Developing an OKFN Community in France

Vision of the OKFN community in France

As the community representing the Open Knowledge Foundation in France, our vision and a values are those of the [Open Knowledge Foundation](#).

Mission

- Introduce OKFN in France: its values based on Open Definition, its projects (Open Spending, CKAN, Recline…), its working groups (Open Research, Open Government, Open Culture)
- Develop the Open Knowledge community in France

The aim of the OKFN community in France is to become a proper chapter of the OKFN

Action plan (6 months)

- organize first **OKFN in France meetup** (11 - 12 of December TBC)
  - presentation of OKFN (visions, missions, applications, presence of at least 1 OKFN member);
  - discuss together sessions: Open Glam, Open Gov Data in France, Parlement & Citoyens, Open Access;
  - Site to do this with: http://www.meetup.com/openknowledgefoundation/
    - includes: event mailing list (participants) and OKFN branding
    - OKFN will help promote via OKFN blog, Twitter, Facebook, other social/web networks

- develop OKFN projects and working groups in France
  - Open Spending (we need spending data to be release)
  - Open Data Handbook ([Fr version](#) already exists but is of poor quality)
  - partnership with Etalab, Fing, etc. to demonstrate value of open data

- ground work
  - translation work

- Community building
  - Social media
  - Blogging
  - State of art of open data in France for the OKFN blog

Existing communities

France already has active communities in all different fields of action of the Open Knowledge Foundation. All these communities and associations know each other through events and informal gatherings. However, no current organization makes a bound all the dimensions of openess. We believe the role of Open Knowledge Foundation France is to gather all these energies and allow anyone to contribute on open knowledge projects and events.

- **Open data**
  Associations : Regards citoyens, Libertic, Transparency International, mouvements locaux en faveurs de l'open data (open data 69, open data Rennes,…), OSM France
  Think tank : Fondapol, Terra Nova, Silicon Sentier, Cap Digital, FING
  High tech news website engaged for openess : Numérama, OWNI, PC Inpact, InternetActu + datajournalists (Alex Lechenet, Florent Latrive de Libé)
  Companies : Data Publica, Open data soft, geovelo, locomote, data journalisme (J++, wedodata, dataveyes,…) + partners of DataConnexions program (Google, Orange, Microsoft), Qunb
  Institutions: Etalab, CADA, APIE, DILA
  Individuals: Giles Babinet, François Bancillon, Xavier Crouan, Claire Gallon, Philippe Couve, Valérie Peugeot (Orange Lab, Vecam)…
  Events: Datapéro, Data Tuesday, Open Data la Conférence, Open World Forum,…

- **Open source**
  Associations : l'APRIL, Framasoft, Linux France, Free Software Foundation France, La Quadrature du Net, Stop DRM, Afull (association française des utilisateurs du logiciel libre), conseil national du logiciel libre
  Events: Open world Forum, Rencontres mondiales du logiciel libre, conferences at La Cantine
  Companies: redhat France, linagora, dalibo, bearstech, af83

- **Open culture**
  Conferences à l'IRI,
  Open Glam France, [Savoirs Com1](#)

- **Open access**
  Associations : Open document format alliance, creative commons france, [Open Aire](#),
  Wikimedia France

Core Team

Pierre Chrzanowski

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Bio:
Background in Information System Management, Economics & International Relations.

I worked as an R&D Web Engineer at Dassault Systèmes and as a an Information Management Consultant in the bank industry. In September 2010, I joined the Science and Technology Department of the French Embassy in the United Kingdom where I conducted a study for the French Gov on Public Sector Information in the UK. I left my position in september and I am now working on new projects in the field of ICT for Development.

Area of expertises : open gov data, open access, open dev and science communication

Why I want to join OKFN:
I am convinced the society as a whole needs a better access to information, a better education and better tools to tackle complex challenges and improve our daily life. I assume this is not an easy and one step process, but I want to take part of it.

I have been first interested in the work of the OKFn when I was conducting a study on Public Sector Information in the UK. I like the way you are doing things: less debates and politics and more projects, community events and concrete things. And I really think this is what we need in France.

