

## Ethereum's Network Merge Expected To Spike The Cryptocurrency's Price Along With A Massive Cut In Energy Use

The Business Research Company's Cryptocurrency Global Market Report 2022 – Market Size, Trends, And Forecast 2022-2026

LONDON, GREATER LONDON, UK, April 8, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ethereum's current blockchain network Ethereum Mainnet will merge with the beacon chain proof-of-stake system.



This transition from proof-of-work to proof-of-stake is a key milestone in the growth of Ethereum's network, and first of its kind in terms of scale in the history of blockchain networks. The upgrade is expected to get activated in less than three months. It is expected that, post the merge, there will be significant spike in ETH value. Hundreds of millions of ETH would be burned in the final upgrade, lowering the circulating supply and driving the altcoin's price higher. Given that Ethereum is the most popular altcoin (any type cryptocurrency other than Bitcoin), it will be interesting to look out for the impact of this merge on the global cryptocurrency market, which is already expected to grow significantly.

According to the forecasts from the <u>Global Market Model</u>, the demand for the global cryptocurrency market is in its growth from \$1.63 billion in 2021 to \$1.84 billion by the end of 2022 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13.1%. It is expected to continue to grow to \$3.13 billion in 2026 at a CAGR of 14.2%. Asia Pacific was the largest region in the cryptocurrency market in 2021.

Cryptocurrencies are digital currencies that are protected by encryption, making counterfeiting or double-spending practically impossible. These are built on decentralized networks like blockchain technology, which is a distributed ledger enforced by a network of computers. Cryptocurrencies, as compared to traditional currency, are not issued by any central authority, making them potentially impervious to government meddling or manipulation.

Transparency in financial payment is a key factor that is expected to drive the growth of the cryptocurrency market in the coming years. Digital currencies are developed utilizing blockchain

technology, which allows numerous entities to preserve copies of previous transactions, ensuring that they are not controlled by a single entity. The use of centralized technology and human gatekeepers slows and complicates transactions while removing users' direct control over their funds. In digital currency transactions, consumers have the authority to stop or delay transactions and record them in their private ledger because there are no middlemen.

Stable coins are gaining significant popularity in the cryptocurrency market. Stable coins are cryptocurrencies that are linked to a physical asset, such as government-issued currency or a commodity to reduce cryptocurrency fluctuation. For instance, in 2020, the circulation volume of stable coins increased by 500%. Moreover, in March 2021, Techemynt, an India-based financial service provider, introduced stable coins supported by the New Zealand dollar to combine the flexibility of cryptocurrency with the stability of the New Zealand dollar.

Current players in the financial services market are increasingly focusing on the cryptocurrency market and growing their efforts to gain hold of the market with several strategic initiatives. In March last year, PayPal Holdings Inc, a US-based financial technology company acquired Curv for an undisclosed amount. Curv is an Israel-based cryptocurrency security company. With this acquisition, PayPal Holdings, Inc strengthens and develops its initiatives to support cryptocurrencies and digital assets.

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