



# WISTAVERSE

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## INTRO

Wistaverse was born from the need to revolutionize protests in a rapidly changing world. In 2017, we started as Wistand with the goal of standing in for individuals at physical protests. However, it quickly became clear that a digital solution was needed to allow for global support and to include those who couldn't attend physical protests.

The pandemic has further highlighted the need for a decentralized platform for social movements, activist communities face increased surveillance and lack the necessary tools to organize their communities and participate in activism. Many countries still lack access to protests and individuals fear the consequences of participating. That's why Wistaverse, a metaverse dedicated to protests and social action, was created.

Wistaverse offers a safe, neutral space for protesters to come together anonymously, with no data collection and complete self-sufficiency. The platform is community-moderated to ensure a secure and trusted environment for social activism.

Wistaverse is built on the foundation of democracy and is designed to be a decentralized public good to benefit all users.

## CONTEXT

Over the past few years, the way we protest has undergone significant changes. One of the main factors driving these changes has been the rise of social media and other digital platforms, which have made it easier for individuals to organise and mobilise around various causes and issues.

Worldwide, including in democracies, the statistics on increasing repression of the Freedom of Expression are alarming. The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) reports that we are currently in the Age of Mass Protests, a worldwide trend that has grown by nearly 12% within 10 years, due to global problems like climate change, economic downturn, and political repression.

With Wistaverse they will be able to host live events, exercise their freedom of speech, voice their opinions and plan openly for real world protests all while maintaining their anonymity should they wish to.

We believe in free speech and want to minimize internal conflict so we can provide a space for people to come together and feel safe. With this in mind, we put in place basic guidelines of “no violence, no racism, no sexism and no purposeful spreading of false information ” to maintain a positive and welcoming space for all inside the Wistaverse. Randomly selected and elected WISTA holders as community moderators will have incentives to ensure these guidelines are met and that the platform stays a safe place for the users. Ultimately these moderators will act as judges when needed.

Anyone can organise a protest, anyone can attend. Participating will be free and owning 1 WISTA token will give you access to all of the functionalities including voting, donating and governance.

Privacy of one's political beliefs is a highly important consideration in a digital age where governments and other organizations can easily monitor and track the political beliefs of individuals.

In many countries, expressing certain political views can be risky and even dangerous, particularly if those views are forbidden or considered controversial by the establishment being protested against. This can lead to individuals being targeted for their beliefs, and in some cases, facing persecution or even physical harm.

To protect their privacy and personal safety, it is important for individuals to be aware of the ways in which their political beliefs may be tracked and monitored online. This includes being mindful of the information they share on social media and other online platforms and using privacy-enhancing tools and techniques such as VPNs and encrypted messaging apps.

One aspect of blockchain technology that has gained significant attention is its potential to offer privacy. Unlike traditional financial systems, which rely on centralized authorities to record and verify transactions, blockchain technology uses a decentralized network of computers to validate transactions. This decentralized structure means that transactions can be recorded and verified without the need for a central authority, which can potentially offer greater privacy for users. In the case of Wistaverse it will allow attendance, donations and voting to be done in a pseudo-anonymous manner.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also had a major impact on the context of protesting, as many traditional forms of protest such as large-scale demonstrations were made impossible due to social distancing measures and other public health guidelines. This has led to the emergence of new forms of contestation happening online and on social medias

The issue we have today is that social media is extremely centralized, not very immersive (they revolve around text or images) and data collection is part of their business model which makes them unfit for protests and activism. People who can't make it to a physical protest crave a more involved experience as today there is no true alternative for them.

With the emergence of the metaverse, and the improvement of blockchain technologies, we decided to create a platform that will not only unite people from all over the world in an immersive space, but also protect their privacy.

## CONTEXT



### Protest to voice your opinion

The modes of political protest have hardly evolved since the 18th century, protest is the most common mode of citizen expression of civil society after the vote.



### Consistent Growth

The number of protests has been increasing in number and size since the late 1990s.



