1. What would be "interchain"?

Panther CPO: Panther private Interchain DEX will allow swap of assets between the blockchains privately.

2. Did Panther manage to raise 8m with private sales? If so, what is the purpose of requesting a relatively small amount (relative to private sale) from Catalyst?

Panther CPO: Goal of Panther is to bring Privacy and Trust to Cardano ecosystem and enable wider adoption of DeFi by Institutions using Panther's privacy and regulatory support decentralized application.

We shared the big picture broken down into multiple milestones. We are happy to partner also outside of the Catalyst Grant process if that makes more sense for this engagement however we applied for the smaller grant planning to deliver Phase 1 and then apply for further grants to build the core solution.

As I understand it, you want to allow institutional investors to enter DeFi through a layer that allows KYC + privacy.

3. Would this be achieved through DIDs, zkproofs? If so, the challenge of ATALA PRISM/DIDs could be a possible path as well...

Panther CPO: KYC + Privacy is achieved via a Prover-Verifier mechanism in a Zero Knowledge way. We intend to use zkproofs and work with KYC providers that Institutions use to define the common standard of DID's or enable different standards within the protocol depending on type of identity or proofs needed by the Institutions, the jurisdiction they are in. Each category has a different amount - so we may be better served to change the category. This phase 1.