

PEMPAL Budget Community of Practice (BCOP)

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Ivor Beazley is a public finance expert with over 25 years experience working on public finance issues, including extensive experience in Eastern Europe and Central Asia as well as in south and east Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Ivor currently works in the Fiscal Policy and Sustainable Growth unit of the World Bank and has previously worked for the OECD, the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Price Waterhouse Coopers. Ivor is a graduate of Cambridge University, a UK qualified Chartered Accountant and a member of the IMF Panel of Fiscal Experts.



Naida Čaršimamović Vukotić is an expert in public finance and macroeconomics and in monitoring and evaluation and has worked as a World Bank international consultant for 10 years. She is a member of the World Bank's Resource Team for the PEMPAL's Budget Community of Practice, and her responsibilities include, *inter alia*, providing thematic support to BCOP's Program and Performance Budgeting Working Group. She also serves as PEMPAL network-level Strategic Advisor. She has over fifteen years of experience in research, empirical analyses, capacity building, and policy advice in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Western Balkans, and Europe and Central Asia region. Since 2004, she has worked on numerous projects financed by the World Bank, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), European Commission (EC), Department for International Development of the United Kingdom Government (DFID), and other international development organizations. This includes five years of direct work on budgeting reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the Ministry of Finance and Treasury and she is currently providing inputs to budgeting reform projects in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sarajevo Canton, financed by the European Commission and the United States Agency for International Development. Her other recent positions include being the chief of party of USAID-BiH Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project; macroeconomic expert on the European Commission's Support to Coordination with International Financial Institutions in the Western Balkans; and being a part of the World Bank team that prepared Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability assessment (PEFA) for Bosnia and Herzegovina. She holds bachelor's degrees in economics and political science, as well as a master's degree in finance and economics from the US, and is currently working towards a Ph.D. degree in economics.



Nina Hajoyan has over 25 years of general experience in PFM and Governance, of which around 18 years of experience in development work and around 15 years in public sector reform programs. Nina has supported PFM reforms and improvements in developing, transition and developed countries. Nina's experience covers 10 countries with a geographical span extending in the Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, as well as New Zealand. Nina's work in public finance management has largely focused on budget formulation and implementation, performance budgeting and medium-term budget frameworks, reporting and monitoring arrangements, fiscal and macro-economic management issues. Capacity building has been a core area of her work throughout her career, ranging from capacity needs assessment and capacity building plans to development and delivery of methodological materials and trainings. Prior to her involvement in public sector, Nina worked in the banking system and private sector finance programs which gives her a wide perspective to management and economic governance issues.



Xenia Kirchhofer is a Governance Analyst/ Junior Professional Officer with the Governance Global Practice, Latin America and Caribbean Region, since February 2020. She works on mainstreaming climate change in governance, with a focus on green budgeting and institutional assessments. Prior to joining the World Bank, she worked for the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in Afghanistan, Haiti and Switzerland. Xenia holds a Master's degree in Socioeconomics from the University of Geneva and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Development from the University of London.



Axel Mathot is a Belgian national, is a senior policy analyst and leads the division's Performance and Results network. Prior to joining the OECD, Axel worked first as a strategic advisor to the Flemish government on budget matters then as director of the budget team in Flanders for 5 years. In that capacity he contributed to the introduction of the performance budgeting and spending reviews in Flanders.



Elena Mondo, after spending many years as supervisor of the Open Budget Survey, is now Senior Technical Advisor for the Open Budget Initiative at the International Budget Partnership, primarily supporting the program in its capacity development efforts and technology-related needs, and managing the Eastern European portfolio of countries in the Survey – IBP's flagship research and advocacy project that open and accountable budget-making processes and institutions across the globe. Prior to joining the IBP, she worked as a consultant for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, coordinating research on budget practices and procedures in the OECD and Latin American countries. She holds an MPA in public and economic policy from the London School of Economics.



Iryna Shcherbyna is a WB Senior Public Sector Specialist, PHD. She has around 40 years of practical experience in Public Finance Management, including intergovernmental fiscal relations. She served as a public official in Ukraine for 20 years, started her career as a local economist and gradually rose to the Head of Financial Department of Yalta City Council and later to the Head of Local Budgets and Inter-Budgetary Transfers Department of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine. After leaving the state service, she worked for several international organizations as a PFM consultant and joined the WB in 2013. Iryna has about twenty publications, mostly related to public finances. As the WB Public Sector Specialist, she now supports Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus in modernizing PFM, Tax Administration and Public Investment Management.



Marina Tikonovich – Deputy Head of the Main Directorate of Budget Policy of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus. Ex officio she submits proposals on improving the budget legislation of the Republic of Belarus based on state-of-the-art international standards and practices, manages improvements of medium-term planning and performance-based budgeting, contributes to the efforts aimed at amending the Budget Code of the Republic of Belarus. Ms. Tikhonovich has been with the Ministry of Finance since 2006; up to 2012 she worked at the State Treasury Directorate dealing with budget execution.



Tatiana Vinogradova is PEMPAL's Budget Community of Practice Thematic Consultant. She has over 20 years of experience in public finance and citizens engagement in the budget process, working with governments, civil society, academia, and international organizations, including the last 16 years of country assessments for the Open Budget Survey, development and implementation of advocacy strategies to promote open budget reforms with the International Budget Partnership. In 1996-2011 Tatiana led the multi-partner “Transparent Budget Program” aimed at development of public participation in the budget process, budget transparency and accountability at subnational level in Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia. Tatiana holds a Masters degree in public administration and PhD in Political Science from the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration.