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Web publication and sharing of historical and cultural knowledge: the Via Regina project

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Via Regina

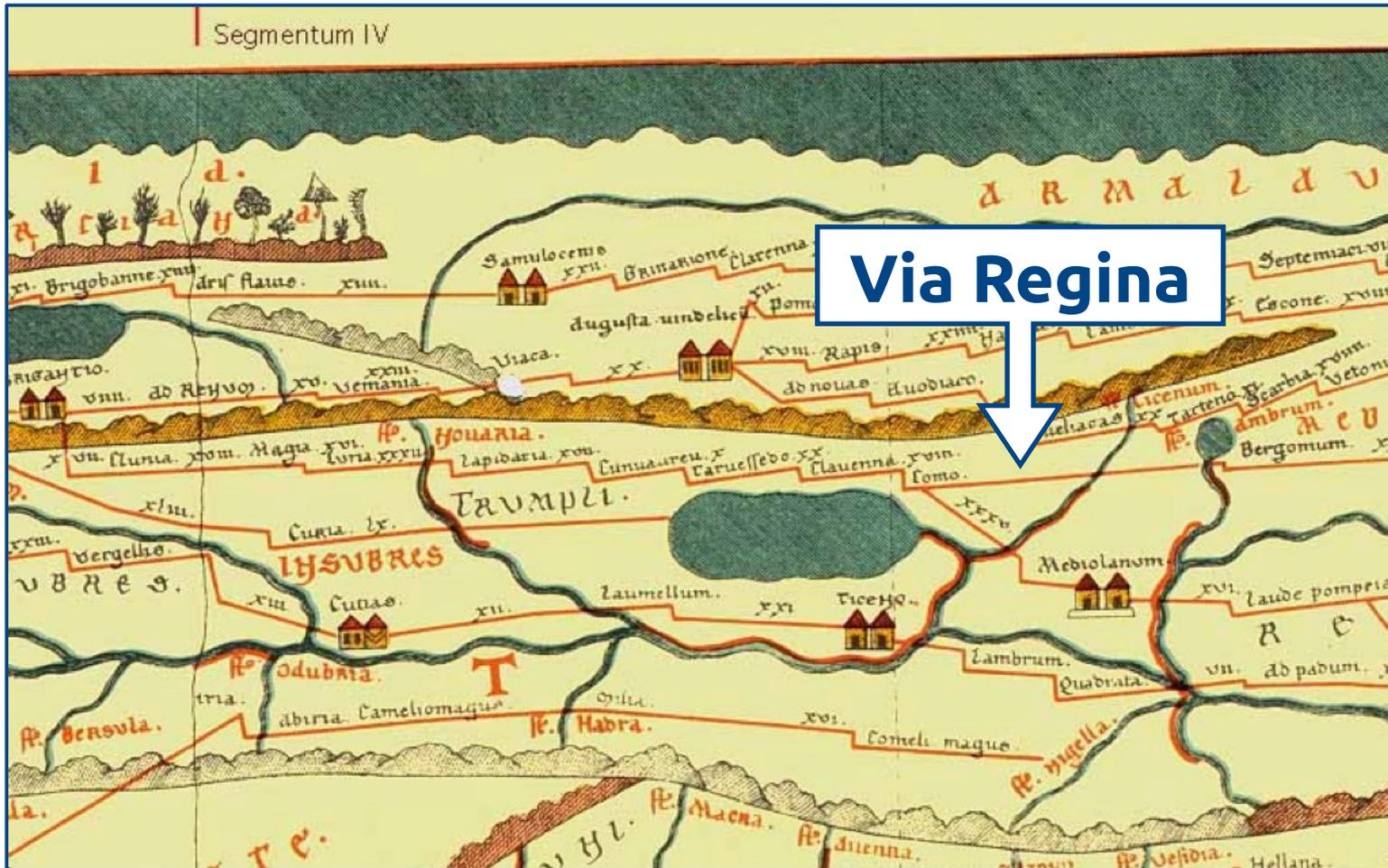
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- ▶ trade and **cultural route** since Roman times
- ▶ transalpine system of **soft mobility links**



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Via Regina project



- ❖ “I Cammini della Regina” INTERREG project (Italy/Switzerland)
 - **purpose:** to valorise the cultural heritage of the area and foster slow tourism
 - **beneficiaries:** local communities, administrations, pilgrims, tourists
 - **expertise involved:** cultural heritage, land use and design, geomatics

- ❖ Partners

- universities

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Scuola universitaria professionale
della Svizzera italiana

SUPSI

- local administrations



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e della Val San Giacomo



- cultural association



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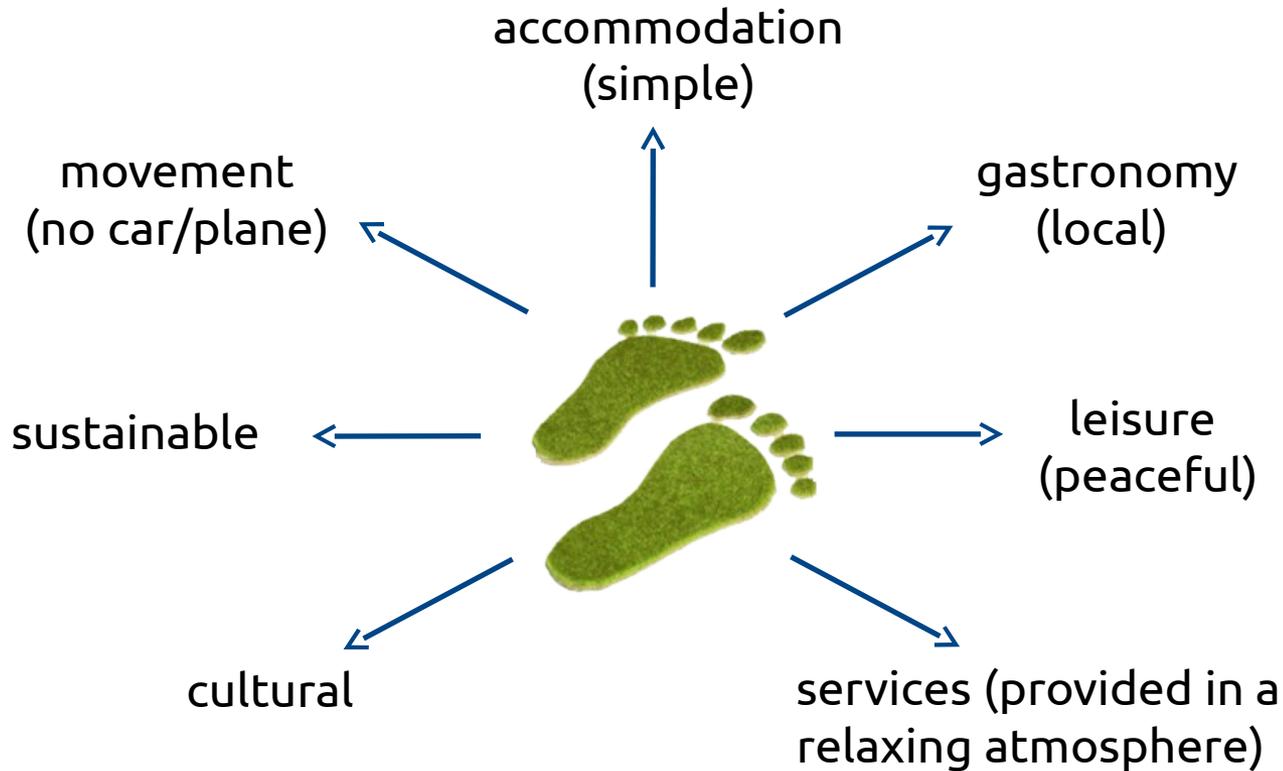
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Slow tourism at a glance



- ❖ A special case of **sustainable tourism** focused on:
 - environmental friendliness
 - rediscovery of **local traditions** and **cultural knowledge**



