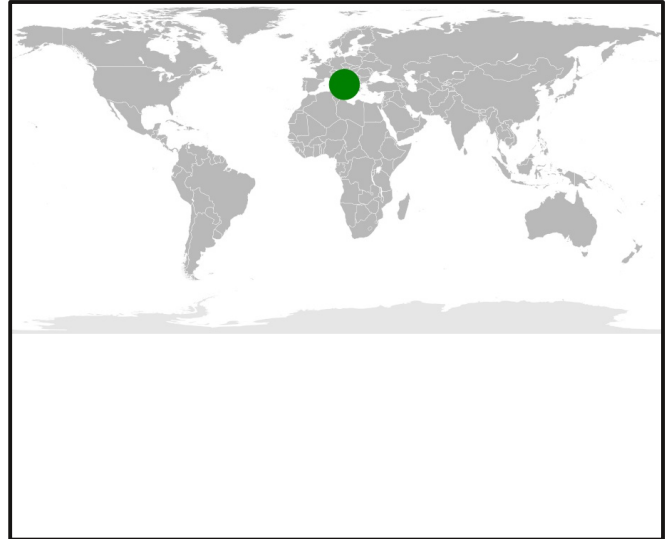# Italian Chapter Report

About the Chapter

The Italian geospatial open source community is represented by the association GFOSS.it and the OSGeo Italian Chapter. The chapter was founded in 2007 and now has 112 regular members, 11 OSGeo Charter Members, and 1 OSGeo Board Member. GFOSS.it is carrying out activities related to both open data and open source geospatial software. It does this, in part, by supporting the release of geodata from public administrations under a suitable open license.

Events

February 15 to 17, 2012: Participated in XIII Meeting di GRASS e GFOSS. The annual meeting was held for the second time in Trieste after ten years. The event is not exclusively addressed to GRASS users, but to everyone using open source geospatial software and public geodata. The 2012 Annual GFOSS.it Assembly was held jointly with this event.

June 21 to 23, 2012: Participated in the

VI Conferenza sul Software Libero (CONFSL 2012). CONFSL 2012 is an annual Italian meeting about free and open source software. It was been held in Ancona.

July 6, 2012: Supported and participated in the Smart Cities event in Bologna: Diritti digitali e dati aperti: le basi per Città e Comunità smart. The event has been organized by the association "Stati Generali dell'Innovazione" (SGI) in conjunction with Regione Emilia-Romagna.

November 14 to 16, 2012: Organized GFOSS DAY 2012 - OSMit 2012. The event was held in Turin. The Association decided to organize a second General Assembly of the Associates to promote the exchange of ideas and socialization, as well as to hear from the associates their opinions in regards to the ongoing

activities. Furthermore, for the first time the GFOSS day was organized as a coupled event with the annual Open Street Map Italian conference (OSMit), which encouraged stronger cooperation between OSM and GFOSS communities. After the conference, an OSM Mapping Party took place.

Member Activities

Sandro Furieri, President of GFOSS.it, has become a member of Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC).

Luca Delucchi coordinated an effort by chapter members to contributed to the Italian translation of the OSGeo-Live documentation (77.8 percentage reached).

Maurizio Napolitano has worked in preparation for the next Open Data day in Italy and reported to the community on the concepts of linked-open-geospatial-data.

Anne Ghisla has been elected as OSGeo Board member in August 2012.

Among the participants of OSGeo Google Summer of Code, 3 of the 22 students, 2 mentors and the mentor administrator were from Italy.

Project Support

The Chapter donated 250 euro to support the pledge raised by Sandro Santilli for the implementation of a Geometry to TopoGeometry importer in PostGIS-2.0.

The Chapter donated 250 euro to the community funding to help take OpenLayers to version 3.0.

Opportunities to Help

The chapter manages translation efforts on various FOSS software packages and suites, including OSGeo-Live DVD, and is a hub for packagers for various Linux distributions. Volunteers are always welcome to help the chapter with these efforts! The GFOSS.it wiki is open to all FOSS contributors and collects information about Italian geospatial data, as well as tips for software installation and configuration.

Outlook for 2013

The chapter is planning and preparing for several events and activities in 2013. These include:

Participation to XIV Meeting degli Utenti Italiani di GRASS e GFOSS in Genova.

Co-organization of GRASS Community Sprint 2013 in Genova, Italy.

Organization of GFOSS Day 2013.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Fondazione Edmund Mach (FEM) on the creation of a web portal that will facilitate the search, visualization and download of open geodata. This project will mainly serve mainly the Italian Territory, and will be made only using free and open source software.