OSCAL 2020, the 7th edition is coming to town

16-17 May, Tirana, Albania

Open Source Conference Albania (OSCAL), the first annual international conference of its kind in Albania, will take place for the **seventh consecutive year** to promote **software freedom, open source software, online privacy, open data** and **open knowledge** locally and in the region. OSCAL 2020 will take place between 16-17 May 2020 in Tirana and is expected to gather over 300 enthusiasts of open source technologies, developers, agencies and professionals of free/libre, open source culture troublemakers, cryptoanarchists and dreamers of a world with more internet freedom. The participants will gather with a common belief in a world where information is open, free and decentralized. The conference not only provides everyone with the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with the audience, but also **inspires** many others to act upon it.

A wide variety of intriguing presentations and workshops will be held on both days of the conference. More specifically, each day from 9AM to 6PM, participants will have the chance to become acquainted with different topics, as well as explore contribution and professional opportunities. In addition, community info booths will be present on both days. Mozilla, Fedora, LibreOffice, OpenStreetMap, Wikipedia, phpList, Nextcloud and openSUSE are only a few of the projects that OSCAL participants can get to know better.

OSCAL 2019 concluded with 64 presentations, speakers from many different countries of the world and more than **300 attendants** inspired to advance the free/libre open source movement even further. The best part were all the positive comments, that motivate the organizers to come up with something even more expanded.

OSCAL2020

#InternetFreedomFTW

Organized by Open Labs since 2014

This year theme: Internet Freedon FTW

For years, netizens have praised the collaborative tools empowered from the internet and the decentralized character of the network of networks. At the same time, hacktivists and whistle-blowers have warned us about the raising interest in controlling, filtering and censoring the internet as we know it.

Unfortunately, our biggest fears are becoming a reality. We read more and more reports about net neutrality being lost, massive surveillance operations being conducted, domain names being blocked, news outlets being censored and governments are fighting tools like encryption. Disturbing phenomena happening in Albania, the Balkans and also worldwide. The World Wide Web, an amazing tool used to share knowledge, information and one of the fastest communication tools is now being used against us and we need to act!

It has to start somewhere;

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What better place than OSCAL in Tirana?

What better time than 16-17 May 2020?

OSCAL 2020: presentations, workshops, community meetups and info booths gearing up for #InternetFreedomFTW. A community run event organized by Open Labs Hackerspace, the local community dedicated to empower free/libre open source culture in Albania since 2012.

Important dates:

Call for proposals: cfp.openlabs.cc/oscal-2020/cfp – until 01.04.2020

Call for volunteers: opens 01.03.2020 - 14.04.2020

Call for info booths: opens 27.01.2020 - 01.04.2020

Registration for the conference: 02.04.2020

Call for sponsors: https://oscal.openlabs.cc/sponsors/