Web Mapping within the project



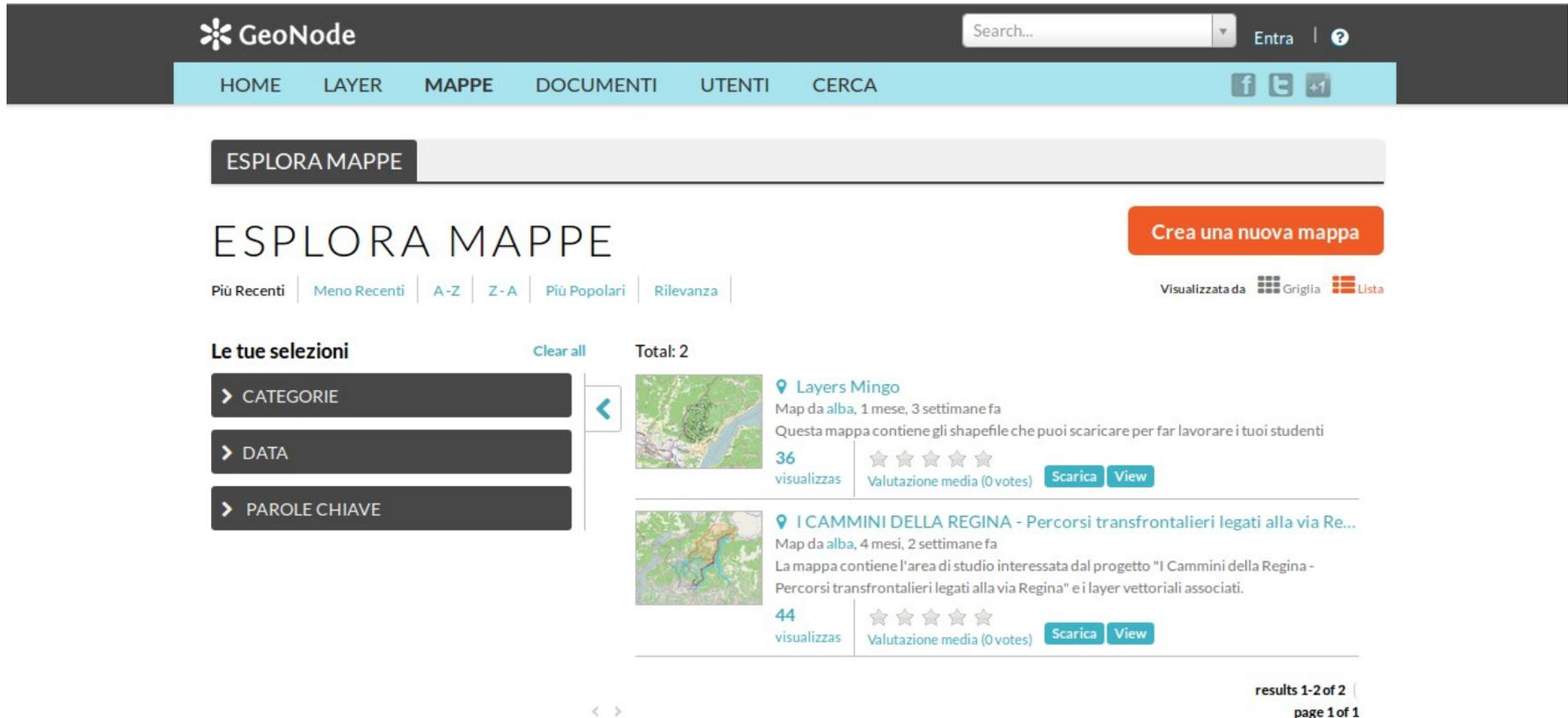
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- ❖ Exploitation of Free and Open Source Software (**FOSS**)

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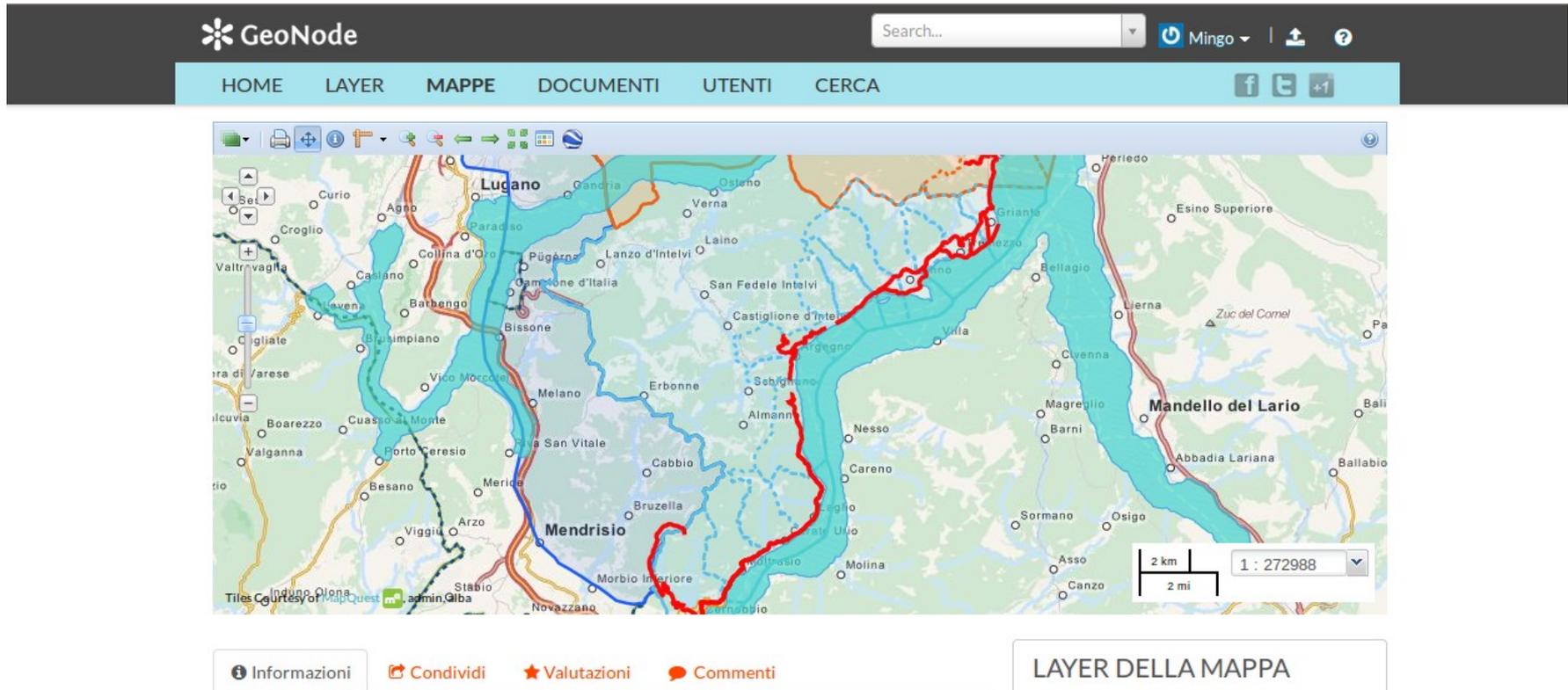
The screenshot shows the GeoNode website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GeoNode logo, a search bar, and links for 'HOME', 'LAYER', 'MAPPE', 'DOCUMENTI', 'UTENTI', and 'CERCA'. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'ESPLORA MAPPE' with a 'Crea una nuova mappa' button. The main content area displays a list of maps. The first map is 'Layers Mingo' with 36 visualizations and a 'Scarica' button. The second map is 'I CAMMINI DELLA REGINA - Percorsi transfrontalieri legati alla via Re...' with 44 visualizations and a 'Scarica' button. At the bottom right, there is a pagination indicator showing 'results 1-2 of 2' and 'page 1 of 1'.

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Data upload & sharing



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- ❖ MSc course (5 ECTS) carried out at Politecnico di Milano, Como Campus
- ❖ Opened to the **brightest students** (selection is done) from Environmental, Management and Science Computing Engineering
- ❖ **Mixed groups** working on **business cases** proposed by **real companies**
- ❖ Group supervision relies on:
 - a reference tutor from university (**junior researcher**)
 - a **company representative**
 - the **board of Professors** (one for each MSc School)
- ❖ Organized into weekly **meetings, seminars** and **teaching alignments**
- ❖ Students' **final evaluation** is based on:
 - materials delivered during the course (project plan, intermediate and final project presentation, project report)
 - tutors' and Professors' evaluations
 - students' self-evaluations (every 4 weeks)

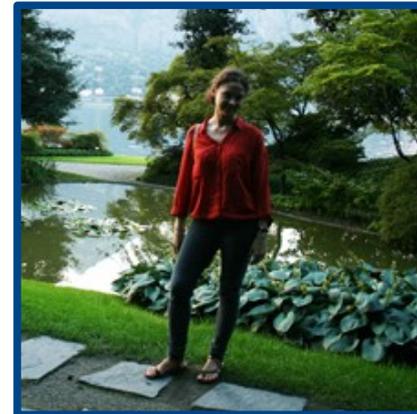
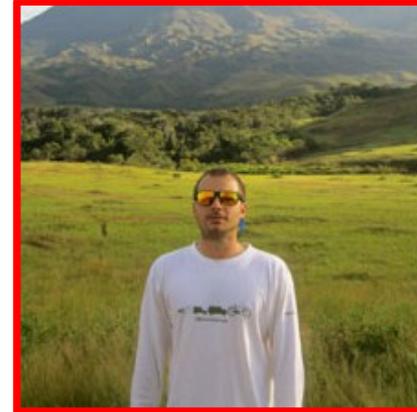


**Lake
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School**

❖ Team composition:

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- Gabriel Perez Russo
- Raphaël Nataf
- Daniele Oxoli
- Candan Eylül Kilsedar
- Marco Minghini

