



Extraordinary QGIS PSC Meeting 26st Feb 2022

Present

- Jürgen
- Anita
- Andreas
- Marco
- Paolo
- Tim

Excused:

- Alessandro

Chair: Marco

Secretary: Anita

Video / Audio Channel

<https://meet.jit.si/QGIS-PSC>

Discussion about commenting on conflicts or political statements

Agenda

<https://feed.qgis.org>

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"title": "QGIS for Peace",

"image": "https://feed.qgis.org/media/feedimages/2022/02/25/Flag_of_Ukraine.jpg",

"content": "<p>A message of peace from the QGIS Community: We, the developers, contributors and community members of the QGIS Project view the ongoing world events in Ukraine and other conflict areas around the world with great sadness. Our aim in developing QGIS has always been to provide a powerful tool to support the creation of a just and humane

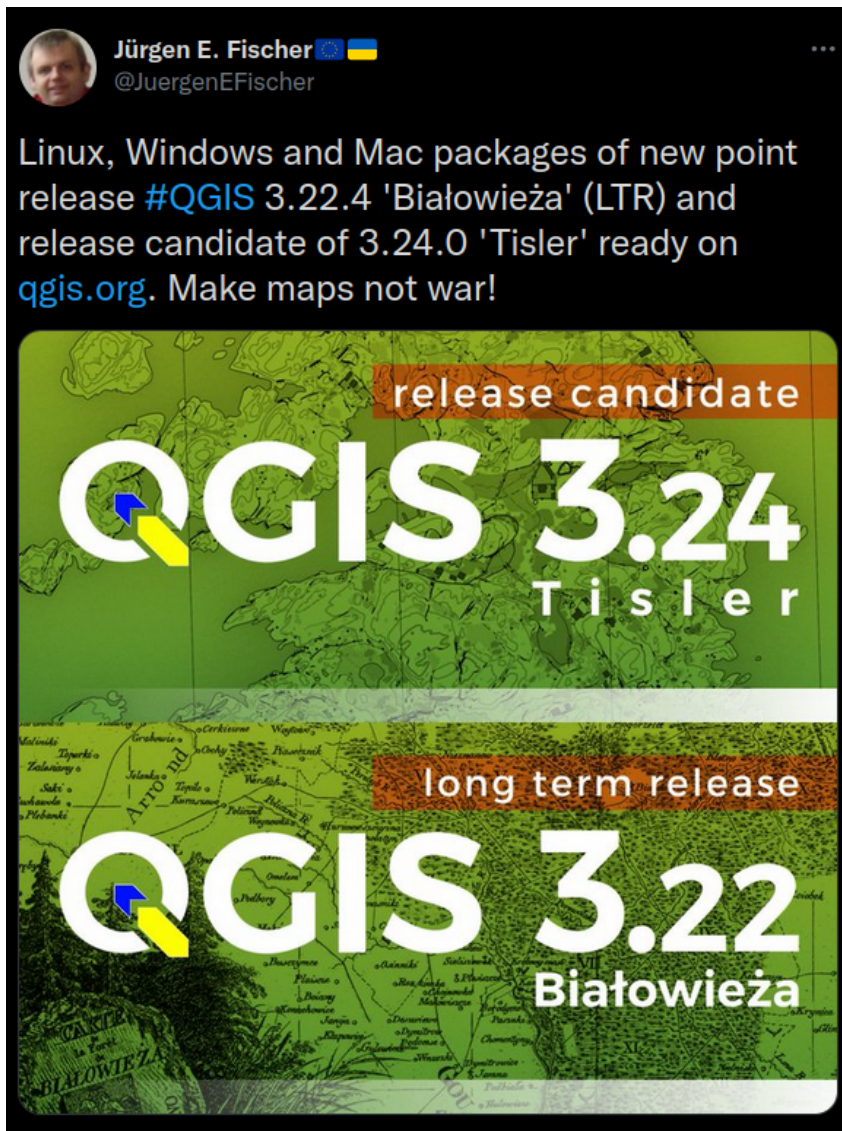
society. We want to enable a world where every person has a voice, the ability to express, and be secure in, their tenure in their homes, villages, towns, cities and countries. We hope tools like QGIS are used to the benefit of all citizens on earth, to support a sustainable environment, an orderly society and, in particular, to establish and preserve sovereign dignity, security and freedom from oppression.</p>\r\n<p>We ask the leaders of the world to resolve their disputes peacefully, through negotiation and compromise, humility and deference to the citizens who are placed in your care. To the members of the QGIS Community that are caught up in this conflict, our thoughts and support are with you, and we hope that you and your families are safe and that this conflict comes to a speedy end.</p>",
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Notes:

