

Risk Notice

This Risk Notice is intended to inform Users of the potential hazards associated with using the Platform located at alephium.stream and the Service provided for interacting with the decentralized crypto-asset streaming protocol. The risks described below are not exhaustive. Users should carefully assess their readiness to assume such risks before using the Service, and are advised to conduct their own analysis and, if necessary, seek professional advice. By using the Service, the User acknowledges that they understand and accept the risks described herein and agree that the Platform shall not be held liable for any of the outcomes resulting from these risks.

1. Market Volatility of Crypto-Assets

Crypto-assets are characterized by high price volatility. The value of tokens and other digital assets may change significantly over short periods. Cryptocurrency prices depend on numerous factors, including—but not limited to—market demand and supply, public statements and news, technological developments within the industry, general economic and political conditions, regulatory actions, the level of mainstream adoption by businesses and the public, events affecting major platforms (e.g., exchanges), and other factors.

Consequently, Users may incur substantial financial losses, potentially up to a complete loss of their invested funds. It should be noted that past growth or any other positive performance indicators do not guarantee the continuation of such trends.

2. Technical and Protocol-Related Risks

The Platform relies on a decentralized protocol implemented through smart contracts on blockchain networks. Users bear the risk of technical malfunctions, vulnerabilities, or unforeseen behaviors of the protocol and the blockchain network itself. Like any complex technology, the underlying code (smart contracts) may contain errors or vulnerabilities that could be exploited by malicious actors to steal funds or disrupt the protocol's operation. In the event of a malfunction, hack, network congestion, or any other technical issue, User transactions may be delayed, executed incorrectly, or rejected. Additionally, the protocol may not function as expected or could even be discontinued (for example, if support is withdrawn by the developers or the community), which would render any tokens previously engaged in streaming unusable. As the Platform does not control the blockchain networks or the smart contracts, it cannot guarantee the reliability, continuity, or security of the protocol.

3. Cybersecurity and Key Management

To interact with the protocol, Users utilize personal cryptocurrency wallets secured by cryptographic keys (public and private keys). The private key or corresponding seed phrase is necessary to authorize operations with the crypto-assets owned by the User. Loss, compromise, or unauthorized use of the private key will result in irreversible loss of access to the User's crypto-assets. The User is solely responsible for securely storing their private keys and managing them safely. It is recommended that Users employ enhanced security measures—for example, using hardware (offline) wallets or reputable key managers, setting strong passwords, and ensuring that their devices are protected against malware. The Platform neither requests nor stores the User's private keys; the responsibility for their security rests entirely with the User.

In addition to risks related to key management, there are risks of malicious attacks on the infrastructure. Malefactors may attempt to target the protocol or associated services through methods such as “51%” attacks on the blockchain, double-spending, Sybil attacks, phishing, or by injecting malicious code, among other fraudulent activities. Such threats could result in incorrect protocol operation, unauthorized alterations in streaming or transaction data, theft of tokens, or other damages to the User.

4. Lack of Guarantees and Legal Protection

Crypto-assets and transactions involving them are not supported by the guarantees and legal protections typically provided for traditional financial services. Funds deposited by a User into the protocol are not covered by any state-backed insurance schemes or guarantees (for example, they are not insured by any deposit guarantee agency as with bank deposits, nor are they subject to investor compensation schemes applicable to securities investments). In the event of loss of crypto-assets due to market fluctuations, technical failures, or fraudulent actions by third parties, no compensation will be provided by the state or any public fund. Furthermore, since the Platform is not a regulated financial intermediary, Users do not have access to dispute resolution mechanisms that apply to customers of regulated financial institutions (such as a financial ombudsman). Users must acknowledge that they are engaging with the protocol and the Platform at their own risk, without any state-backed protection.

5. Regulatory Risks

The legal status and regulation of crypto-asset operations are still evolving and may change. Regulatory authorities in the European Union continue to develop and implement legislative acts (for example, the EU’s Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA), the Fifth Anti-Money Laundering Directive, amendments to tax law, etc.) that may affect the use of the Platform and crypto-assets. New laws or changes to existing regulations may impose additional requirements or restrictions on both Users and the Platform. For instance, future requirements might include mandatory identity verification (KYC), the need for special licenses for the Company, or bans on certain types of transactions. Such changes could limit the ability of Users to use the Service or impose new legal obligations on them. The Platform is not liable for any losses or foregone opportunities that may arise for the User due to changes in legislation or regulatory policy. Users are solely responsible for complying with all applicable legal requirements. If a User is uncertain about the legal consequences of crypto-asset transactions, they should seek individualized legal advice.

6. Tax Obligations

Transactions involving crypto-assets may have tax implications. Depending on the User’s jurisdiction, income or profits from cryptocurrency transactions may be subject to personal income tax, capital gains tax, or other taxes. Tax regulations regarding crypto-assets are evolving and vary between countries. The User is solely responsible for determining the applicable tax obligations arising from their transactions on the Platform and for timely fulfilling these obligations. The Platform does not act as the User’s tax agent nor provide tax advice. Users are advised to maintain records of their crypto-asset transactions and consult professional tax advisors as necessary to ensure proper reporting and tax payment. Failure to comply with tax obligations may result in penalties or other sanctions under the law.

This Risk Notice is an integral part of the Terms of Service and is provided solely for the purpose of informing the User. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Platform disclaims any liability for the consequences arising from the risks described herein. By continuing to use the Service, the User confirms that they assume all such risks in full.