WHO’S WHO ON THE AGENDA?
Uschi Anthamatten
Deputy Head of Section Regulatory Analysis, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Switzerland

Uschi Anthamatten is currently working in the Section Regulation Analysis of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) in Switzerland, focusing on Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA). SECO is the federal government's centre of expertise for all core issues relating to economic policy. She joined the SECO in 2013. The Section Regulation Analysis carries out RIA and assists the relevant offices in their analysis of the economic effects of new legislation. In addition, the section is responsible for the development of new regulatory instruments, such as the “regulatory checkup” and the measurement of the cost of regulations. Before the SECO, Uschi worked as a Research Associate at the Department of Economics of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland and conducted a research stay at the University of Sydney, Australia. Her research has focused on the theories of income distribution, the History of Economic Theories and the Economic History. She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

Christiane Arndt
Programme Co-ordinator, Measuring Regulatory Performance, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD.

Christiane Arndt leads the OECD Programme on Measuring Regulatory Performance, aimed at assisting countries assess the impact of their regulations and regulatory policy. This work includes developing a framework for regulatory policy evaluation, providing guidance on the use of perception surveys, and developing indicators of regulatory policy. Ms. Arndt also works on OECD country reviews, and has participated in the public governance reviews of Poland and Hungary. Prior to joining the OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate in 2008, she worked at the OECD Development Centre, the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and the World Bank on public sector reform and the economic impact of good governance. Ms. Arndt is a member of the advisory committee of Transparency International’s Corruption Perceptions Index. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and a Master’s Degree in International Business Studies, both from the University of Maastricht, as well as a Master’s Degree in International Politics from Sciences Po in Paris.
Gary Banks
Dean, Australia and New Zealand School of Government, Australia.

Gary Banks is Dean of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government. Until 2012 he was the Chairman of the Productivity Commission, Australia’s independent research and advisory body on major economic, social and environmental issues affecting the wellbeing of the community. In addition to overseeing the Commission’s activities, Gary has personally headed national inquiries on such topics as National Competition Policy, the National Reform Agenda and the Economic Implications of an Ageing Australia. He also chaired the Prime Minister’s Regulation Taskforce, which issued its influential report ‘Rethinking Regulation’ in 2006. For many years Gary Banks was responsible for the Office of Regulation Review, a gate keeper for good regulatory practice, and he established its successor body, the Office of Best Practice Regulation. He has degrees in economics from Monash University and the Australian National University. He is a Professorial Fellow at Melbourne University and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. His contributions to public policy and regulatory reform in Australia have been recognised in the Economic Society’s inaugural Distinguished Public Policy Fellow Award and the Order of Australia.

Monika Beniulytė

Monika Beniulytė, an expert in business environment improvement and evidence based policy making, is the Advisor in Better Regulation Policy Unit at the Ministry of Economy in Lithuania. Monika was at the forefront of efficient and effective public administration policy development in Lithuania. She co-wrote the National Better Regulation Programme and the Concept of Business Inspection Reform, which kick-started major regulatory reforms in the country and helped conquer some tough initial scepticism and adversity from regulating institutions and the Government itself. Starting from 2008, Monika has prepared and managed projects for impact assessment and consultation processes improvement, administrative burden for businesses measurement and reduction, and co-wrote the Basics of Licencing, which introduced simpler licencing and authorisation schemes for businesses and formed the basis of major review of >430 types of licenses and permits. As a result of all these initiatives >400 regulatory simplification measures were prepared, and the yearly burden on businesses was reduced by more than 10 mill LTL. Monika is the leading authority on smart regulation principles and regulatory management tools, a sought after team leader and presenter, dedicated to sharing ideas and promoting lean and justifiable regulatory environment.

A graduate of Oxford University, prior to working at the Ministry, Monika Beniulytė has lived and worked in England, Belgium and the USA, promoting gender equality in social security policy, giving a helping hand to European Commission auditors, and volunteering. She speaks 5 languages (hopes to learn 3 more by the time she is 80), and in her spare time really enjoys hiking.
Elvira Berrueta Imaz  
Committee Co-ordinator, Programme Assistant, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

Elvira is currently working as the Regulatory Policy Committee Co-ordinator and Programme Assistant in the Regulatory Policy Division. Previously, she worked in the Environment Directorate of the OECD where she assisted in the evaluation performance reviews OECD countries, the Directorate for Education and Skills assisting two projects the Directorate for Education as a project assistant in two activities: Improving Schools and Overcoming School Failure: Policies that Work. Prior to the OECD, Elvira organised seminars in political and public communications and undertook a Master in Political and Public Communication in the University of Paris XII.