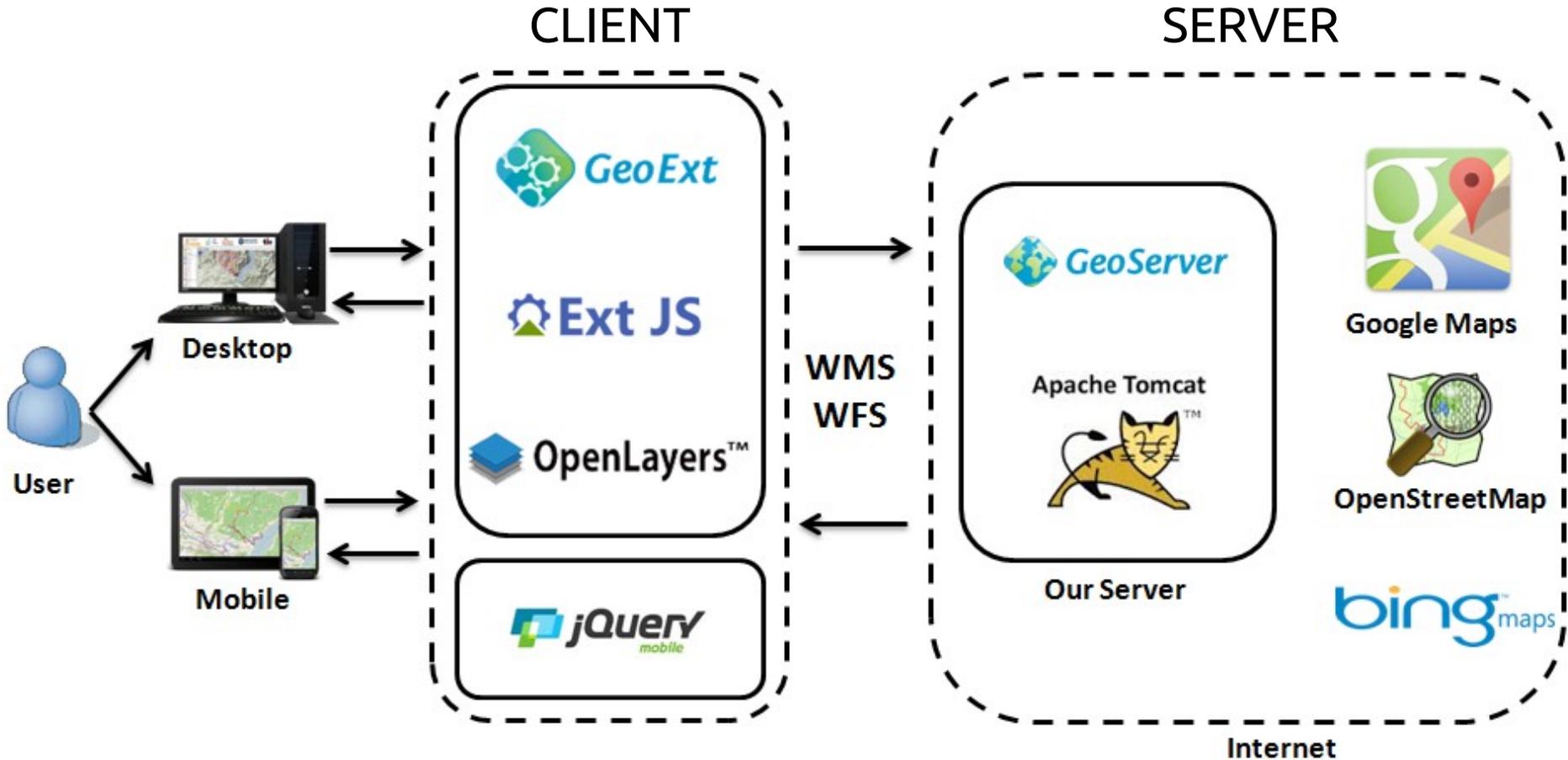
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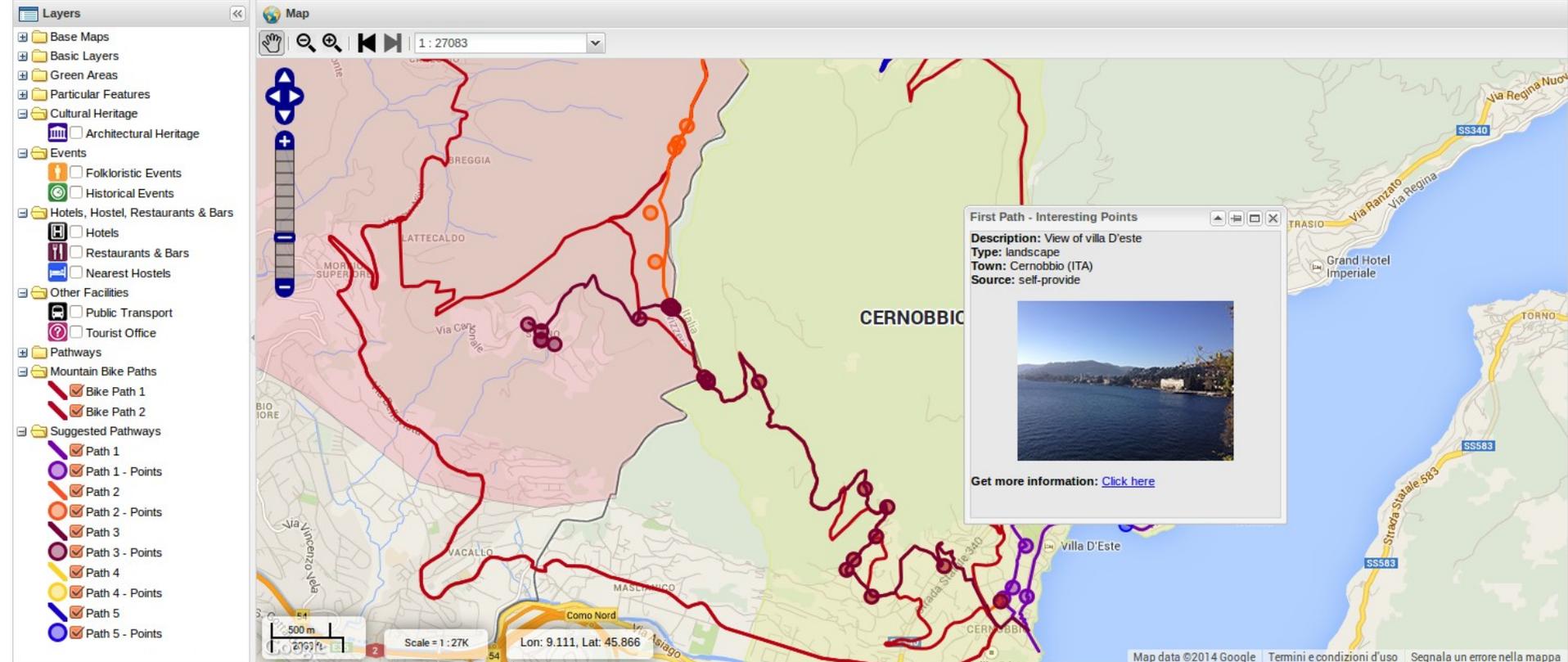