### Real cost of protesting

Demonstrating can be extremely costly, when it is possible: lost work day, transportation, housing, etc. This makes it difficult for people living far away from big cities or with health issues



### Global causes

Globalization has made the world more connected, but protests and social movements often face difficulties in gaining worldwide support as they lack a viable alternative to incorporate those who are distant from the protest location.



### Privacy

Increased surveillance makes it harder to protest anonymously while other fundamental rights like the secrecy of voting is institutionalized in all the democracies of the world.

## WHAT IS WISTAVERSE

Wistaverse is a platform designed to facilitate virtual protests in the metaverse. The platform offers users a virtual space to voice their opinions and participate in immersive events with their communities. Using avatars and digital tools, individuals can express their messages and show solidarity with a cause through virtual signs, banners and wearables.

The first protest Arena, built to host future historical movements, is open and free for all to access.

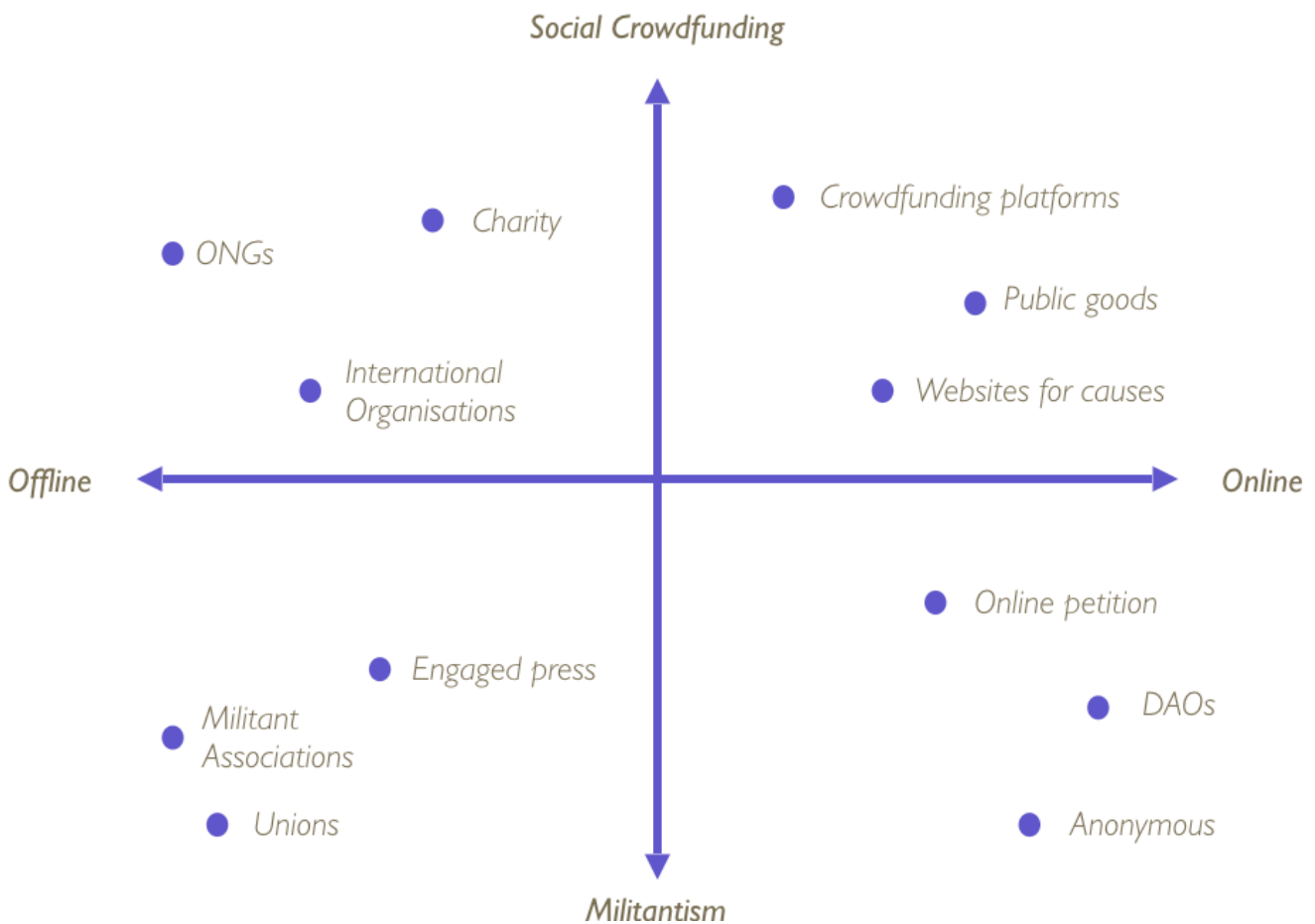
Participants will also be able to help their cause raise funds via donations in our native token during protests. Wistaverse will allow community members to use their voting power to amplify donations using the treasury funds which will be continuously fed by a 0.5% tax on all transactions and the sale of avatars and other purchasable items within the ecosystem .