Helena Braun

Helena Braun is the Advisor of Better Regulation at the Estonian Ministry of Justice, mainly concentrating on the development and enforcement of the regulatory impact assessment system. For this half a year she is contributing to the better regulation tasks of the Cabinet of the European Commission’s First Vice-President, Mr Frans Timmermans. Prior to her commitment to better regulation, she held a diplomatic position at the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs working for the EU Law and Litigation Unit, taught EU Law at the European College of the University of Tartu in Estonia and actively participated in international NGO activities on European integration and intercultural dialogue.

Helena has graduated from the University of Tartu with a BA in Law and Contemporary History, and from King's College London with an MA in EU Law. She has gained additional knowledge on political and economic systems from various academic programmes of the Political Institute of Lyon, the Graz University and the Georgetown University.

Andrea Budgell

Andrea Budgell is a Senior Advisor on regulatory policy in the Regulatory Affairs Sector of the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. Andrea has occupied this position since 2014, working on issues such as the legislation of the One-for-One Rule and regulatory cooperation. Previously, she spent a number of years at Health Canada, one of the Government of Canada’s largest regulatory departments, where she worked on issues such as prescription drug abuse, chemicals management and shared services. Andrea holds a Master of Public Administration from Western University.
Antonia Custance Baker
Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

Antonia Custance Baker works as a policy analyst/economist on the OECD Programme on Measuring Regulatory Performance. Antonia acted as project manager for the recently published OECD Guidance for Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment and worked on the design of the survey and the composite indicators of regulatory management which will be included in the forthcoming Regulatory Policy Outlook 2015. Before joining the OECD, Antonia worked for the UK’s Regulatory Policy Committee providing external evaluation of the economic analysis of Regulatory Impact Assessments. Antonia has also worked for the UK Government’s Department of Business, Innovation and Skills and Department of Energy and Climate Change; the International Institute for Environmental Development; and the Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism as an Overseas Development Institute Fellow. Antonia holds a Master’s Degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a Master’s Degree in Political Economy of Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson
Prime Minister of Iceland

Chairman of the Progressive Party since 2009. Member of Althingi for the Reykjavik North Constituency 2009-2013 and for the Northeast Constituency since 2013. Prime Minister since 23 May 2013

Mr. Gunnlaugsson who has an academic background in economy and city planning studied at the Plekanov University in Moscow, Copenhagen University and Oxford. Before joining politics, he worked as a journalist.

Gunnar Haraldsson

Gunnar Haraldsson is currently director of the Institute of Economic Studies at the University of Iceland. Previous work includes, economist at the National Economic Institute, economic advisor to the prime minister, associate professor of economics at Bifröst University, adjunct professor at the University of Iceland and senior policy analyst at the Trade and Agriculture Department of the OECD in Paris. Gunnar Haraldsson is a former chairman of the Financial Supervisory Authority in Iceland and is currently chairman of Consultative Committee on Better Regulation in Iceland. He holds degrees in economics from the University of Iceland and a PhD in economics from the University of Toulouse in France.
Katrín Jakobsdóttir

Ms Katrín Jakobsdóttir has an MA degree in Icelandic Literature, specialising in Criminal Fiction. She has been a member of Parliament since 2007. She was Minister of Culture and Education from 2009-2013. She was elected as leader of the Left-Green Movement in 2013. Ms Jakobsdóttir is a member of the Constitutional Committee mandated to revise the Icelandic Constitution.

Janja Jenc

Janja Jenc graduated from Faculty of Social Sciences in 2008 with a degree in political sciences. I’m currently working as a Senior Adviser at the Ministry of Public Administration, Republic of Slovenia in the Better Regulation, Administrative Processes and Quality Service. I’m mainly involved in projects aimed at strengthening of regulatory policy, implementation of participatory management tools as well as evidence-based approach to policymaking. In the past year, my work was focused mainly on the standardization of some steps that are essential for the quality of regulatory process. The most important to point out is SME test, which focuses on the qualitative and quantitative analysis of the proposed regulation, conducted in the early stages of drafting regulations, accessible to the public, and in particularly, appropriate information supported. I’m also a Secretary of the Interministerial working group to ensure a better regulatory and business environment, which is focused on the initiatives to simplify the existing stock of regulations and initiatives to reduce burdens imposed by the regulation.