Environmental
Engineering

Science Computing
Engineering

Academic tutor



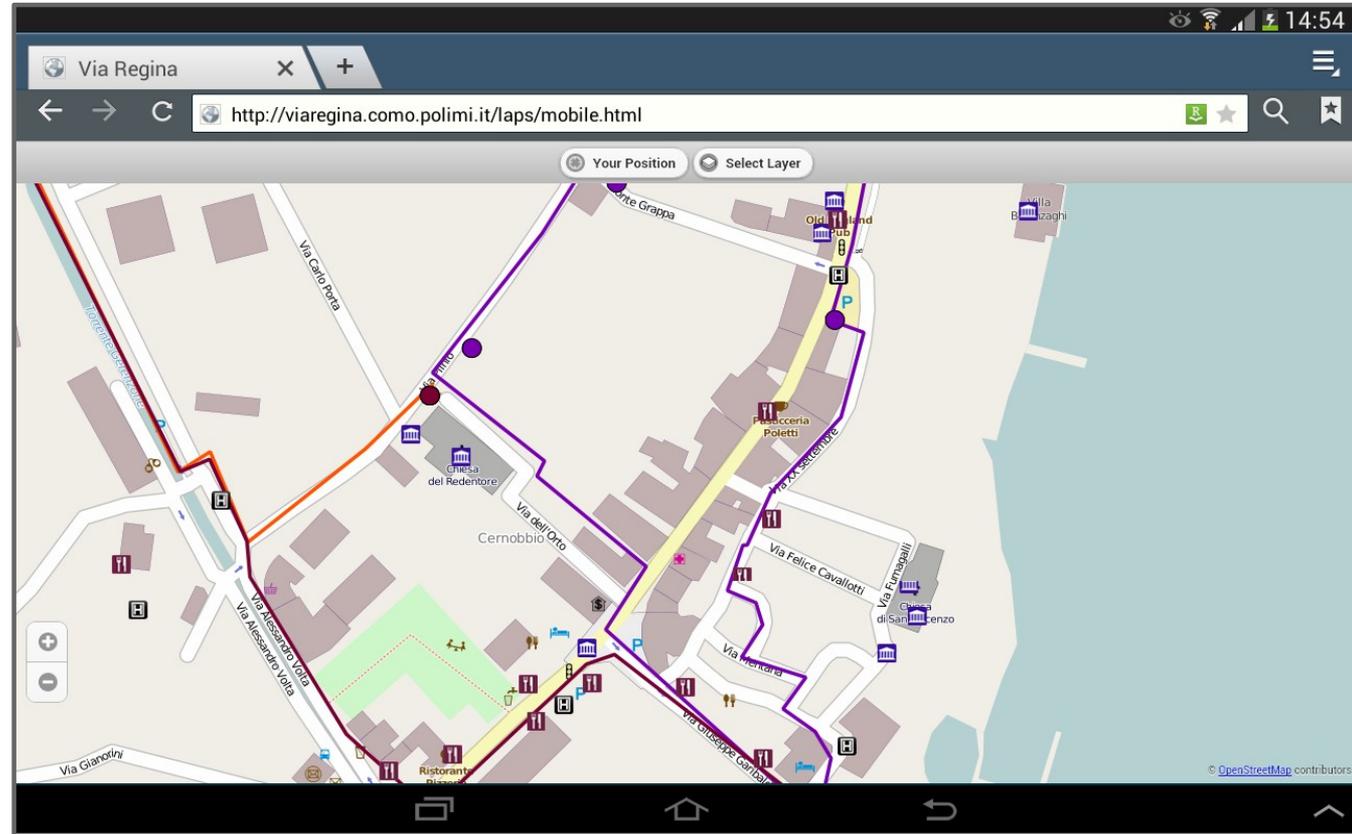
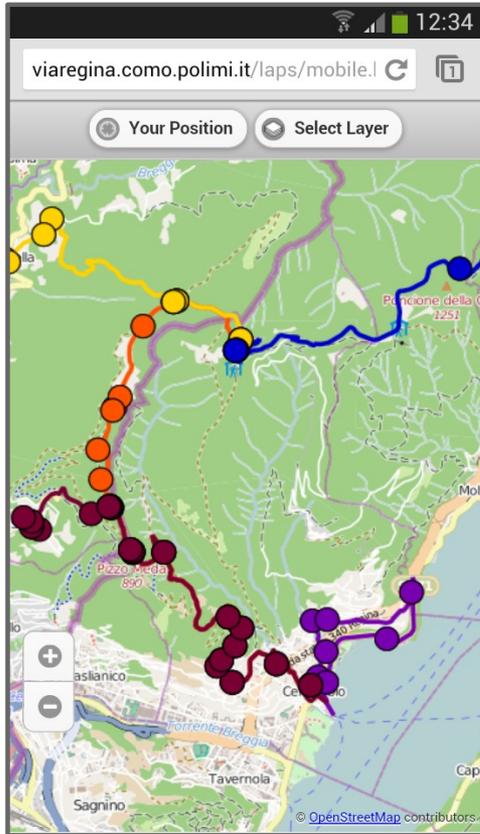


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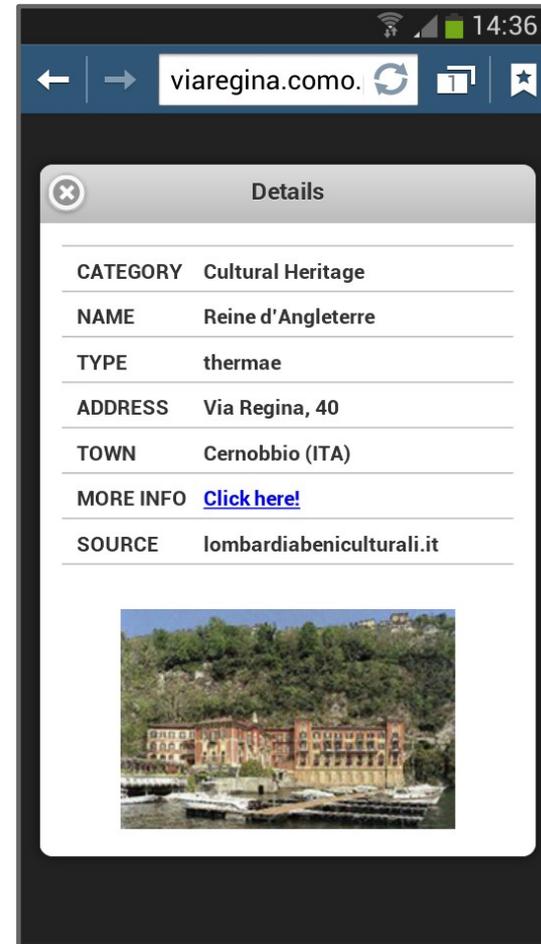
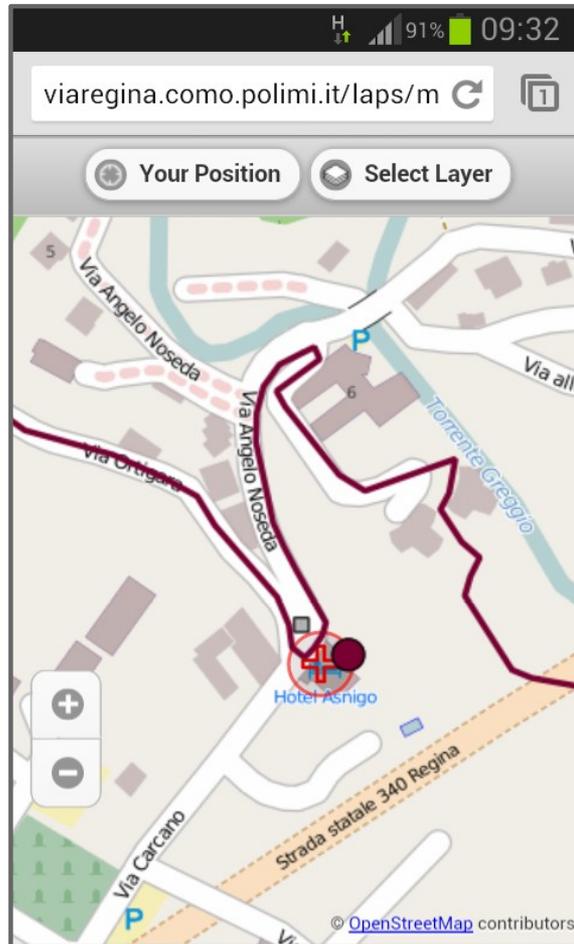
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<http://viaregina.como.polimi.it/laps/mobile.html>

Mobile WebGIS



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- ❖ Based on the suite of tools 
 - management of mobile data collection through a set of related applications

FORM CREATION



FORM COMPILATION



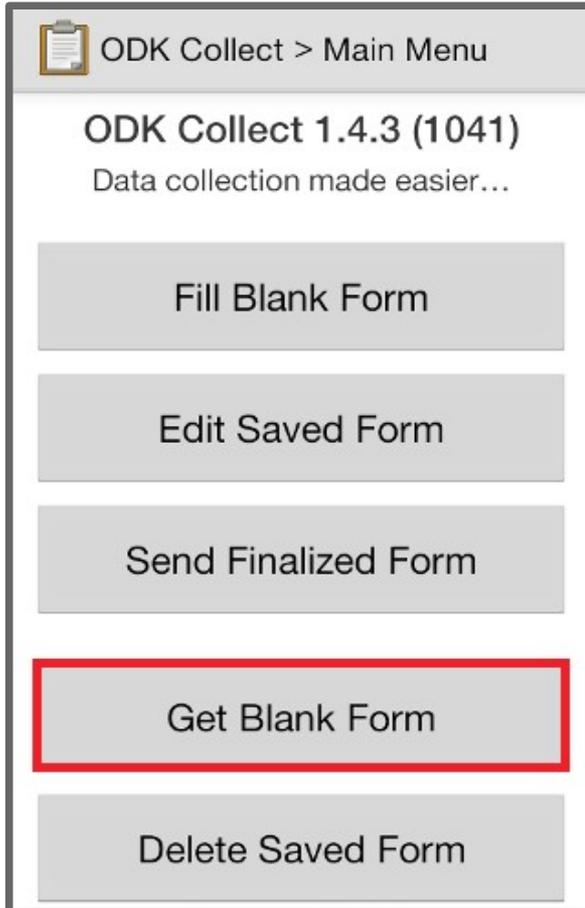
Apache Tomcat



FORM STORAGE



❖ Form download



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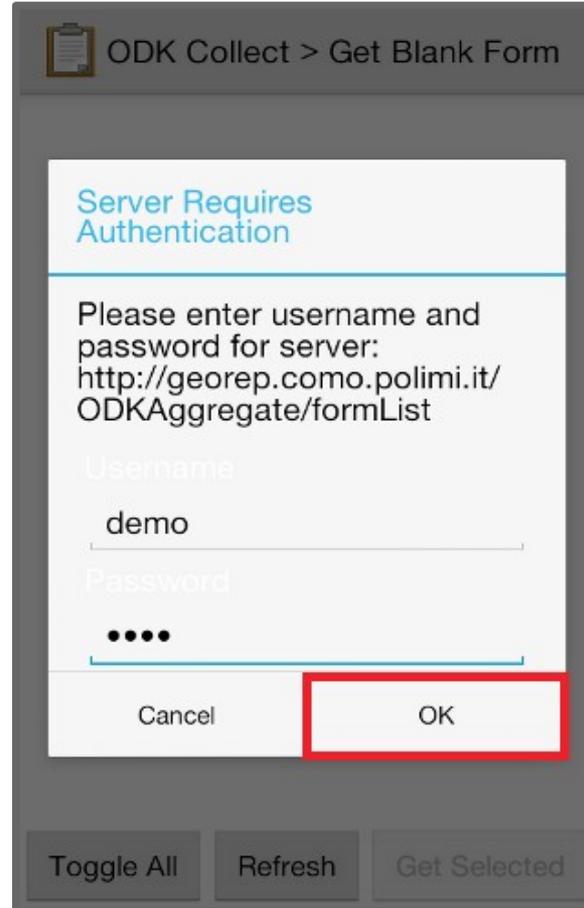
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ODK Collect > Get Blank Form

