

Connecting Lika: project progress update, from buzzing Brussels
3rd February 2023

it's been 3 months since I was in Lika, and since I started (again) working on trying to bring the Internet to "Polje"!

The project is about:

- building Sustainable Community Solidarity Wireless Mesh Network!
- based on the "Environmental Justice in Tech" principles (Limitations / Reparations / Solidarity)
- for rejuvenation & reconnection of the remote rural communities

<https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/Lika/ProjekatPovezanoPolje>

In the meantime, I've talked to several people, trying to get support & to hear about possible challenges.

These are the results for now:

- Yo (freschool) is interested to stay in LikaLodge, to work on minimalist living and to help out when needed
- Keith (from Rhizomatica) might visit the area in the summer and contribute his experiences
- Nana, Nina & myself had several brainstorming sessions about it while celebrating NYE in Amsterdam together...
- Arnd researched equipment, electricity, and line-of-sight for antennas
- I got in touch with "Udruga Prospero", let's see if we can work on joint projects!
- I've talked to multiple other people who are copied on this email - thank you for your interest!

I have also applied for two fundings; you can find PDFs desiring the grant application here:

https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Connecting_Lika_-_Application_for_Risktakers_Fellowship_.pdf

https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Connecting_Lika_Grant_Application_for_NLNET.pdf

However, there are *NO* concrete responses not results yet!

I am still looking for committed people to be involved, to be part of the "core team", and also for just "interested" people, for taking part in a smaller way. I'd love it if the next report would say more about "we" than about "I".

Concrete invitation: would you be up for a Jitsi call once a month? For half an hour.

<https://meet.jit.si/ConnectingLikaChatFridays>

(Third Friday of the month, noon: 17.2. 17.3. 21.4. 19.5.)

Coming Up

Tomorrow I will be at OFFDEM in Brussels; I am bringing a "poster" about the project, plus many QRcode "stickers" to promote both the project & LikaCam2023! I expect to create many connections & lots of buzz about both :)

https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Getting_Lika_Connected_1.1_offdem-new.pdf

Also, I will be in Lika 6-10. April !!

And after that I'll travel on train through Europe, maybe I come to visit you!

In the meantime, I will keep on applying for more funding & fellowships, and promoting the project at other events that I am going to. (see below)

If you have some news or suggestions, please let me know!

Looking forward to what the future brings,

Vesna

There are many relevant events coming up, maybe we'll meet others who are interested in Lika there?

24 - 26 feb. 2023, 2dh5 , AMSTERDAM, <https://www.2dh5.nl>

4-5 April 2023, SEE-11, Split (Croatia), <https://ripe.net/see-11>

08. - 15. May 2023, wireless community networks, Calafou, <https://www.battlemesh.org/BattleMeshV15>

15-19. August, CCC Camp, near Berlin, <https://www.ccc.de/en/updates/2022/no-congress-2022>

29. August, DeGrowth Conference, Zagreb <http://odrast.hr/>

November: IETF hackathon, Prague