

OSGeo Local Chapter Portugal



2011 report

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Who we are

- Legal non profit organization, called OSGeoPT, since 2010
- Our own domain <http://osgeopt.pt>
- The articles of association were approved and are published in the web
 - The board elected by the community becomes the legal board

How many?

- 365 mailing list members
- 150-200 in our annual meeting
 - International speakers (from OSGeo or OSGeo projects)
 - Supported by (national) sponsors
 - Presentations
 - Workshops
- 14 board members
 - 1 from the national mapping agency
 - 3 from the local administration
 - 4 from universities
 - 5 from companies proving GIS solutions
 - 1 companies using GIS solutions

Last year activities

- Registration of the Association
 - Articles of Association
 - Membership
- Gathering people together (formal and informal meetings)
- Be recognized as a respected body of people promoting open source software and open data in the spatial real
 - We answered two calls from government agencies to:
 - How city's master plans should be published
 - The list of open formats that should be used in the (central) public administration

Challenges

- Improve participation in the Local Chapter
- Get working groups running
 - Groups do exist, but with low outcome
- Improve the web site
- Create a small, but trusty repository of open data
 - Available as WMS and WFS
 - Also provide an Geonetwork catalog
 - Available as a educational resource
- Promote FOSS4G in Education
 - Almost every MSc geo-related has some FOSS4G technology being used
 - _ The ESRI award for the best Geospatial related MSc thesis, was given to student that only used open source
 - Small (but really important) initiatives already at high school
 - _ Using desktop Q-GIS, in Madeira
 - _ High school OSM group, in Aveiro
 - Select and adopting one distribution for workshops and teaching in general, instead of the 3 ones (Faunália, GISVM, Geobox)
- Promote FOSS4G in the central and local administration