure

100% of the participant responses confirmed that the workshop agenda and sessions were well-structured and informative, reflecting positively on the planning and execution of the event.

2. Were the workshop agenda and sessions well-structured and informative?

14 responses





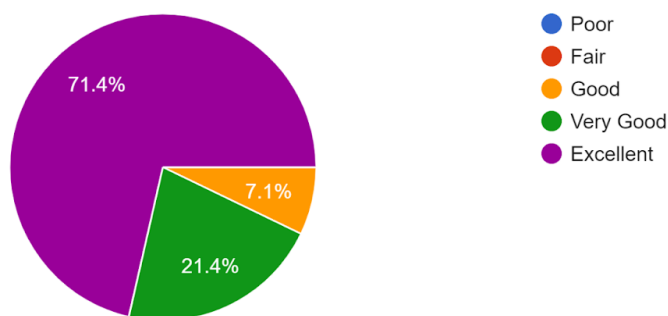
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3. Session on "Challenges and Ethical Considerations of AI"

The session on AI challenges and ethical considerations received positive feedback, with a majority 71.4% rating it as "Excellent", 21.4% as "Very Good" and 7.1% as "Good", highlighting its relevance and engagement.

3. Rate the content relevance and engagement of the session regarding "Challenges and Ethical Considerations of AI".

14 responses

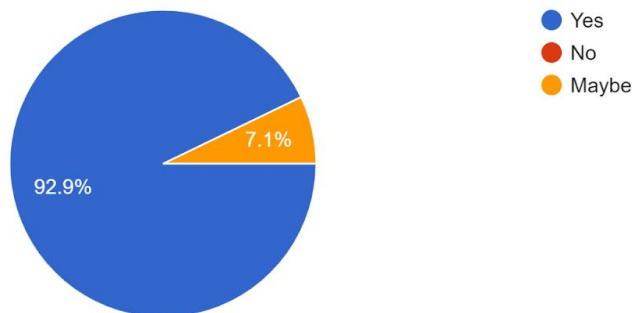


4. Contribution to Understanding Cybersecurity in Academia

A very significant majority of participants 92.9% felt that the workshop contributed to their understanding of cybersecurity in academia, indicating a successful exploration of this topic. 7.1% of the participant answered "Maybe".

4. Did the workshop contribute to your understanding of cybersecurity in academia?

14 responses





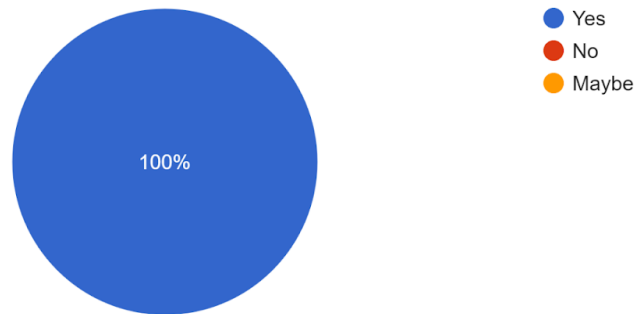
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5. Presentations on Blockchain Technologies

The presentations on blockchain technologies were very well-received, with 100% of participants indicating that they enhanced their understanding of the subject matter.

5. Did the presentations enhance your understanding of blockchain technologies in the E-business ecosystem?

14 responses

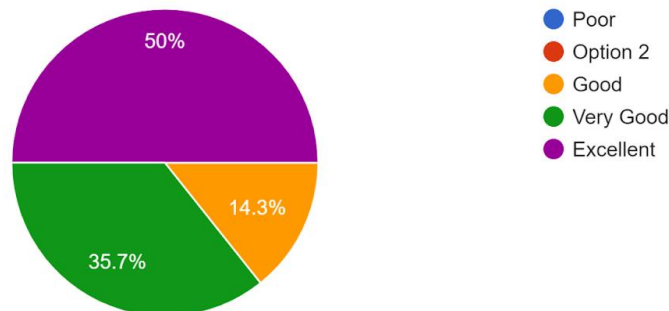


6. Practical Insights on Blockchain in Industry 4.0

Participants provided high ratings for the practical insights on the application of blockchain in Industry 4.0, suggesting that the workshop effectively conveyed actionable knowledge in this domain. 50% of participants assessed “Excellent”, 35.7% “Very Good” and “14.3% “Very Good”.

6. Assess the practical insights provided regarding the application of blockchain in Industry 4.0?

14 responses





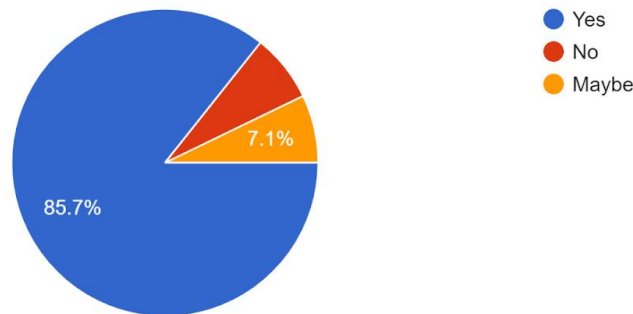
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7. Hands-on Exercise on Blockchain Technologies

The hands-on exercise received positive feedback, with a majority 85.7% stating that it contributed to their practical knowledge of blockchain technologies, indicating the effectiveness of the interactive component. 7.1% responded “No” and another 7.1% “Maybe”