My projects for OKFN France:
- Develop OKFN Flagships Projects in France such as Open Spending and propose/develop new project ideas based on inputs from the French community
- Build partnerships and launch projects with others main actors (Etalab, Fing, etc.)
- Promote Open Access and develop the French Open Science community with scientists, research organisations, science journalists.
- Work towards linking the French community with EU and International communities by organising events / inviting foreign speakers / participating in pan-european projects

Samuel Goëta

Bio: I specialize in the political implications of digital technologies, including: net neutrality, open data, digital campaigning, and online communities.
 I wrote my master's thesis on net neutrality, it was one of the first academic studies of this topic in France. I also worked on another master's thesis which analysed the political discourse on open data and its promises.

My thesis project "*Open data, behind the scences: sociology of production and release of public data*" held the social sciences department of Telecom ParisTech will draw sociological conclusions on the actor network of open data cases around the world and the relationship between stakeholders. Eventually, my thesis aims at identifying the the best practices of open data use in organizations, institutions, and companies.

Why I want to join OKFN: I have been a defendor of openess throughout my studies, I know want to join this amazing community as it's proving in action how openess can contribute to solve some of the main challenges of our world.

My projects at OKFN France:
1) As a former Social Media Manager, handle the OKFN FR Social Media outlets
2) Contribute to studies and translate OKFN publications.
3) I manage a blog on my open data research so I can crosspost articles.
4) I organized one week of events in Paris (Social Media Week) so I can help on the events side.

Kat:

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I'm a civic startup enthusiast with many different hats. Currently, I am an open data outreach specialist for the SNCF, France's national railway company, a media policy blogger for the Center of Global Communication Studies, a member of the Council of Europe's Edgeryders think tank on youth policy and part of the founding team of Voxe.org, an award-winning non-profit of the Dataconnexions contest. Prior to this, I worked as a public affairs consultant to the International Civil Aviation Organization, a UN agency, and as the Managing Director of Reporters sans frontières' Canadian

bureau.

As a merit scholar of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I completed my undergraduate degree in Political Science at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Bordeaux, focusing on online social movements. I later on specialized in internet governance and obtained a master's degree in Communication Studies from McGill University.

Why I want to join OKFN: I have a had a long-standing interest in information rights that, over the course of the last year, has steered its way towards open government and open transport data. France has a budding open data community that is, however, relatively self-contained. I would like to help strengthen the French community by actively linking them to the larger community OKFN, facilitating knowledge sharing and collaboratively developing pan-European strategies to advance open data in the EU.

Mes idées / projets pour OKFN France:
- Action-based reflection groups that bring in experts from all over the EU on how to effectively open data in France (ex. I am spearheading one alongside Pieter Colpaert, Chairman of OKFN Belgium, in Paris on the 20th of october on the theme of open transport data and urban mobility. We will have access to unreleased transport data and using the case of the SNCF as our first pilot for the OKFN Open Transport Handbook. The event will take place from inside an internal SNCF hackathon.) Such an activity, I believe, can be replicated on a larger scale in several different domains.

Primavera:

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Background in Economics & Management for the Arts and Intellectual Property law.
Researcher at the CERSA/CNRS in Paris, on the legal issues of distributed architectures.
Legal expert at Creative Commons France
Administrator of the international Communia Association.
Coordinator of the Public Domain working group of the Open Knowledge Foundation.

Why I want to join OKFN France:
As a coordinator of the PD wg, I have been part of the activities of the OKF for the past 2 years, and I can see a value in creating a OKFN chapter in France to promote and support the activities of the OKFN at the local level.

My projects for OKFN France:

(1) Public Domain : organize meetups and events for people interested in promoting and preserving the public domain.

(2) Open Glam : last year, a series of workshop have been organized together with Wikimedia France in order to identify the problems encountered by GLAM institutions in opening up their data. A document has been drafted to present the results and to suggest some actions that could be undertaken by the Ministry of Culture to facilitate the process. We intend to continue these workshop, taking 4 pilot institutions from France and following them with a small task-force to help them overcome the various problems they may encounter on the way.

Peter:

Skype: thorkil2005

I have a background in computer science & management and have worked within the ICT for Development context at the UN and EU, but currently work in the private sector. I am very interested in the potential of the Open Data and Open Knowledge movement (as knowledge is a unique resource that increases when used & shared), and volunteered at the recent OKFest in Helsinki to learn more. I am now looking for how to follow up on this event.

Why I want to join OKFN:
I am based somewhere between Luxembourg and Paris, and thought that France would have the better potential for an interesting Open Knowledge community. I was however disappointed to learn that no OKFN group existed in France yet, and I therefore will support the effort to create one.

