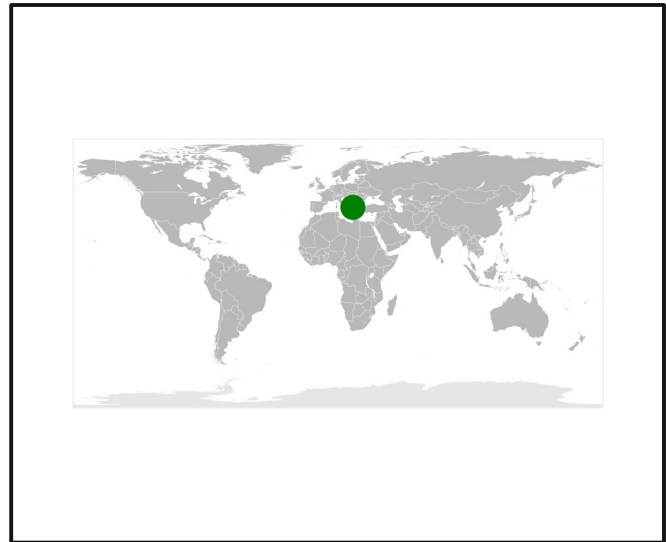# Greek Language Chapter

Key Accomplishments

On June 17 to 19, 2011 the chapter carried out its main event with great success. It was a joint effort organized by the OSGeo Greek Local Chapter, the Greek GI Association (HellasGI) and the Greek Open Source Association (E/ELLAK). The event was the First GRASS and GFOSS Users' Camp. It was held at the Paou Monastery, University of Thessaly, Pelion, Volos, Greece.

The event was highly successful with over 50 participants who stayed for the whole duration of the event. Many Greek and international experts (people from GRASS and gvSIG communities were invited) presented issues related to the main theme. Many participants recommended the event be repeated next year.

The chapter has coordinated work on the Greek translation of Version 4.5 and 5.0 of OSGeo Live. The Greek translation of the OSGeo Live DVD is one of the most complete.

 Weekly tutorials and presentations were provided by the chapter at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) about Free and Open Source Geospatial Software. Approximately 15 to 20 students attend each week.

The chapter has also coordinated Open Source Geospatial Software adoption in classes in universities. An example is the class at TEI of Serres with gvSIG and GRASS.

Areas for Improvement

We still do not have the participation in the chapter we expected. We need to intensify the efforts to increase the membership and the overall awareness. A big challenge is securing funding for organizing further events. Efforts to translate the OSGeo web site and some of the OSGeo Software stack into Greek will definitely help bring more people to the chapter.

Opportunities to Help

In the future we will definitely need speakers for national FOSS or local GIS events. We would also like to demonstrate some cases of successful use of FOSS GIS by the public sector to local government officials.

We would like to plan some demo classes on FOSS GIS for students in universities and how these can be integrated in their curricula in order to show that we can achieve the exact same educational result as programs that use proprietary software. (This process has started to happen but more involvement is needed).

Outlook for 2012

We would also be very interested in having the ability to apply for funding as a chapter or organization and we would like to seek help and information from other local chapters that have or plan to do the same. We would also like to become an official OSGeo Chapter.