Anton Zijlstra

Senior Open Data Expert, Netherlands

Anton Zijlstra is a self-employed change management consultant, with a preference for complex change issues. He has a background in technology and philosophy. With 15+ years experience in how digitisation changes the ways we work, learn, connect, live, and shapes the networked society, he has a thorough understanding of the social impact of digital technology. Working from his hometown in the Netherlands across Europe and beyond, he is a key connector and enabler for open data.

Since 2008 he has been active in open (government) data which he sees as a next wave of digital disruption creating new opportunities and challenges for public sector bodies, citizens and corporations alike. He worked and works for various local, national and international government bodies to help 'do' open data on both the strategic and operational level. He did the first exploration of open data for the Dutch government, and in 2010 created the plans for the Dutch national data portal. A 2 year stint as project lead of the ePSIplatform.eu for the European Commission, further strengthened his connections to most open data initiatives in the EU. Since 2011 he has worked with the World Bank on various occasions. With three colleagues he owns the open data consultancy company The Green Land.

Ruslan Ensebayev

Chairman of the Board, National Information Technologies, Kazakhstan

Mr. Ensebayev is a graduate of the Institute for management. He started his career in 2001 as a Lead Specialist in Financial Systems Informatization Center RSE. Since 2003, he worked in National Information Technologies JSC as Projects Manager in implementing National Program for Building up e-Government. In 2008, he moved to KazakhTelecom JSC. Since 2011, he had been Deputy Chairman of the Board, National Information Technologies JSC. In July 2011, was appointed Chairman of the Board, National Information Technologies JSC.

Vasily Pushkin

Deputy Head of the Government's Analytical Center, Russian Federation

Vasily graduated from Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations (University) with a degree in finance in 2002. He worked in the Ministry of Economic Development in 2002-2006. From 2006 to 2009 he worked in Krasnodar Krai's Government and later until 2013 he worked in private sector. He started as an advisor to the Head of the Government's Analytical Center in 2013 and appointed the Deputy Head of the Center in 2014.

Oleg Petrov

*Senior Program Officer and Open Data Program
Coordinator, Transport & ICT Global Practice, World Bank*

Oleg Petrov has been championing open data, e-government and ICT for development at the World Bank since 1996 in a variety of leadership roles. Currently, Oleg leads the Open Data Practice, ICT programs in Russia, and knowledge sharing and learning activities of the Bank's ICT Unit, including the High-level Experts, Leaders, and Practitioners (HELP) for Transformation program, Open Data Innovations Network, Open Government Data working group and Digital Development Community.

Earlier he was the WB team leader for Moldova Governance e-Transformation program, the first World Bank funded project to support open data, mobile e-ID and cloud computing infrastructure. Oleg conceived the Global Development Gateway (1999), initiated and coordinated about 20 Country Gateway programs in Europe and Asia (1999-2001) and global portals on ICT4D and Afghanistan Reconstruction (2002-2003).

Nata Goderdzishvili

Head of Legal, Data Exchange Agency, Ministry of Justice

Nata is a legal expert with 10 years of working experience in various fields of law including public and administrative law, international business and e-government law. Professional career started in the private sector, later continued in the public sphere with the Government of Georgia, followed by USAID, PricewaterhouseCoopers and currently working as a Head of Legal Department in the Data Exchange Agency, Ministry of Justice of Georgia. At present Ms. Goderdzishvili is actively involved in all activities of the DEA in the fields of law and international relations. Primary responsibilities include elaboration of e-government state policies, strategies and legislation, information security policies and standards, coordinating international relations, working with foreign donors. At PWC provided tax and legal consulting services to the company clients, translated Georgian Tax Code into English and drafted Georgian tax handbook for foreigners. As a Fiscal Attorney in the USAID Business Climate Reform Project provided technical assistance to the Government of Georgia in improving business framework, especially in terms of tax and customs regulations. As the State Representative before foreign courts and international arbitration bodies, protected Georgia's interests against foreign investors in ICSID (International Center of Settlement of Investment Disputes) and ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitrations and courts of Switzerland and Holland. Participated in the elaboration of alternative dispute resolution framework in Georgia. Has taken part in intergovernmental negotiations in the field of investment raising. Contributed to the signature of numerous international agreements and made the legal expertise of state party agreements. Holding top management positions in the Ministry of Justice of Georgia headed Georgian governmental delegations abroad. Holds LL.M and Georgian Bar Certificate by specialization in civil law.

Victoria Vlad

Economist, Expert-Grup

Victoria Vlad is an economist with the Independent Think-Tank Expert-Grup, based in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. She is involved in budget transparency and social accountability projects.
In one of her most recent initiatives at the Expert-Grup, BudgetStories.md, an open budgets and data visualization website, she analyzed education and health spending sectors and coordinated communication efforts.
Currently she is coordinating a national project in education, "Empowered citizens enhancing accountability of the education reform and quality of education in Moldova" which aims to build social accountability for the education reform.
Victoria has been a Board Member of the Open Government Institute from Moldova since November 2013. In her work, she explores topics on open governments, data and budgets.

Ulrich Atz

Head of Statistics, Open Data Institute

Ulrich has 5+ years practical experience of interpreting data. He has a broad background that blends modern statistical techniques with story telling. At the ODI, Ulrich leads research projects, consults startups and governments on the business case of open data, and helps out with training courses. He holds a Diploma in Economics from the University of Mannheim and a M.Sc. in Social Research Methods from the London School of Economics.

Before joining the ODI, Ulrich worked in the market research industry identifying commercial insights in seven-digit research projects. In other projects he also collaborated with leading thinkers such as Matthias Horx and Richard Florida. At university and in the private sector he has trained hundreds of people. For the ODI he regularly holds presentations and keynotes.

He is one of the first members of the London Quantified Self community and published a peer-reviewed paper on the experience sampling method for stress.

Ulrich grew up in South Tyrol, Italy, famous for wine, Ötzi and the magnificent Dolomites. He returns as often as possible to catch up with the locals for mountaineering (summer) and ski touring (winter).

Rayna Stamboliyska

Open Data Expert, France

Rayna Stamboliyska holds a PhD in Genetics and Bioinformatics. She's currently a research fellow at the Center for Research and Interdisplinarity (Paris Descartes University). Her main project revolves around innovative approaches for knowledge transmission, knowledge technologies and hacking for kids. Additionally, Rayna is a board member of the Open Knowledge Foundation France and founder of its workgroup "Open & Citizen Science". Last but not least, Rayna is the founder of RS Strategy, which advises decision-makers and enthusiasts on knowledge technologies, Open Access, ICT for development and transparency, in Africa and the Middle East.

Mikhail Bunchuk

Specialist of the Transport & ICT Global Practice, Coordinator of Regional Work in the Russian Federation, World Bank

Mikhail Bunchuk graduated with a degree in international economic relations from the G.V. Plekhanov Russian Economic Academy in 1994 and received a Master's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame (USA). Before joining the World Bank, Mikhail worked in the Russian Research Institute of Economics, Policy and Law in Science and Technology and in the Institute of Economics of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Starting from 2000, he has been involved in a number of World Bank-supported projects in the areas of the use of IT in the public sector, e-government, IT industry development, open data, technology commercialization in the CIS and Eastern Europe countries. He has been coordinating World Bank's collaboration with Russian regions across the entire spectrum of thematic areas since 2013.

Laura Manley

Project Manager, Open Data 500, New York University, USA

Laura Manley is the Project Manager of the Open Data 500, the first comprehensive study of U.S. companies that use open government data to generate new business and develop new products and services. She has over 10 years of experience working with social enterprises in the US, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and South America specializing in startup strategic planning and organizational development. Laura is also the Director of Social Entrepreneurship Research at the NYU Stern School of Business and has worked with multiple development agencies including the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the National Endowment for Democracy, UNICEF, and MasterCard Foundation. She holds a Bachelors in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a Masters in Public Administration from NYU Wagner focusing on international policy and entrepreneurship.