Céline Kauffmann

Deputy Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

Céline Kauffmann joined the OECD in 2000. She is Deputy Head of the Regulatory Policy Division in the OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, where she leads the development of the Regulatory Policy Outlook and the work on international regulatory cooperation. Previously, she was with the Investment Division of the OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprises Affairs, leading the work on private sector participation in infrastructure and on private investment and green growth. Before that she was responsible for coordinating the OECD work on the annual African Development Bank / OECD African Economic Outlook Report. Before the OECD, Céline Kauffmann contributed to the 2000 Transition Report of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and worked at the London School of Economics. Céline holds a PhD in Economics from the Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne.
Nick Malyshev
Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

Nick Malyshev currently directs country reviews of regulatory reform in OECD and non-OECD countries and was responsible for updating the OECD recommendations on regulatory reform, now the 2012 Recommendation on Regulatory Policy and Governance. He was a co-author of the 2011 publication, Regulatory Policy and Governance, Supporting Economic Growth and Serving the Public Interest. He has worked extensively on the topic of risk and regulation which resulted in the 2010 publication Risk and Regulatory Policy, Improving the Governance of Risk. He has also been directing a programme of co-operation on regulatory policy to enhance competitiveness in Mexico. While at the OECD he has also worked extensively on the economic transition in Russia and China, including analytical and advisory work on a range of topics including regulatory policy and institutional reforms. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Malyshev worked as a financial analyst at GlaxoSmithKline, a pharmaceuticals company, and as a securities trader at Wall Street West, an investment bank. Mr. Malyshev, a US national, holds degrees in economics from Duke University and Colorado College.

Kate Maxwell

Kate Maxwell is an Assistant Director in the Better Regulation Executive’s EU and International team, in the UK’s Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. Kate leads on engagement with EU Member States and with the Council of the European Union, and on the Better Regulation side of the Inter-Institutional Agreement negotiations. She was the UK’s alternate representative on the European Commission’s High Level Group of National Regulatory Experts, and is currently a member of the Secretariat for the pan-Europe Standard Cost Model group.
Department for Culture, Media and Sport, where she was Head of Remote, EU and International Gambling (taking the Remote Gambling Act through Parliament) and Head of EU Tourism policy.

She had previously worked on the Olympics for three years, heading up the Government and Parliamentary Relations team, and before that she worked for the International Broadcasting team, negotiating the Audiovisual Media Services Directive on behalf of the UK.
Kate has an Honours degree in History and a Master’s degree in Classical Civilisations from the University of London.
Luiz de Mello
Deputy Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD

Luiz de Mello is Deputy Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate at the OECD. Previously, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff of the OECD Secretary-General. He started his career at the OECD in the Economics Department, where he was the Head of Desk responsible for bilateral surveillance activities with Brazil, Chile and Indonesia before becoming the Economic Counsellor to the Chief Economist. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. de Mello worked in the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund, where he was involved in different projects in the areas of public finances, as well as programme monitoring and policy surveillance, with an emphasis on emerging-market and transition economies in Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Mr. de Mello holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Kent, United Kingdom, where he started his career as a lecturer. His main areas of interest are open-economy macroeconomics, public finances, and growth and development issues.

Stephan Naundorf
Adviser to the Minister of State to the Chancellor, Federal Chancellery, Germany

Stephan Naundorf manages the cooperation of the Better Regulation Unit (BRU) of the Federal Chancellery with the regional governments, the parliamentary groups of the German parliament and the main umbrella organisations of the German Economy. His scope of work includes coordinating the cooperation of the German government on better regulation, issues with international partners organizations. He is also responsible for the further development of the Federal Government’s programme for better regulation and holds a position as advisor to the Minister of State to the Chancellor. In this capacity, he reports to the Minister of State in charge of Federal-State Coordination of the German government and better regulation. Stephan holds an MBA and a Master’s Degree in Political Sciences. Before joining the Federal Chancellery in 2006, he was a member of the Ministry of Defence for five years and worked in the economic sector for ten years. He was also member of the management board and shareholder of an Munich based advertising and public relations agency. In his academic life Stephan contributed as visiting scholar to a project on excellence in communication management and public relations -- a comprehensive research effort commissioned by the US-based IABC (International Association of Business Communicators) Research Foundation. Furthermore he taught communication management at the universities of Berlin, Leipzig and Hohenheim (Stuttgart) and published several articles on public relations.
Tony Prosser

Tony Prosser is Professor of Public Law at the University of Bristol, UK, and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. He was formerly John Millar Professor of Law at the University of Glasgow and a Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2014.

Tony Prosser’s main research interests are in public law, including regulation (especially of public services) and the institutional design of economic management. His books include *Law and the Regulators* (1997); *The Limits of Competition Law* (2005); *The Regulatory Enterprise* (2010) and *The Economic Constitution* (2014). He has also published over 120 articles and book chapters. He was a member of a major European research project on ‘Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest’; see http://sites.uclouvain.be/cpdr-refgov/ His current research is on constitutions and social theory and on the constitutional implications of austerity, and he is preparing a project on legal techniques for the franchising of rail services.

