Pre-FOSDEM Event 2020

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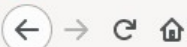
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Open Labs Hackerspace

- FLOSS community based in Tirana, Albania
- Initially founded in July 2012
- Events/ meetups/ conferences
- Volunteer based
- Membership free of charge

Open Labs Hackerspace

- Partnering with other organizations that ally with our principals, ex. FSFE, RYCO, Hack42 in NL

- Policy making

- Organizers of Open Source Conference Albania (OSCAL)

- https://openlabs.cc/

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Online forum

- https://forum.openlabs.cc/
- Very active Discourse forum/ mailing list
- Two languages (Albanian & English)
- Approximately 300 daily page visits (including crawlers)

2019

- 36 small events – meet ups & conferences
  - OSCAL
  - CryproParty
  - Coding meetups
  - "Rented" the space to non members
- 250 participants at Open Source Conference Albania
- Several TV interviews around online privacy concerns of our digital age

2019

- Non technical/ grassroots events, ex https://preservingtirana.city/

- Help civil society activists stay private online & secure

2020

- **7 meet ups so far**
  - Mozilla Common Voice
  - InfoSec meetup
  - VR
  - Online privacy for activists workshop
- **May 9th-11th Wikimedia Hackathon 2020** (3 days event)
- **May 16th-17th Open Source Conference Albania (OSCAL)**
- **May 16th-17th openSUSE Summit** alongside with OSCAL
- Revive **PMPC** in Albania

Thank you

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