We discussed when, how and if QGIS.org should participate in the dialogue around world events such as the conflict currently taking place in Ukraine. As background there was a mailing list thread in the users group here:

- <https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-user/2022-February/050842.html>

- And in addition there was a tweet made:



<https://twitter.com/JuergenEFischer/status/1496960162753662977>

- And opening statements at the Open Day on 25th.
 - <https://youtu.be/agEbt22DBxU>
 - <https://youtu.be/5ITN3JVFWqU>

We discussed the various aspects of the current situation and came up with these votable items:

Votes

Vote: QGIS releases will not be named after conflicts

- +1 Anita
- +1 Jürgen

- +1 Marco
- +1 Andreas
- +1 Tim
- +1 Paolo

ACCEPTED

Vote: QGIS funds will not be used for purposes other than the direct improvement of the QGIS codebase, community activities, and infrastructure.

- +1 Marco
- +1 Jürgen
- +1 Tim
- +1 Anita
- +1 Paolo
- +1 Andreas

ACCEPTED

Votes immediate actions:

- **Vote:** Unpublish the feed, let all go quiet
 - +1 Paolo
 - -1 Anita
 - -1 Jürgen
 - -1 Andreas
 - -1 Tim
 - -1 Marco

NOT ACCEPTED: Rationale: The post has already been made and it follows the sentiments of the PSC and, we believe, the larger part of the community.

- **Vote:** Leave as is (feed only) including the Ukrainian flag in the image
 - +1 Jürgen
 - +1 Anita
 - +1 Andreas
 - +1 Tim
 - +0 Marco
 - -1 Paolo

ACCEPTED: Rationale: We believe that the message, already having been sent, should stand.

- **Vote:** Leave as is (feed only) changing the Ukrainian flag in the image to a “peace image”
 - -1 Jürgen
 - -1 Anita

- +1 Marco
- 0 Andreas
- -0 Tim - I think enough people have already seen it with the current graphics to make changing it futile
- -1 Paolo

NOT ACCEPTED: Rationale: The genie is already out of the bottle and we prefer to stand behind the message that has been sent.

- **Vote:** Publish the feed as official position in all our channel
 - +0 Anita
 - +1 Andreas
 - -0 Jürgen
 - -0 Marco
 - -1 Paolo
 - -0 Tim - would be good in the future to have a statement on our official site etc. to the effect that QGIS is a tool, much like a word processor, it can be used to do good and bad things, and that as the PSC we don't take a position on what applications QGIS is used for, as long as it is used within the terms of our license.

NOT ACCEPTED: Rationale: As a general principle, we prefer not to have the QGIS.org project engage in political affairs. If we put out such a statement it should be an incitement to users to use the QGIS software for the good of society.

Follow-up:

Later open discussion if to use the feed (or similar) text as part of our code of conduct (remove Ukraine).

Text to the mailing list

Dear QGIS Community,

Thank you very much to all who participated in this thread. As a project, we have made our position clear in the newsfeed (shown on the QGIS Desktop start screen). As a general principle, we would like to encourage users of QGIS to use the software for the good of humanity, but we cannot tell people what they can and cannot do with the software.

We would kindly ask that the discussions in this thread be moved off-list so that we can maintain the central aim of supporting users in their quest to make the best use of QGIS.

Marco, On behalf of the PSC