Tony Prosser teaches constitutional law, law and government and law and social theory at Bristol, and regulation and competition at the College of Europe.

Tobias Querbach

Junior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

Tobias works as Junior Policy Analyst at the OECD Measuring Regulatory Performance programme. He is involved in the 2014 Regulatory Indicators Project in which he contributes to data management and analysis. He also participates in the presentation of survey results in country sheets. Prior to joining the OECD, Tobias gathered work experience at the Economic Section of the German Embassy in Rome and at the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. Tobias holds a Master’s degree in International Public Management from the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po (France), with a focus on global economic policy and European affairs. He also studied politics at the University of Manchester (UK).

Iveta Šimončičová

Iveta Šimončičová is a state counsellor in a Department of analyses and planning in the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic. She deals with better regulation agenda, especially administrative burden reduction, RIA and consultations with stakeholders concentrating mostly on business environment. As a representative of Slovakia she takes part in Working party on Better Regulation in the Council and RPC in OECD.

Before coming into the state administration she finished her studies of international relations on a Faculty of political sciences and international relations on Matej Bel University. She participated in publication *Report on business environment in Slovakia 2014* and few studies regarding the administrative burdens of businesses in the Slovak Republic.
Rebecca Schultz
Junior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD.

Rebecca Schultz is part of the “Measuring Regulatory Performance” programme team. Prior to joining the OECD, Rebecca worked at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and the Social Science Research Centre Berlin. Rebecca studied International Relations at Humboldt University Berlin and Duke University (USA). Her master’s thesis developed an assessment scheme for the quality of governance indicators.

Roland Schneider
Roland Schneider is an expert at the Federal Performance Management Office (FPMO) at the Federal Chancellery of Austria, where he is working on the coordination, implementation and development of performance management and impact assessment schemes in Austria. Recent work of the FPMO focused on raising proportionality in the RIA system, introducing web-based evaluation tools for performance management and raising awareness and know-how throughout the public administration for the design and composition of policy indicators. Prior to joining the FPMO he was working on Science Policy coordination in the Federal Chancellery and was interning at the Office of Science and Technology at the Austrian Embassy in Washington DC as well as at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU in Brussels. Roland holds a degree in Socioeconomics from Vienna University of Economics and Business, where he also worked as a research assistant on regional science and innovation policies.

Páll Thórhallsson
Páll Thórhallsson is Director of Legislative Affairs in the Prime Minister’s Office in Iceland. Since September 2014, he chairs the multi-party Constitutional Committee mandated to revise the Icelandic Constitution. He is also the elected representative of Parliament on a panel which selects candidates for judicial offices. Mr Thorhallsson teaches constitutional law, media law and legislative law at Reykjavik University. Previously he worked as an administrative officer at the Council of Europe and journalist at Morgunbladid daily newspaper.
Daniel Trnka  
Senior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

Daniel Trnka works as a Senior Policy Analyst in the Regulatory Policy Division of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Daniel has been working in the area of public administration reform and regulatory reform for more than 15 years both at the national as well as the international level. Before joining the OECD, he worked as Director of the Department of Regulatory Reform and Public Administration Quality of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic. His main areas of expertise are administrative simplification, regulatory impact assessment, stakeholder engagement and regulatory enforcement and inspections. He is an author or co-author of several OECD publications, including the Recommendation of the OECD Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance, Cutting Red Tape: Why Is Administrative Simplification So Complicated?, OECD Best Practice Principles for Regulatory Enforcement and Inspections, Administrative Simplification Reviews of Poland and Vietnam, Regulatory Policy Reviews of Mexico and Kazakhstan, Measuring and Reducing Administrative Burdens in Greece, etc.

Bernhard Welschke  
Secretary General, Business and Industry Advisory Committee, OECD

Bernhard Welschke was appointed as Secretary General of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC) in 2013. He works in close dialogue with OECD leadership and member countries, leads BIAC’s engagement during high-level business and government meetings including the G20/B20, and develops the strategic positioning of BIAC with its global membership and policy groups. Bernhard brings to BIAC over 30 years of professional experience in the field of economic policy, trade, governance, and international affairs. Before joining BIAC, he served as Managing Director for Global Governance and for business relations with North and Latin America at the Federation of German Industries (BDI) in Berlin. In previous positions at the BDI he was responsible for European Affairs, international trade and business relations with Asia and the Pacific. From 2006 to 2010 he was appointed as the Representative of German Industry and Trade in Washington, D.C. representing the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, the BDI, and the German Ministry of Economics and Technology, promoting transatlantic trade and investment. From 2000 to 2006, he served as Member of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Union. Bernhard holds a degree in Economics from the Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, focusing on monetary policy, international trade, and development.