



## OpenStreetMap Kosovo

### Developing geographic information system and skills in Kosovo

#### **2022: Year in Review**

#### **PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES**

**A Celebration of Map-making Innovation:** On August 8th, we marked a significant milestone - the 17th birthday of OpenStreetMap. The occasion prompted a celebration of the power of open source in fostering global cooperation and advancing cartographic innovation.

**Strengthening Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Skills:** From June 9th to June 12th, we hosted a comprehensive workshop titled "How to Run the Place with Geographic Information Systems". This program delved into the intricacies of GIS technology, offering hands-on sessions that elevated participants' abilities to utilize these systems for spatial data analysis and effective place management.

**Building Virtual Connections:** On November 12th, we participated in the Local Chapter and Communities Virtual Congress. Our team actively engaged in various forums, discussions, and collaborative sessions, contributing to the collective knowledge and sharing our expertise in leveraging technology for community building.

**Harnessing the Power of Collaboration:** On November 19th, our team facilitated an all-day OpenStreetMap (OSM) Mapathon at Prishtina Hackerspace. The event brought together enthusiastic map-makers, data scientists, and geospatial professionals to collaboratively enrich the open-source map of the world.

**Shaping OSM's Future:** Our team also had the privilege of participating in the OpenStreetMap Foundation (OSMF) Board and Advisory Board Meetings, contributing to strategic discussions that shape the future direction of this vital open-source project.

**Fostering Community Engagement in Albania:** We played an integral role in establishing and organizing the OpenStreetMap Albania community. Our efforts were focused on fostering a vibrant mapping community, promoting the use of open-source mapping tools, and facilitating collaboration among various stakeholders.

**Engaging the GeoTaggers Community:** On several occasions - February 19th-20th, February 25th-27th, and March 5th-6th - we organized stimulating GeoTaggers Activities. These events

brought together a community of geospatial enthusiasts for engaging, insightful, and productive sessions of geographic tagging and mapping.

**Celebrating the GeoTaggers/OSM Partnership:** On July 5th and 6th, we facilitated a special event dedicated to celebrating the fruitful partnership between GeoTaggers and OSM. This was a unique platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and exploration of how the partnership could further the cause of open-source mapping.

**Strengthening the OSM Community:** On March 9th and April 14th, we organized dedicated OSM Meetups. These events were designed to foster a stronger, more interconnected OSM community. They offered an excellent platform for enthusiasts to connect, learn, share ideas, and work collaboratively on map-related projects.

**Promoting Regional Collaboration:** From August 23rd to 27th, we orchestrated a Regional GeoTaggers gathering, where OSM was a key focus of discussions and activities. The event brought together geospatial enthusiasts from various regions, facilitating dialogue, fostering regional cooperation, and inspiring collective action towards enhancing open-source mapping efforts.

## **A Look Back at 2021: Key Events and Engagements**

**Kickstarting the Year with a Meetup:** The year began on a high note with an OSM Local Chapter Meetup held on January 12th. This gathering of OpenStreetMap enthusiasts fostered interactions, knowledge sharing, and collaboration within the local OSM community.

**OSM Mapathon Series:** This year, we initiated a series of mapathons, starting in Suhareke on January 23rd. This was followed by other mapathons, which took place across different locations including Obiliq on February 13th, Prizren on March 9th, Rahovec on March 11th, Vushtrri on March 20th, and Hani i Elezit on March 27th. Each mapathon offered a unique opportunity for participants to contribute to the open-source mapping of their respective areas.

**Strengthening Local Networks:** On February 2nd, we conducted another OSM Local Chapter Meetup to bolster our local networks and facilitate ongoing discussions about the OSM project's progress and opportunities for local collaboration.

**Multiple Location Mapathon:** On April 3rd, we organized a unique mapathon that took place across two locations - Fushe Kosove and Ferizaj. This expanded our reach and allowed us to engage with more mapping enthusiasts.

**OSM Community Meetup:** On April 6th, we held a dedicated OSM Meetup. This forum was designed for all OSM contributors and users to come together, share their experiences, insights, and discuss potential improvements for the project.

Expanding Mapathon Series: The mapathon series continued with sessions conducted in Ferizaj, Fushe Kosove, and Peje on April 17th, followed by another session in Prizren on April 23rd. These events further enriched the OSM database and provided valuable learning experiences for participants.

Highlighting Points of Interest (PoI): In June, we shifted our focus to highlighting various Points of Interest (PoI) in different regions. On June 4th, we covered Pols in Prizren. This was followed by sessions focusing on Pols in Istog and Rahovec on June 11th and in Hani i Elezit, Fushe Kosove, and Vushtrri on June 22nd.

Participation in International Event: Between June 9th and 11th, we had the honor of participating in the international "State of the Map" event in Germany. This gave us an opportunity to engage with the global OSM community and share insights from our experiences.

Continuing the Mapathon Tradition: On August 8th, we conducted Mapathon 17, another instance of our ongoing mapathon series. This event reinforced our commitment to contributing to the OpenStreetMap project.

Annual General Meeting: Lastly, on October 7th, we held our Annual General Meeting. This was a pivotal event where we reviewed our accomplishments over the past year, discussed our future roadmap, and engaged in insightful dialogues with our community members.

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**PICTURES OF ACTIVITIES**