What I am interested in?
I am broadly interested in the concept Open Knowledge, but see a particular opportunity in the development (as in developing countries) context where knowledge resources are limited. As part of a ICT for Development NGO I am currently planning activities for a Senegalese national park (Niokolo), and I would like to explore how Open Knowledge concepts can be applied within this context. At the OKFest someone(?) mentioned an activity in which bird movements had been tracked and shared in an open format. Niokolo notably has a unique birdlife and I wonder if a similar citizen science activity on collecting bird movement & habitual data of these birds, and sharing it in an open and nicely visualised format, could spark interest from bird enthusiast and researchers around the world. Obviously this idea needs some work…

Ideas and discussions

First informal meeting, Oct 18th at Cersa (in French)

OKFN meetup Paris:
date: 11-12 Decembre
location: LaCantine
=> Préparer présentation
* Présenter l'OKFN (Primavera)
* Présenter la situation en France (Samuel)
* expliquer que l'OKFN peut créer des liens + synergies

* tour de table: présentation des gens et de leurs intérêts spécifiques

* brainstorming session - Liste de projets que l'on pourrait lancer au sein de OKFN-France:
OpenData Handbook, Open Spending, OpenGovData, PublicDomain, OpenGlam,
OpenHardware, OpenAccess

Public Domain Works: Primavera
1. creer un site fonctionnel (avec moteur de recherche)
2. recuperer des metadonnées bibliographiques: format, licence, contenu
3. enrichir les données en allant rechercher des infos sur Internet (e.g. dbpedia)
=> Participer au Data Connexions

Public Domain Day - to celebrate the launch of the website

Open Glam Paris: Primavera

Open Spending: Pierre
- recuperer les données, en formats facilement exploitable pour les intégrer a OpenSpending
cf. Ministere des Finances.

Open Data:
- formation data viz (avec net:lab)
- traduction du data journalism hand-book

Identifier les problématiques:
- lister les barrieres
- plan com

First Call, Fri Oct 26 2:00BST

Attendants
- Kat Braybrooke and OKFN France incubating group leads

Agenda
- How to launch a local group and chapter?
  - National Group phase [you'd be moving into this phase - you can call yourselves the "France's incubating National Group of the Open Knowledge Foundation"]
    - Website with the OKFN (okfn.org/fr) and blog; being part of our network
    - Planning events + meetups
      - Site to do this with: http://www.meetup.com/openknowledgefoundation/
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      - agenda: to introduce existing organisations & individuals to this group and to discuss potential futures with them
      - OKFN France wants to do meetup in mid December, in Paris
      - Example event, London: http://www.meetup.com/OpenKnowledgeFoundation/London-GB/472892/
  - How to engage in France with the public ?
    - through meetups, through sharing local activities on the international OKFN blog, through representing France in our international networks
    - through OKFN-France list: http://lists.okfn.org/mailman/listinfo/okfn-fr
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      - Kat Bourgelon

To Dos:
- OKFN France Website + Blog + Twitter
  - KatBray to see how to get okfn.org/fr set up with website + national blog; also to help OKFN France leads get their @okfnFR Twitter account set up (both to be done before meetup in December) (can do this, pierre)
  - Events can be done now on the Meetup.com link (12 of Dec)
- Introductory Blog Post:
  - OKFN France Leads to start drafting 'introductory' blog post explaining

background of OKFN France and why they want to start National Group, also to share meetup
- OKFN Infrastructure:
  - KatBray to share the general OKFN Slidedeck for OKFN France Meetup
  - KatBray to introduce OKFN France to Project & Working Group leads at OKFN Global
- Discussion Lists:
  - [DONE] KatBray to get *all* OKFN France folks set up to national OKFN France Discussion List (this will be where new members of your community can introduce themselves, and is a place for you to discuss your activities in French) -> List: http://lists.okfn.org/mailman/listinfo/okfn-fr
  - KatBray to get leads of OKFN France set up on the internal OKFN LOCAL discussion list specifically for National Group leads, so they can talk to local group leaders in other areas & ask questions:

Community outreach

Contact / call / meet to inform we are launching an OKFN community in France, to say who we are, what we want, and that we want to start good relationships / and possibly projects together:
- Regards Citoyens (Pierre + ??)
- Libertic [done]
- la FING (Pierre + ???)
- Wikimedia ???
- Etalab (Samuel + Pierre) [done]
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