FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

Q) What is Digital Mapping? What is GIS? And what is Crowdmapping?

A) **Digital Mapping** refers to the use and production of geographic information to create digital maps and virtual images in the form of maps whose content can be inquiry and directed in a dynamic and interactive way by the user. The interaction between the Digital Map and the user can be done through dedicated software that is installed on your computer (desktop application) using the Web browser, commonly used for browsing, such as cloud platforms (web application).

For **GIS (Geographic Information System)** - or SIT (Sistemi Informativi Territoriali) according to the Italian acronym - means the system of management, analysis and visualization of geospatial data consisting on users, software / hardware, procedures, methods and tools that characterized the built environment (or platform) for sharing geographic information.

The term **Crowdmapping** is composed of the two words Crowd = Large number of people gathered together and Mapping = Map / Cartography and was introduced by the theme of emergency management (specifically during natural disasters) to publish information by the multitude of users in the area who became producers of messages, information, images and video. This information allow the creation of Digital Map (primarily online and in real time) thanks to the application of smart phones and web platforms developed specifically for disaster management.

In this regard, the term **Crowdmapping** is used to highlight the participation of collective activities in producing Digital Map, not in particular to weather disaster events but to properly manage an emergency which is continuous and growing in our times: the need for management and sustainable development particularly in relation to environmental and socio-economic issues that impact on our **world's cultural heritage.** The objective of this 1st edition of Crowdmapping Workshop is, in fact, the creation of a Digital Map of all the UNESCO sites in Italy, indicating the environmental characteristics and problems of the main site.

Q) I am interested in joining the course but I cannot come to Perugia on 25-26 May. Can I participate from remote in this Crowdmapping Workshop?

A) There is no problem. Just follow the guided exercises (tutorial) available on the website http://WARREDOC.UNISTRAPG.IT and contact the organization before the event by writing an email to warredoc@unistrapg.it. You can **participate and interact during the event from remote** and take part of the Digital Map project, creating a case study of your interest that will be inserted in the overall work developed during the course.

Q) What is the goal of the event?

The main objective is to introduce **young students and professionals into the digital geographic information world**, the Digital Mapping and the importance of open data and GIS for water management, the environment and cultural heritage.

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At the end of the workshop, we will produce a **Collective Group Map of UNESCO heritage sites** and other attractive sites in Italy and worldwide with particular environmental, historical and cultural value. The work developed in the Workshop/Course will continue long after the workshop ends. The official presentation of the Digital Map will take place in October 2016 at the presentation of the WWDR of the UNESCO WWAP.

The event aims, in fact, to **create a community of experts and young Digital Mappers** interested in actively contributing to the creation, sharing and discussion of Digital Map for Sustainable Development. For this reasons participants from Italy and around the world are welcome to participate from remote, giving a special mention to the Crowdmapping Workshop.

Q) What is the Crowdmapping Competition? How can I participate? And what are the prizes?

A) The **Crowdmapping Competition** intends to provide an additional motivation to the participants to explore, learn and have fun producing Digital Maps. Participants will compete into working groups coordinated by a tutor expert assigned by the organization. Each working group will develop a case study (project), which will be evaluated by a commission of experts. In this way, participants will be able to compare each other projects and be encouraged to give their best to produce a stunning Digital Map rich in content.

There are no cash prizes in the competition. To the members of the working groups that have produced the best Digital Map will receive a **Special Certificate**. The names of the participants will be shown in the web portal where the collective Digital Map is published and the news will spread through all channels of advertising and dissemination in collaboration with institutions that have supported and sponsored the event.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION AND LOGISTICS

Q) I am interested in attending to this course but I cannot follow full time both days? Can I sign up too?

A) YES, you can also participate, but it is important to **specify your availability in the online application** form to organize in a better way the event.

Q) I can only come to two sessions (one morning and one afternoon). Is it enough?

A) Yes, but **you should join at least one entire day to take full advantage of the potential learning outcomes of the course**. However, the program was designed for both days to give an early 1-hour class to teach the theoretical and practical basis of mapping and give you valuable advice in order to create your first Digital Map. In any case, for those who could join the event in the afternoon, work will take place with the working groups that will be supervised by an experienced tutor. **You can join the working group at any time of the day** to contribute or just observe the project in progress.

Q) I am not able to attend both days. Am I still eligible to receive the certificate of participation?

A) To be eligible for the certificate you **must actively contribute and participate with the working group** to develop your Digital Map. The tutor will make sure you took part on the event. Certificates will be given only to participants involved in at least two morning/afternoon sessions on both days.

Where does the event take place?

The event takes place at the **Palazzina Valitutti University for Foreigners of Perugia** (Galleria Kennedy, near Via XIV Settembre).

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