Server Requires Authentication

Please enter username and password for server:
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Username
demo

Password
.....

Cancel **OK**

Toggle All Refresh Get Selected



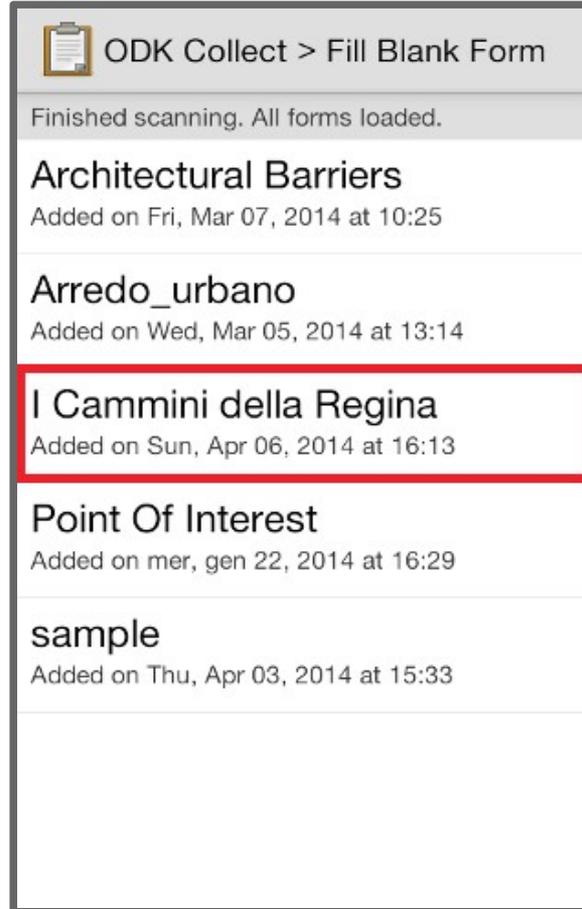
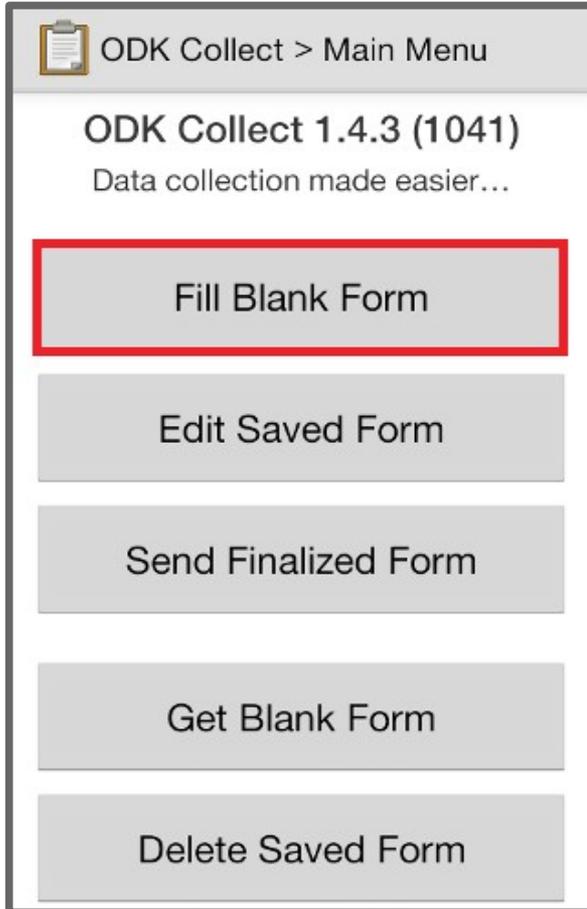
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I Cammini della Regina

ID: regina_v9

Toggle All Refresh **Get Selected**

❖ Form compilation



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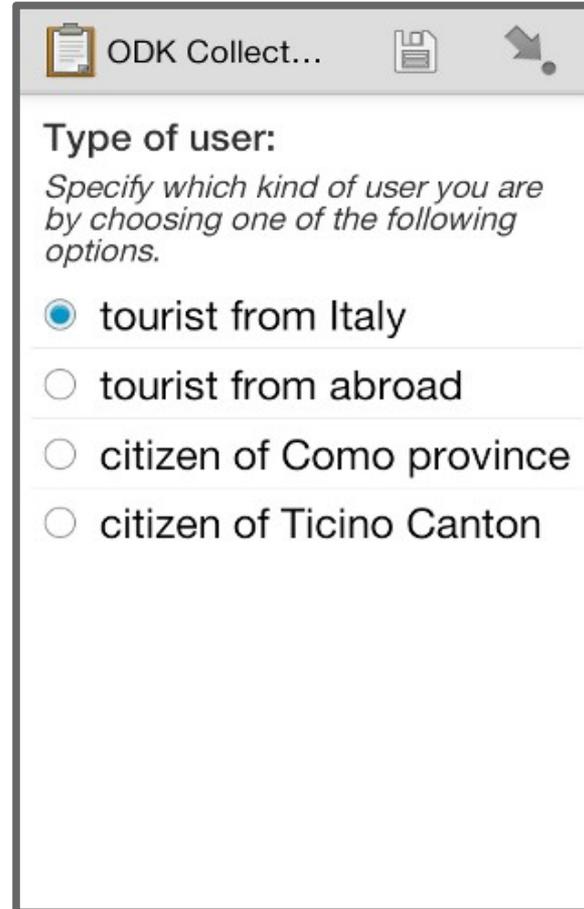


ODK Collect...

Date of report

Aprile 2014

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ODK Collect...

Type of user:

Specify which kind of user you are by choosing one of the following options.

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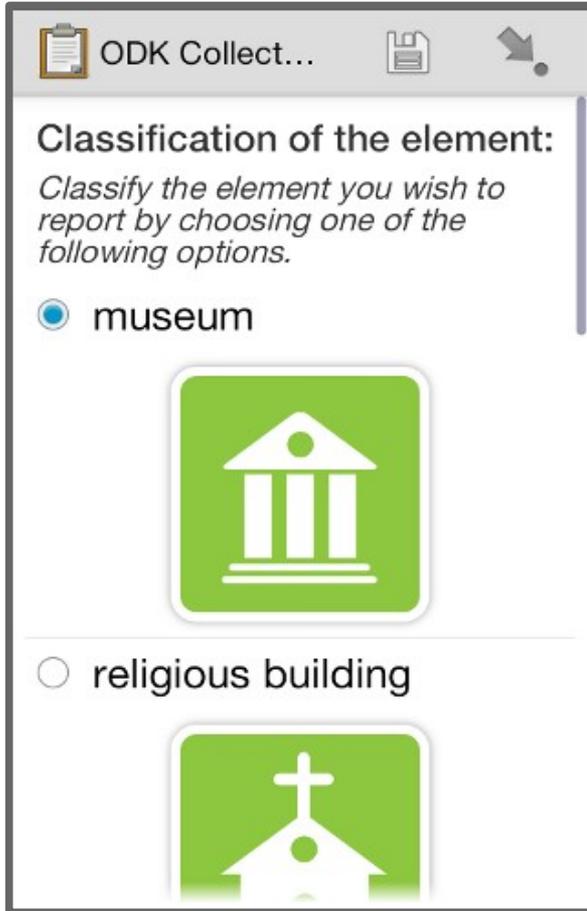
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- historical and cultural element
- morphological element