Asli Gurkan

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Asli Gurkan is a Social Development Specialist at the Social Development Department, the World Bank. Her specialization and interest areas are decentralization, transparency, participation, gender, and citizen-based accountability approaches. Asli holds a Masters' degree in International Development and International Economics from Johns Hopkins University-School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a Bachelors' degree in Political Science and International Studies from Macalester College.

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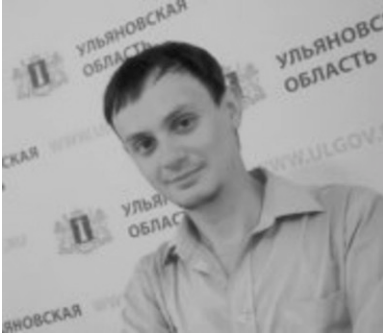*Social Development Specialist, World Bank*

Saki Kumagai is Social Development Specialist at Governance Global Practice of the World Bank, where she works mainly on ICT for social accountability, citizen engagement with specific focus on grievance redress mechanisms, and social accountability in extractive industry as well as social protection operations. In addition to managing the global programs on social accountability and citizen engagement, she has been supporting World Bank-financed operations and programs in Afghanistan, Egypt, Haiti, India, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Yemen, and West Bank and Gaza. Prior to joining the Bank in 2011, Saki worked as a research analyst on science and technology policy with a private firm in the US and as a research assistant at the London School of Economics (LSE). Saki holds a bachelor's degree in international relations and sociology from the American University and a master's degree in human rights from LSE.

Alisher Khamidov

Social Development Consultant, World Bank

Alisher Khamidov specializes in ethnic relations, religious activism, social movements, political economy, and inter-state relations in Central Asia and Eurasia. He is currently a social development consultant in the Europe and Central Asia division of the World Bank. From June 1998 to July 2001, he served as Director of the Osh Media Resource Center (OMRC), a nonprofit independent media association in southern Kyrgyzstan. He has also acted as a consultant for the Central Eurasia Project of New York-based Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation).

In 2012-2014, Khamidov was a British Academy and Royal Society-sponsored Newton International Fellow at Newcastle University. He has previously worked as lecturer and researcher at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University, Notre Dame University's Sanctions and Security Project, the NEH Summer Institute on Eurasian Civilizations at Harvard University and at the Foreign Policy Studies Program of the Brookings Institution. Khamidov has a BA in teaching English and German from Osh State University (1998), an MA in International Peace Studies from Joan B. Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame (2003), and a PhD in International Relations, Johns Hopkins University (2011).

Vitaly Vlasov

Technology Entrepreneur, CEO at Open City Foundation, Russia

Vitaly Vlasov is the founder and chairman of Open City Foundation (ex Open and Future Web Foundation), which is a St. Petersburg-based non-profit citizen organization. Its mission is to bring openness and transparency of government data in Russia by involving citizen society, developers, activists and building local community. Vitaly is a PhD candidate at National Research University of information technologies, mechanics and optics, web developer, expert in social media, technology entrepreneur and opinion leader in Open Data and Open Government in Russia. Founder of Open Data Hackathon in St.Petersburg since 2012, local representative of CityCamp movement, co-founder of geolocation game platform Playcer.

His mission is to connect modern technologies, citizen society, government to update our cities and change the way they can communicate. Vitaly is also an evangelist, public speaker and interested in wikinomics, social networks, internet of things, smart cities and how technologies can change the world.

Anton Perkin

President of the Association of IT Specialists of Moldova

Anton is the President of "Association of IT specialists of Moldova" which represent interests of moldavian IT professionals. Also he is the principal and founder of the DeveloperMD Community- the fast growing group of developers, QA engineers and system architects. As a technical specialist, Anton has 6-year experience as a web-programmer and project manager. For now the projects he developed are used in health care, governamental, educationsl, real estate, journalistic, entertainment and sport fields in Moldova and USA. Also he took part in many Goverment related projects building projects and online services for Moldova Road Police and Ministry of Home Affairs. Besides that, Anton is CEO and co-founder at FusionWorks, an IT solutions company.