**Erasmus+ "virtual mobility/activity" with UN - Mappers** Portugal Host  
2021-03-22 until 2021-03-24

This mobility also started with a large number of new students. Since the island of Terceira was not yet completely covered either, we started our preparatory exercises with a mapathon on the island.

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<th>Roads and Buildings - <strong>our task for Monday</strong> [1]</th>
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Michael Montani and Rachele Amerini from UN Mappers prepared the Tuesday and Wednesday for our Erasmus "virtual mobility", which happened 23rd until 24th March and we worked/mapped for Minusma [2], Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali.

To give the students a feeling for the distances Romania, Azores, Mali we started the second collaboration with UN Mappers with a short virtual flight [3] via OpenStreetMap.

- 23rd until 24th
  - Something about the region
    - Virtual Erasmus+ mobility from (Râmnicu Vâlcea, Vâlcea, Romania) via Portugal (Angra do Heroismo, Terceira, Azores, Portugal) to Mali (Ansongo, Ansongo Cercle, Gao)
    - We map in the region of Gao
    - Something about recent history
  - Something about the mapping area
    - Situated in the south of the province of Gao
    - We map south of the city of Ansongo
    - Near border to Burkina Faso and Niger
  - Something about the UN Peacekeeping mission in that region
    - UN MINUSMA Website
    - UN MINUSMA on Twitter
    - UN MINUSMA on Instagram

To further prepare students for "the country and its people" and the activities of the Blue Helmets in Mali, the following links have been added to our wiki page:

Mapping region [4]
Recent history [5]
Mapping area Ansongo [6]
Link directly to OSM [7]

and the peacekeeping mission UN MINUSMA
Website [8]
Twitter [9]
Instagram [10]
Since mapping with the help of satellite images in desert-like areas of the earth (here Maili) makes different demands on the mappers than in Central Europe due to different or missing vegetation, UN mappers prepared a corresponding video for our students.

The task in which we mapped was - as usual - linked [11] from our wiki page.
After the first mapping day, we discussed the mapping problems with the students and produced a handout for the coming day so that the errors identified could be cleaned up and avoided in the future.

As always, you will find these instructions both in this brochure in the appendix and of course on our Wiki page.

Links:
[3] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFOeuSnKynG
[7] https://www.openstreetmap.org/?mlat=15.2935&mlon=0.5026#map=10/15.2935/0.5026
[8] https://minusma.unmissions.org/
[9] https://twitter.com/UN_MINUSMA

Appendix
- Mapping from satellite images in desert areas