❖ Form compilation



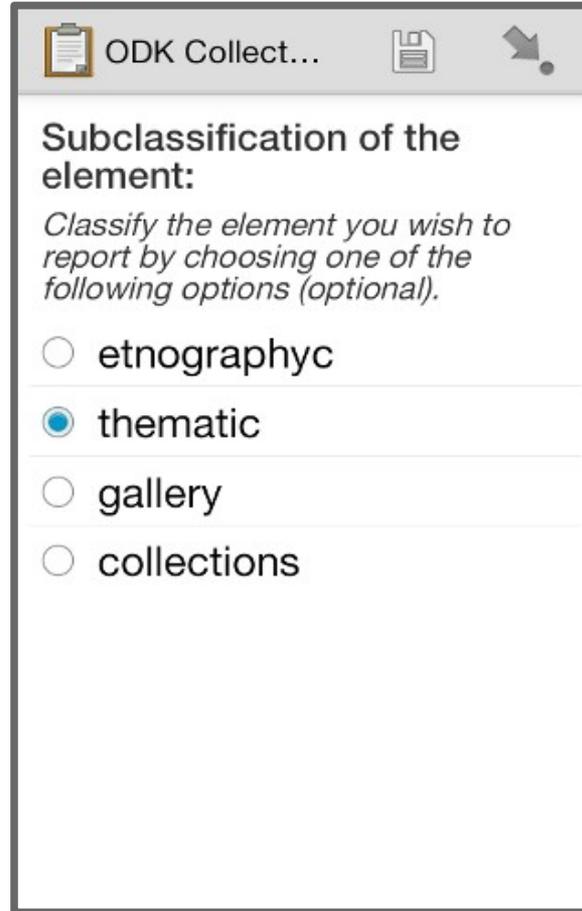
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Classification of the element:
Classify the element you wish to report by choosing one of the following options.

museum



religious building



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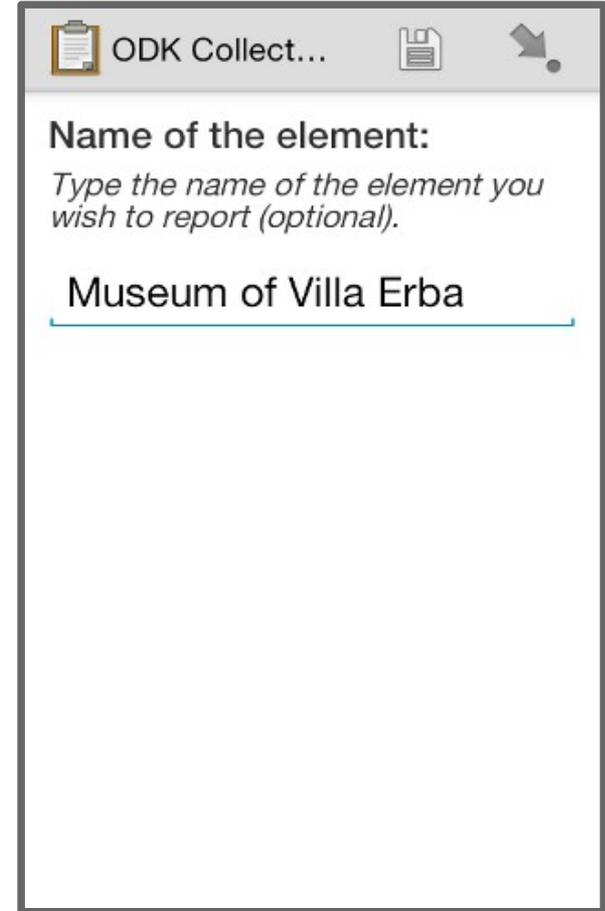
Subclassification of the element:
Classify the element you wish to report by choosing one of the following options (optional).

ethnographic

thematic

gallery

collections



ODK Collect...

Name of the element:
Type the name of the element you wish to report (optional).

Museum of Villa Erba

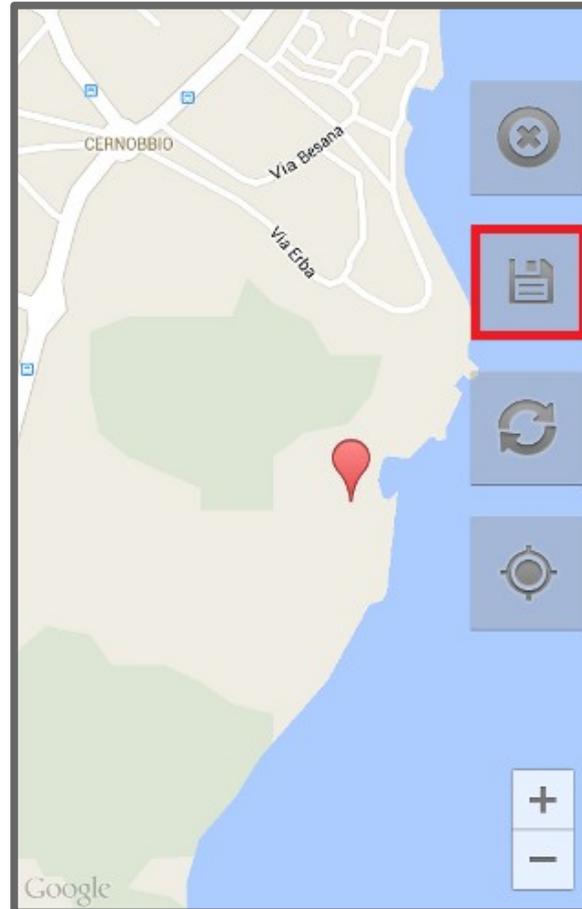
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Position of the element:
Be sure to be outdoors and check that the device GPS is on. Alternatively, you can also determine the position by connecting to a wi-fi network.

Replace Location

Latitude: N 45°50'16"
Longitude: E 9°4'39"
Altitude: 0m
Accuracy: 5.5m



ODK Collect...

Picture showing the element:
Take a picture of the element using the device camera or upload a picture available on the device.

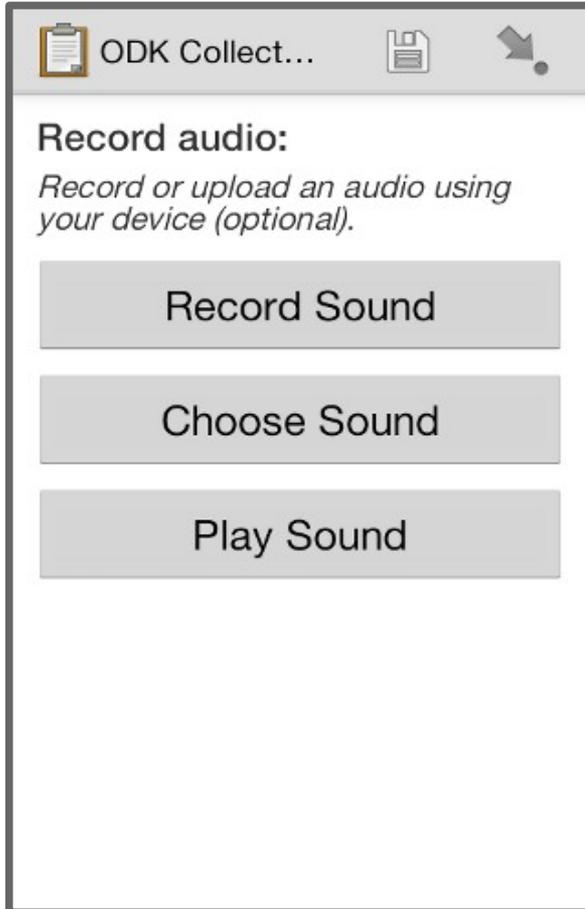
Take Picture

Choose Image



A photograph of a large, classical-style building with a prominent tower and a clock face, surrounded by greenery and a lawn.

❖ Form compilation & saving



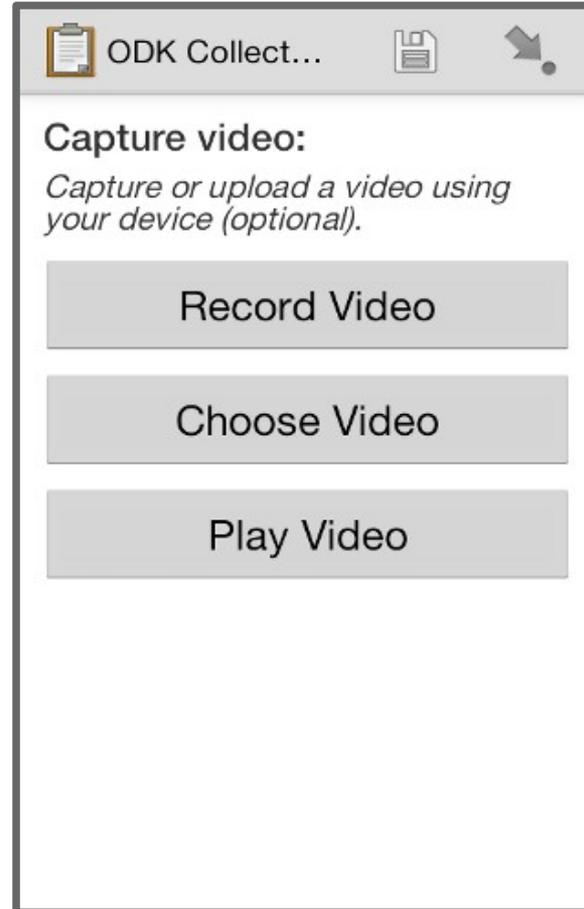
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Record audio:
Record or upload an audio using your device (optional).

