

FOSSGIS e.V.

The Local Chapter of OSM Germany

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Board Member/Secretary

About FOSSGIS e.V.

- non-profit registered association
- founded in 2000
- ca. 250 paying members
- 2 employees in part time
- Aim: supporting free and open source software and free geospatial data
- since 2008: Local Chapter for OSGeo for Germany, Switzerland and Austria
- since 2008: Collaboration with German OSM Community
- since 2018: Official German Local Chapter for OSM

FOSSGIS

The diagram consists of a large, light gray rounded rectangle that serves as a container. Inside this container, at the top, is the text 'FOSSGIS' in a bold, dark gray font. Below this text, there are two dark gray circles positioned side-by-side. The left circle contains the text 'GIS' in a bold, white font, and the right circle contains the text 'OSM' in a bold, white font. This visual structure suggests that FOSSGIS encompasses both GIS and OSM.

GIS

OSM

OSM Activities

- Operation of servers for OpenStreetMap services
 - German tile server, OSRM, Overpass API, umap, JOSM, historic.place, ...
- Annual conference (mixed GIS and OSM contents)
- Lots of local events (hacking weekends, pub evenings, gatherings)
 - Including cross-border communities (CH/AT/FR/CZ/BE/LU...)
 - Sometimes in direct collaboration with Wikimedia DE, CCC, OSGeo, Linux Tage
- Publication of policy documents
- Booths at other events (Intergeo, Chaos Communication Congress, Chemnitzer Linux Tage, ...)

Point of Contact

- OSM has relatively high visibility in German media
 - TV, public radio, national press
 - usage of OSM maps in e.g. TV shows and press
- Managing requests/questions coming through osm.de
 - e.g. communication with public organizations, companies with legal and technical questions

Grants

- We're in good financial shape
 - Started to increase spending
- Microgrants program since 2009
 - No work is being paid for
 - Server rent, hardware, gatherings, traveling expenses
 - Continuous applications, no fixed deadlines
 - Community discusses, board decides
- over 110 000 € (130 000 USD) spent

Community Gap

- FOSSGIS **does not** represent the whole German OSM community
 - very clear considering the membership count

No.	Country	Contributors	Created elements	Modified elements	Deleted elements
1.	Germany	831	66474	60270	7324
2.	United States	480	322526	44398	19569
3.	France	397	56174	30416	10136
4.	United Kingdom	275	68597	26614	15900

- software enthusiasts overrepresented, mappers less so
- Recruitment of new OSM members in FOSSGIS is slow
 - nevertheless most activity is by OSM members
- Conference Programm more and more dominated by GIS topics

Outlook

- Data coverage good as ever, no signs of slow down
 - in top ten of highest numbers of daily contributors, often in first place
- Stack of planned events for when COVID-19 is over
 - online meetup getting traction
 - next big conference planned for June 2021 in Switzerland
 - funding for two community events is on hold