Attendees:

Andrew Hunter (organizer)
Stefan Stein
Ehsan Mohammadi
Ebrahim Poorazizi

Minutes

Discussion/Action Item
Topic I- Discussion of social network web design (mock-ups)
• Traditional menu structure as known from social networks: menus on left side + map/content on the right
• Contemporary design approach that is map centred: menu bar on top + map rest of the screen + other content within a half-transparent pop-up (like Facebook picture viewer)
• Discussion outcome: Both approaches should be developed in parallel and then evaluated in a user test (e.g. in March/April 2012)
Topic II- Discussion of Web platform: CMS (e.g. Drupal, Joomla) vs. Social Networks (Elgg) vs. Wiki and so on.
• Looking at the feature comparison on Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_social_networking_software):   ▪ Stefan pointed out that the design approaches for CMS and social networks are different. With the latter being the newer paradigm.   ▪ Discussion outcome: We decided that there isn't a reason to not use Elgg based on the functionality which it offers and the option to achieve reasonable results fairly fast.   ▪ Though - we acknowledge that there may be competitors and that we could do a more detailed analysis for on article.
Topic III- Discussion of PYP and Elgg data schema
• In particular the issue are: ▪ How are comments and likes/ranking attached to content/users?   ▪ How can map elements (point/line/polygon) be stored?   • Discussion outcomes: ▪ The Elgg schema looks promising and flexible.   ▪ The event manager plugin, that contains a map & event location needs to be analyzed

Topic IV- Task
• Stefan: ▪ Drawing the mock-ups as everybody has setup Elgg on his computer already
• Ehsan: ▪ Evaluation of Elgg's event manager and his storage structure for map objects
• Ebrahim   ▪ Evaluation of theming options for Elgg customization (using CSS)

Topic V- Next meeting

• Wednesday, November 2 2011:
    ▪ Presentation of mock-ups
    ▪ Reporting on the event manager and theming evaluation