The WISTA token powers the Wistaverse experience. It is built on the fast and low gas fee Polygon blockchain which makes it easy for individuals to participate in the protocol.

## OUR POSITIONING

The demand for crowdfunding, civic tech, and public goods has seen significant growth as individuals and organisations seek innovative ways to tackle social and environmental issues and improve society. For traditional protests, geographical, economical and health considerations can make it difficult for many to participate. This creates a democratic inequality that Wistaverse aims to rectify by empowering individuals around the globe to have their voice heard.

Online petitioning, sharing content, or engaging in online activism have limited impact on political processes. The current web2 platforms lack the essential component of a protest - **a social event**.



## WHY WISTAVERSE ?

Wistaverse offers individuals the opportunity to protest in a virtual world designed to have an impact and help amplify social movements . By providing a safe and secure space for individuals to protest within the metaverse, Wistaverse is helping to empower

people across the globe to make their voices heard and advocate for change. Whether they are located in a remote corner of the world or living under an oppressive regime, Wistaverse offers them the opportunity to peacefully express their views and participate in their chosen protest or social cause, alongside their community during a live immersive event.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF DECENTRALIZATION**

Wistaverse's first virtual protests will take place within The Sandbox Game which is the largest decentralized metaverse to date. Wistaverse will also build a standalone decentralized metaverse that is immune to censorship and outside interference. The Wistaverse protocol is designed to function without a central authority. It will be open source and permission-less. The smart contract will be renounced and immutable as soon as every function is fully tested and operational.

## **SELF MODERATED**

Wistaverse operates as a decentralized platform, with the community of WI\$TA token holders playing a crucial role in moderating the platform. This self-moderation system promotes fairness and transparency, as moderation responsibilities are randomly assigned to WI\$TA holders. Community-elected moderators can also act as judges in disputes.

By utilising this decentralized model, Wistaverse ensures a more democratic and inclusive platform, where all WI\$TA holders can participate in its governance. The platform aligns with the founding values of the open metaverse and web3 ideals of decentralisation and privacy.