Record Sound

Choose Sound

Play Sound



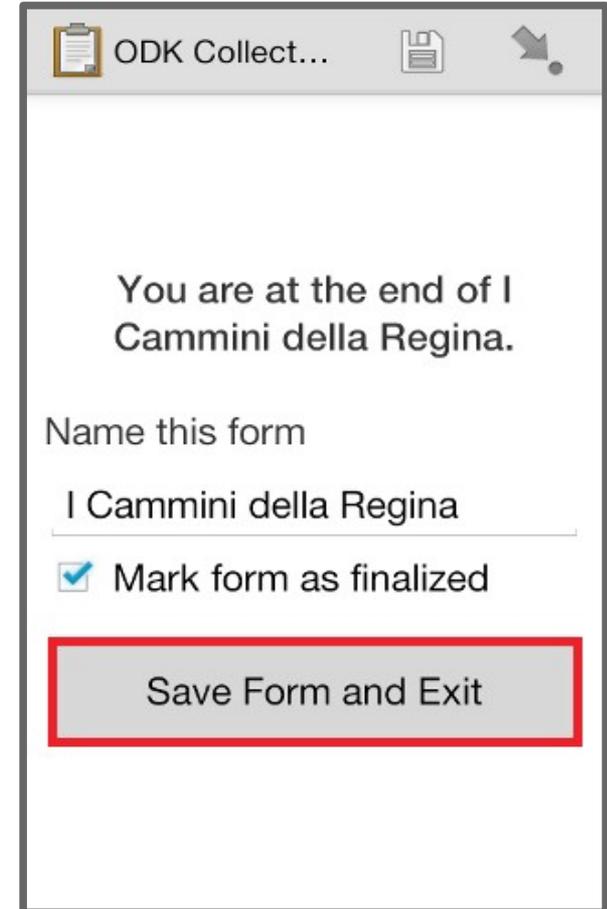
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Capture video:
Capture or upload a video using your device (optional).

Record Video

Choose Video

Play Video



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You are at the end of I Cammini della Regina.

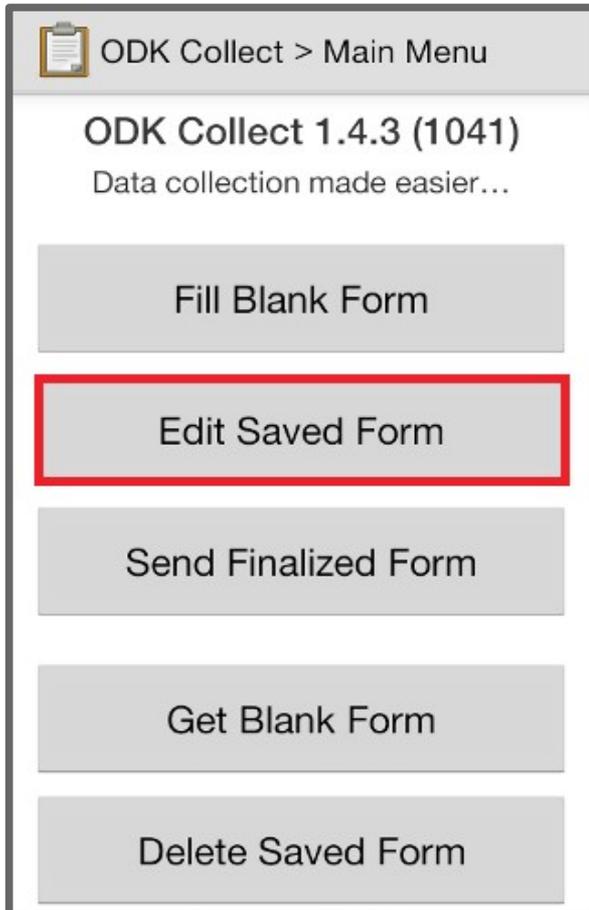
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Mark form as finalized

Save Form and Exit

❖ Form editing & sending



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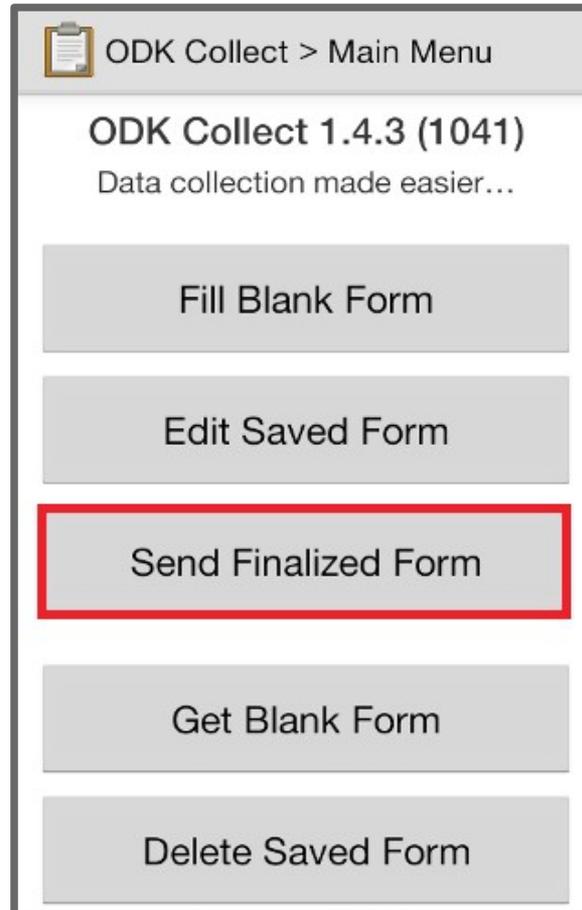
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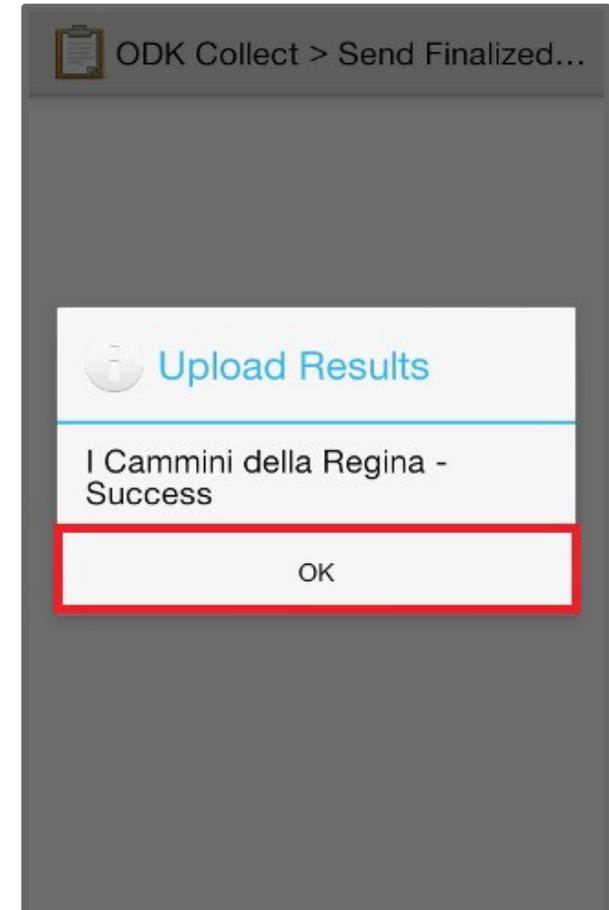
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ODK Collect > Send Finalized...

Upload Results

I Cammini della Regina -
Success

OK

❖ Form compilation from PC

I Cammini della Regina

Date of report of the element: *

Insert the current date or the date the report is referred to.

2014-06-10



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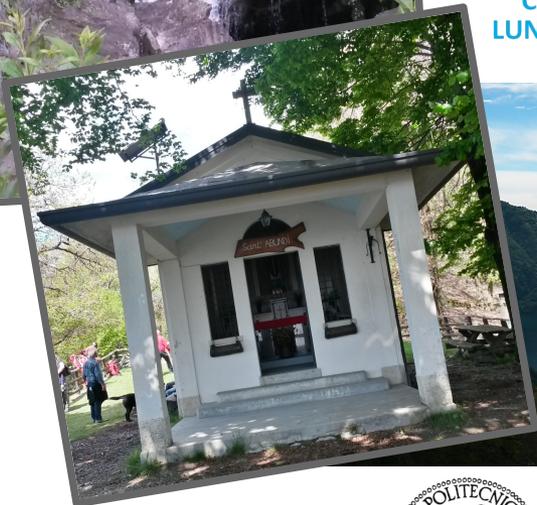
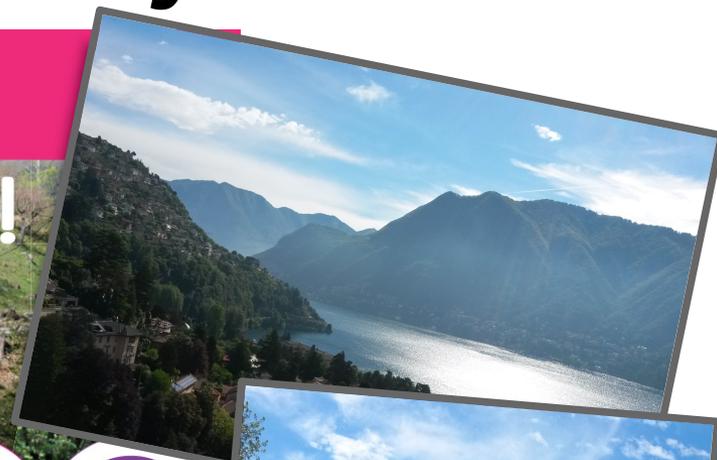
Via Regina map party

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MapParty!



