OSGeo Local Chapter
Portugal

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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