7. Did the hands-on exercise contribute to your practical knowledge of blockchain technologies?

14 responses

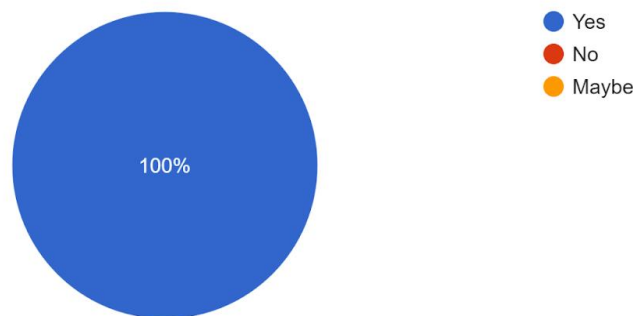


8. Encouragement of Meaningful Discussion and Participation

A significant majority of participants felt that the workshop encouraged meaningful discussion and participation, showcasing the interactive and engaging nature of the event.

8. Did the workshop encourage meaningful discussion and participation?

14 responses



9. Most Valuable Aspects

Responses to the open-ended question regarding the most valuable aspects highlighted the well-organized structure, expert speakers, practical insights, and the interactive hands-on





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exercise as key contributors to the participants' positive experience. The participants responses are:

- AI
- Exercise on blockchains
- It had very interesting content and everything was well organized
- The professors and their meaningful lessons
- Challenges and Ethical Considerations of AI and practical knowledge of blockchain technologies.
- Relevance of the topics. Engagement activities. Enriching the knowledge about the Ai in Education and the pool of experts that have been invited were very high skilled.
- Practical know-how sharing.
- Blockchain platforms and applicable issues.
- Workshop related on Industry 4.0

10. Additional Comments

In the additional comments the participants emphasized:

- It was everything well organized, interesting content! Inclusion of students for attending the workshop was of added value.
- Application of platform maybe was no necessary.
- The event was professionally organized and everything timely shared
- Everything was perfect!

Conclusions

The evaluation of the U2SID workshop in Belgrade, held on December 15-16, 2023, reveals a highly successful and well-received event. The positive feedback across various dimensions underscores the effectiveness of the workshop in meeting the educational and engagement needs of the participants. Here are the key conclusions drawn from the evaluation:

The workshop's overall organization received overwhelmingly positive feedback, the well-structured agenda and sessions were a notable strength.

The workshop effectively encouraged meaningful discussion and active participation, fostering a collaborative and engaging learning environment. This aligns with the goal of creating a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange and interaction.

In conclusion, the U2SID workshop in Belgrade achieved its objectives, providing participants with a valuable and enriching experience. The positive feedback across various dimensions demonstrates the workshop's success in delivering relevant content, fostering engagement, and creating a conducive learning environment. The findings will serve as a foundation for continuous improvement, ensuring that future events maintain the high standards set by this successful workshop.





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Recommendations

Based on the evaluation of the U2SID workshop in Belgrade, along with participant feedback and key findings, the following recommendations are suggested to further enhance the success of future events:

- Consider explore different formats such as panel discussions, case studies, or interactive workshops to cater to varied learning preferences.
- Further emphasize hands-on activities and practical exercises.
- Increase interactive elements throughout the workshop to foster greater participant engagement. This could include Q&A sessions, group discussions, and interactive polls to promote active participation and knowledge sharing.
- Continuously collect feedback and suggestions from participants.

Acknowledgment

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the participants of the U2SID workshop held in Belgrade on December 15-16, 2023. Your active participation, valuable insights, and thoughtful feedback have been instrumental in shaping the success of this event.

We extend our appreciation to the University of Belgrade, speakers, facilitators, and industry experts who generously shared their knowledge and experiences, contributing to the richness and diversity of the workshop content. Your expertise played a crucial role in creating an engaging and informative learning environment. A special thanks goes to the in ensuring the seamless execution of the workshop. Your commitment to delivering a high-quality educational experience has not gone unnoticed, and it has been a key factor in the positive reception of the event.

Lastly, we want to thank each participant for taking the time to provide feedback through the survey. Your constructive comments are invaluable in guiding the continuous improvement of future U2SID workshops. We are committed to incorporating your insights to create even more enriching and impactful learning experiences in the future.





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Annex I – Belgrade Workshop Evaluation

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Belgrade Evaluation Survey

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We are interested in evaluating the U2SID workshop in Belgrade from 15-16 December 2023. Your feedback is valuable to us and will help in improving future events. Thank you for your participation!

- 1. How would you rate the overall organization of the workshop?**
 - Poor
 - Fair
 - Good
 - Very Good
 - Excellent

- 2. Were the workshop agenda and sessions well-structured and informative?**
 - Yes
 - No

- 3. Rate the content relevance and engagement of the session regarding “Challenges and Ethical Considerations of AI”.**
 - Poor
 - Fair
 - Good
 - Very Good
 - Excellent





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4. **Did the workshop contribute to your understanding of cybersecurity in academia?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Maybe
5. **Did the presentations enhance your understanding of blockchain technologies in the E-business ecosystem?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Maybe
6. **Assess the practical insights provided regarding the application of blockchain in Industry 4.0?**
- Poor
 - Fair
 - Good
 - Very Good
 - Excellent
7. **Did the hands-on exercise contribute to your practical knowledge of blockchain technologies?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Maybe
8. **Did the workshop encourage meaningful discussion and participation?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Maybe
9. **What aspects of the workshop did you find most valuable?**

10. **Additional Comments (Optional):**

