

Unconference TransparencyCamp Europe set to lift lid on European decision-making

400 open government and data supporters to attend first TransparencyCamp Europe

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SUMMARY

TransparencyCamp Europe is set to welcome 400 open government supporters in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. This major event on open government brings together government officials, developers and technologists, journalists and advocates from all over Europe. Mar Cabra (ICIJ/Panama Papers), Chris Taggart (OpenCorporates) and Alex Brenninkmeijer (European Court of Auditors) are among its speakers.

This week's [TransparencyCamp Europe](#) is set to welcome nearly 400 open government supporters in Amsterdam, Wednesday. This “unconference” brings together government officials, developers and technologists, journalists and advocates from all over Europe to share best practice and work on new ways to shine a light on EU decision-making and open government with the help of new technologies, open data and effective policies.

Participant-driven unconference and international experts

[TransparencyCamp Europe](#) is a participant-driven unconference organised by [Open State Foundation](#) and the [Netherlands Presidency of the Council of the European Union](#). The crowd-generated programme ‘Wall’ determines the topics and attendees will lead sessions on issues like government transparency, openness and accountability facing Europe today.

Some elements of the programme have been scheduled ahead, and feature speakers in the field of data and transparency such as [Mar Cabra](#), head of the data and research unit of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, known for her research on the Panama Papers and [Alex Brenninkmeijer](#), member of the European Court of Auditors.

Other attendees of TransparencyCamp Europe are [Chris Taggart](#), co-founder and ceo of OpenCorporates; [Ryan Heath](#), Senior EU Correspondent at POLITICO; [Robert de Groot](#), DG European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; [Marietje Schaake](#), member of the European parliament; [Oscar Kneppers](#), founder and ceo of Rockstart and [Kat Duffy](#) of Sunlight Foundation.

European App Competition

The Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union and Open State Foundation also organised an [app competition](#) in the run up to TransparencyCamp Europe. As part of the competition, several hackathons (diplohacks) were organised by Dutch embassies in various [European capitals](#).

Civic hackers used European open data to create new apps for European citizens. These tools help to provide easy access to EU and national government information by presenting information in places where people are looking for it, whether online or on their mobile devices. The winners of all these competitions will present their apps at TransparencyCamp Europe.

Catalyst for engaging citizens

'As greater amounts of machine-readable government data becomes available, it is even more necessary to present this information in an accessible and understandable manner for European citizens', says Arjan El Fassed, director of the Amsterdam-based digital transparency organisation [Open State Foundation](#). 'Everyone here just wants government to work better. This event brings together open government champions to share their work, ideas and experiences. Open data are an important driver for innovation and the creation of new tools to make EU decision-making more transparant. The people we gathered are unlocking its potential'.

TransparencyCamp Europe will take place on 1 June , 2016 in Amsterdam at [Pakhuis de Zwijger](#), located right next to the official meeting place of the EU presidency. [Registration can be done via this link](#).



RELEVANT LINKS

 [TransparencyCamp Europe](https://transparencycamp.eu)
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 [Open State Foundation](http://openstate.eu)
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