



Agenda 18-20.5.2022

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12:00 – 12:30

Opening session

- **Filip Stojanovski**, Partnership and Resource Development Director, Metamorphosis Foundation
- **James Stein**, USAID Acting County Representative
- **Admirim Aliti**, Minister of Information Society and Administration

Short description: The introductory section will touch upon the value of open culture and the role of data in it. It will unravel the different aspects of open data that will be covered with the conference – from technical to policy and value.

12:30 – 13:30

Good governance through open data

- **Stanislav Vasilkovski**, Advisor for IT systems, Ministry of Information Society and Administration
- **Zlatko Atanasov**, State Advisor and OGP coordinator, Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia
- **Irena Bojadzievska**, Open Data Expert
- **Toni Angelovski**, Spokesman of Ministry of Interior

Short description: The session will bring together practitioners and academics who will focus their discussion on the policy perspective of open data – in terms of the technical as well as the non-technical challenges, accomplishments and plans. They will touch upon the need to speed up interoperability, automation and quality of data, as background processes that will ensure that the value of open data is made evident.

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13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:30 Creating an open data culture

- **Bojana Bajić**, Head of IT department, Ministry of Finance(Montenegro)
- **Andreja Gluščević**, Open Data Coordinator at the Office for Information Technologies and eGovernment, Government of the Republic of Serbia (Serbia)
- **Ariana Gjuli**, Open Data Kosovo (Kosovo)
- **Aranita Brahaj**, Executive director of Albanian Institute of Science (Albania)
- **Iskra Belcheva Ristovska**, Center for Change Management (North Macedonia)

Short description: The session will invite practitioners, theoreticians and all interested parties to speak about the state of open public sector data in North Macedonia and the region. This session will also aim to address the question of how do we move past the challenges and onto substantial efforts to ensure long-term value of public sector data.

15:30 - 15:45 Day 1 wrap-up and take aways

Working language of the conference: English with translation in Macedonian and Albanian

10:00 - 10:15 Day 2 warm-up session

10:15 - 12:30 Training:
Roadmap to open data

- Procedures and policies
- National Open Data portal
- Technical skills

The goal of the *Roadmap to open data* training is to elaborate in detail, the step-by-step practice of incorporating the open data culture in institutions and nongovernmental organizations. Institutions that see the value or opportunities that open data can provide tend to follow similar procedures and policy when introducing this new way of doing things – which is openness and transparency first. The training will focus on practical steps and challenges in incorporating open data procedures and policy, whilst giving concrete recommendations and tools to facilitate the internal processes for the institutions and the nongovernmental organizations. The workshop will strip back the language of what open data really is and why it is important we use it to create partnerships between governments and NGOs in North Macedonia.

- Working language: English
 - Trainer: ***Nathan Coyle*** FRSA, Director, New Union
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10:15 - 11:30 Roundtable discussion: Data ethics and anonymization:

- ***Plamenka Bojceva***, Director of the Agency for protection of the right to free access to public information
- ***Emilija Ginoska***, Junior Associate for Counselling and Public Relations, Personal Data Protection Agency
- ***Bozidar Spirovski***, Online Security Expert
- ***Slobodan Malevski***, Head of the Sector for Support of the Work of the Director of the State Statistical Office

Short description: In this session, representatives from the Personal Data Protection Agency and the Agency for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information will discuss with experts in the field regarding the ethical challenges of anonymization and availability of data.

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11:30 - 12:30

Rethinking trainings and capacity building

- [Cedric Lombion](#), Data and Innovation Lead, Open Knowledge Foundation

Short description: Presentation of the OKF's 2-step training model and its achievement in the past few years with civic organizations and governments alike. The session will describe how training can be rethought to produce concrete outputs and measurable outcomes, instead of being disconnected from day-to-day work.

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Coffee break

13:00 - 14:00

Training: Roadmap to open data

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch break

15:00 - 16:30

Open Data: The Macedonian journey

- [Vladimir Lazov](#), Municipality of Valandovo
- [Igor Damjanoski](#), Municipality of Demir Hisar
- [Marija Kitanska](#), Open data & open finance expert
- [Viktor Mitevski](#), Open data trainer & open finance expert
- [Maja Petkovska Leses](#), General Secretariat representative, State consular
- [Goran Davidovski](#), Public Procurement Bureau

Short description: Macedonian institutions and civil society are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of open data. Yet, the more we delve into the topic the more the questions of (1) technical preparedness, (2) human resources and skills and (3) political will, gain momentum. In this session, practitioners and promoters of open data from both sectors seek to define the next steps to establish the foundation for the open data culture.

16:30 - 16:45

Day 2 wrap-up and take aways

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10:00 – 10:15 Day 3 warm-up session

10:15 – 12:00 Open Source Mapping for strategic decision-making

- **Cedric Lombion**, Data and Innovation Lead, Open Knowledge Foundation

Short description: Presentation of the new geodata curriculum and a live demonstration of what can be done with the content in the curriculum, using open-source tools and open data relevant to North Macedonia/the Balkans. The participants will be guided through School of Data's data pipeline to understand the process of using mapping to address strategic questions.

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00 What can be done with open data?

- **Novica Nakov**, Discindo
- **Dzafer Durmishi**, Web Pillar
- **Simeon Markoski**, Data Grabbers
- **Nenad Jovanovski**, Bifrost, Serbia
- **Sanela Pajazitovic**, Pokupi, Montenegro

Short description: The session will bring together activists who have taken part in the Open Data Hackathons organized by Metamorphosis Foundation in the framework for the Civic Engagement Project as well as in other initiatives in the region. It will highlight their experience in working with data, how the degree to which public sector data were open contributed to the quality of the solution, and what more could be done.

Sessions moderated by: **Tanja Maras**
Expert on Digital Connectivity, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 16:00 Open Cities – successful stories & recommendations

- **María Jesús Calvo**, Head of the Department of Statistics and Data Dissemination, City of Barcelona
 - **Arnaud Buray**, Head of data management, City of Bordeaux
 - **Jana Belceva – Andreevska**, Open city expert
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16:00 – 16:30 Closing session