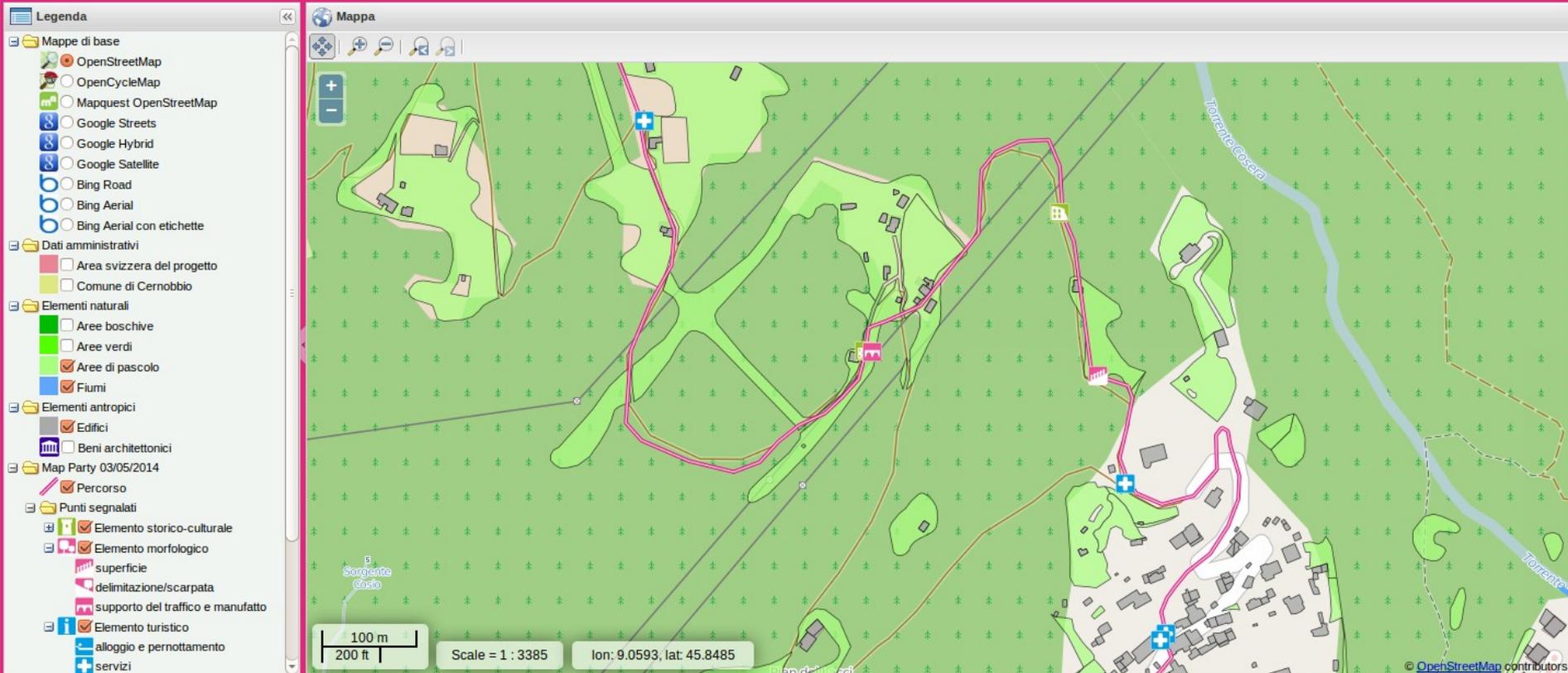
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LUNGO I CAMMINI DELLA REGINA PER UN'ESPERIENZA
CULTURALE, SENSORIALE E GIOCOSA



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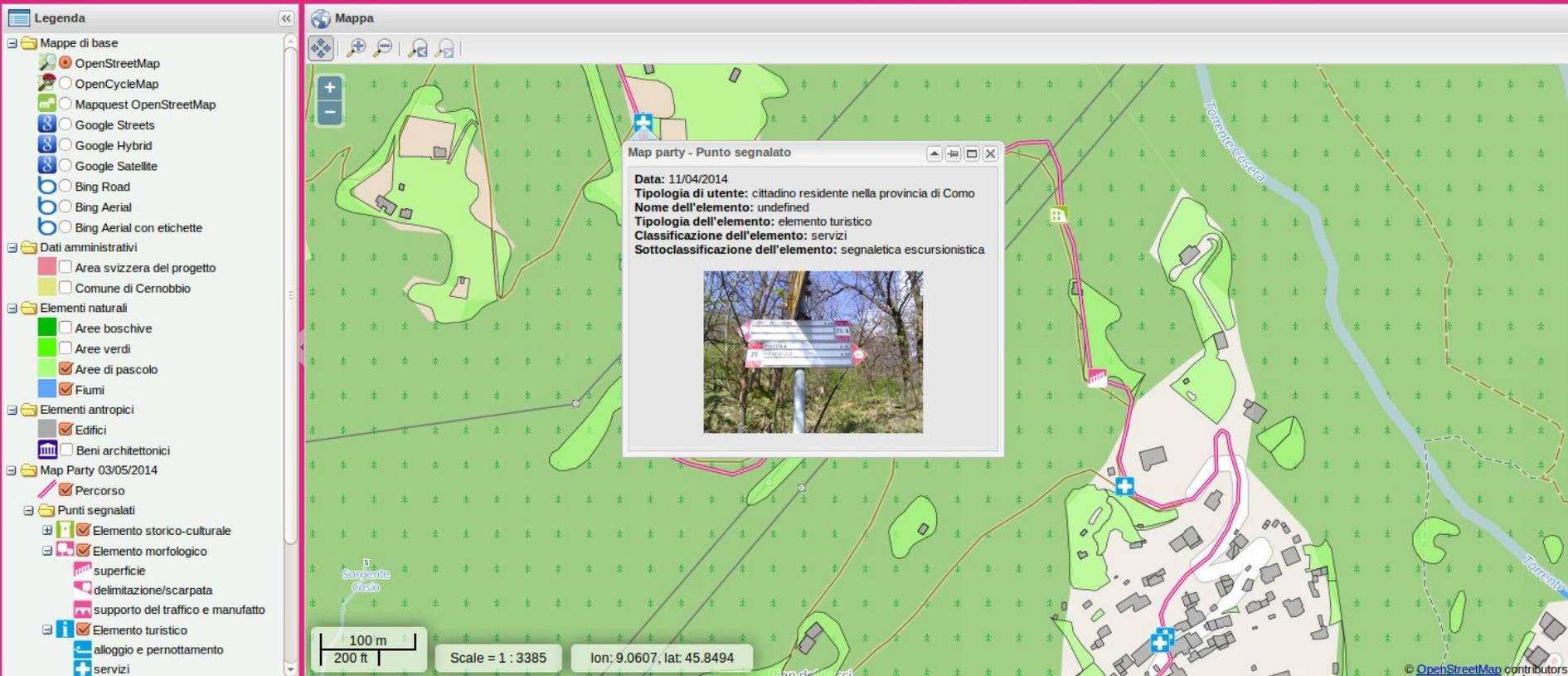


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Conclusions

- ❖ Web Mapping 2.0 technologies applied to tourism and cultural heritage
 - upload/sharing of geospatial data (for project partners)
 - report of georeferenced points of interest from mobile (for common citizens)
 - desktop/mobile 2D viewers for data display & query
 - management framework for project control & promotion
- ❖ Future outcomes
 - extension of the viewers from the case study area to the whole Via Regina
 - enrichment of the viewers with processing functionalities (e.g. computation of terrain profile)
 - 3D viewer & Augmented Reality application

Acknowledgments

- ❖ This research has been funded by the INTERREG “I Cammini della Regina – Percorsi transfrontalieri legati alla Via Regina (The paths of Regina – Crossborder paths departing from Via Regina)” 2007-2013 project.

<http://www.viaregina.eu>

<https://www.facebook.com/viaregina2.0>

Thanks for your attention!

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