## **PROTEST ORGANISATION - FUNDRAISING AND CROWDFUNDING**

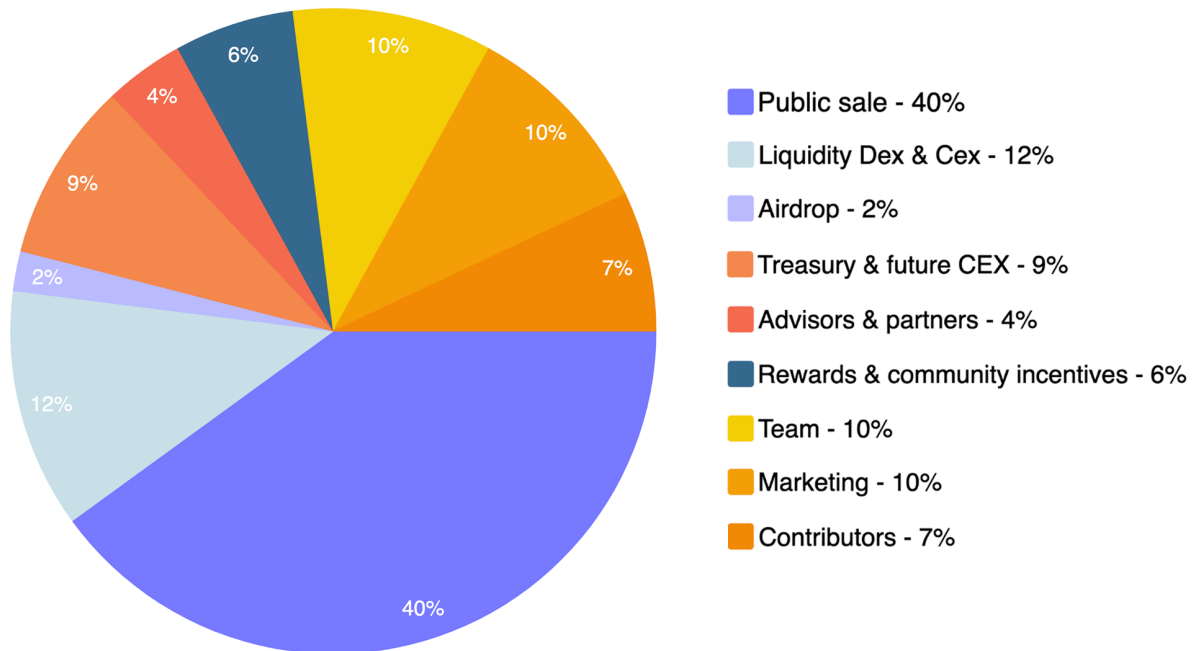
In addition to providing a platform for protest within the metaverse, Wistaverse can also be used as a platform for gathering, organising and to prepare for a protest. Events can be public or accessible to pre-registered wallets depending on the organiser's preference which means that communities can have a safe space to organise their action and properly plan an upcoming protest.

By having all attendants in one place connected to their wallet and invited to donate to their cause we believe the Wistaverse will be a great tool for causes to raise funds to fuel their action and cover the costs associated with a protest. With the protocol in place, protest organisers do not rely only on community donations alone but can also access additional funds using the Wistaverse Treasury.

