

SAVE THE DATE

V4 Aid Transparency Conference

4th of October in Prague

Aid Transparency has been recognised by the [Accra Agenda for Action](#) as a crucial element of more effective and accountable aid. In theory there is broad support for more transparency. But what *exactly* do we mean by transparency? How much information should be published about aid? How should information be published to be useful? Is transparency for non governmental aid agencies the same as for governmental aid agencies? How can data about development cooperation improve aid effectiveness once it is published? What can aid agencies learn from open data experiences in other public sectors?

Currently, the [International Aid Transparency Initiative \(IATI\)](#) is the most comprehensive effort to improve transparency in development cooperation. Created in 2008 by key OECD donors IATI developed an open data standard for aid information open to bilateral, multilateral and private donors, including foundations and NGOs. OpenAid e.V. together with Visegrad non-governmental development organisations are organising the V4 Aid Transparency conference in Prague to explore the relevance of IATI and of open data generally for emerging donors such as the EU12 countries. Concrete examples of open data initiatives in other public sectors will stimulate the debate on the possible uses of aid data.

You are invited to join us at this conference and to find out the value of open aid data for your organisation. Please find the detailed programme of the conference below.

More information about registrations will be provided soon.

We are looking forward to meet you in Prague!



Programme V4 Aid Transparency

Conference - Prague

10:30 hrs	Welcome
	OpenAid, MFA CZ, FoRS, PIN
11:00 hrs	The potential of IATI for aid effectiveness
	The relevance of aid transparency and IATI for aid effectiveness – Owen Barder, Centre for Global Development (confirmed)
	Implementing IATI - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden (to be confirmed) and Alex Gebrandji, European Commission (to be confirmed)
12:30 hrs	Walk the talk! Interactive exploration and in-depths group discussion of concrete open data / transparency examples in development cooperation
13:15 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 hrs	Beyond aid: open data is coming Introduction to open data in the public sector, trends at the European level, political, administrative and economic value, costs and benefits. Ton Zijlstra, European Public Sector Information Network (confirmed)
14:30 hrs	Walk the talk! Interactive exploration and in-depths group discussion of concrete open data examples in other public sectors, its social, political, economic and administrative value and its relevance for development cooperation.
15:45 hrs	<i>Break</i>
16:00 hrs	V4 Aid Transparency Presentation with the discussion of the current situations in aid transparency of the Visegrad countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia). Mark Brough, Publish What You Fund (to be confirmed)
17:00 hrs	Open data as the next step of the aid transparency agenda
17.00 hrs	Closure

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