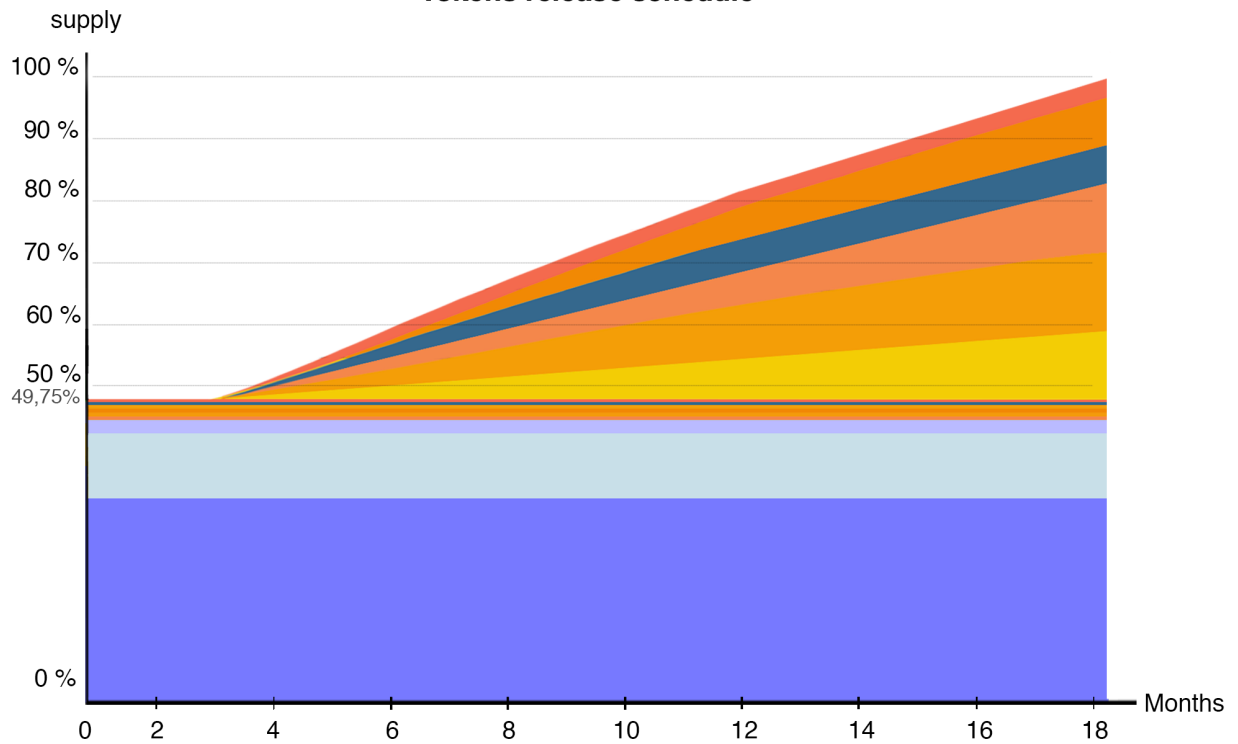
# WI\$TA TOKENOMICS

Total supply : 42 000 000 WI\$TA

## Tokens allocation



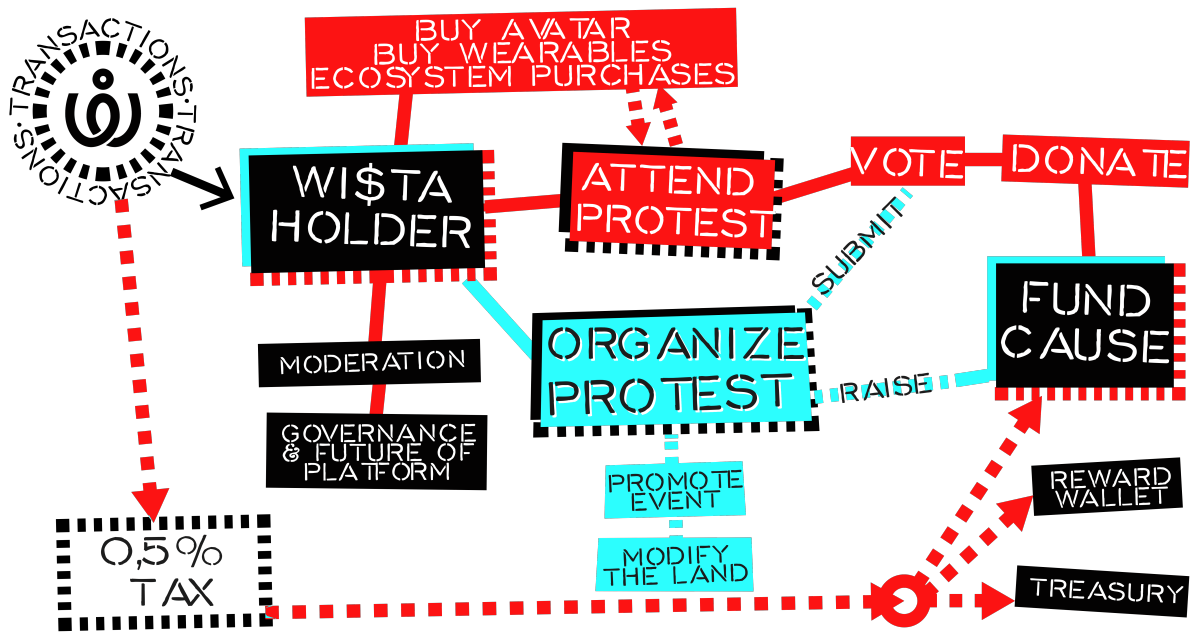
## Tokens release schedule



Initial circulating supply - 49,75 % - 20 895 000 WI\$TA - 100% TGE

Vesting - 50,25 % - 21 105 000 WI\$TA - 3 months cliff, 15 months linear vesting

## WI\$TA UTILITY



## AVATARS AND COLLECTIBLES

Wistaverse's NFT collectibles will play a large role in our ecosystem. Individuals will be able to pick an avatar to represent themselves during protests and access different wearables to spread a message or show support for their cause. Both the avatars and wearables will be purchasable in our native currency WI\$TA

Revenues from special NFT collection issued for each event will be directed to the cause funding wallet.



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