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Athens Wireless Metropolitan Network ©2002-2009

Started in 2002 in Athens Greece, AWMN is a social initiative project, taking advantage of new, state of the art wireless technologies, to connect people and services, open to everyone who wants to participate.



AWMN identity

- Legal Form and Representation
 non-profit Association
- Growing Model open and voluntary, best effort network
- Founding non-profit and self-dependant
- Technolgy

wireless WAN, based on IEEE 802.11 + open source

Services

TCP/IP broadband services, training, support

- Members Base
 - more than 2.400 members already connected
- more than 8.000 people have stated their intention to get connected in the near future
- constant growth of our members base
 - Action Area

mainly in Athens Greece, but as the largest wireless community coordinates and provides help to other smaller communities around the country.



Why Wireless

- Portability and location independence
- Cheaper & affordable to anyone. Equipment cost only.
- Faster speeds than existing ADSL technology. Symmetrical.
- Experiment & use of technologies in a large scale Network
- Areas with non-existing or limited technology infrastructure
- High bandwidth demanding services not feasible by adsl technology
- Alternative R&D in eco-powered low consumption wireless devices
- O Low Power directional Backbone links compared to laptop wireless
 - Operating in the free band of 2.4 & 5GHz outdoors
 - Hardware & Software Development on wireless technologies
 - O Every member (BB link) acts like a small ISP
 - Acts as a buffer to the internet

Motivation - social impact

- Active supporting, extending and maintaining a wireless community like AWMN and on the other hand taking advantage of numerous services. Fast and easy, inspires and motivates every member in participating and contributing.
- O Having access not only to Information which is fundamental to all individuals but also actively taking part in creating new services and building up a unique features network. Needs exciting people willing to offer and to experiment, to teach and to be taught.
- Many of our members are of higher education. However, there are different vocations among us. The age level of our members is also diverse. This is a sign of how wide-ranging and the social network of our community can be.

AWMN objectives

Continuous Effort - Recognisability

Its aims include:

- To establish, develop and maintain a <u>community</u> <u>wireless network</u> connecting people and services.
- To develop technologies based on <u>wireless</u> and digital telecommunications
- To train people in the usage of wireless and digital telecommunications.
- To promote and encourage <u>voluntarism</u> and active participation

AWMN milestones Continuous Effort

- [2002 Feb.] 1st post and idea for a wireless Metropolitan Area Network based on 802.11b
- [2002 June] Association establishment (Stature) & Main Forum creation (now more than 12,000 users)
- [2004 Sep] HellasWireless: Countrywide IPs arrangement
- [2004 Sep] transition to BGP protocol
- [2004 Oct] 1st RouterOS with GUI was deployed
- [2005 Jan] East Attika (7 bb nodes) joins AWMN
- [2005 June] Creation of WiND (Wireless Nodes DB)
- [2005 Sep] Cooperation with ETHEM (new training center)
- [2005 Dec] Open Invitation to other greek WLANs. Inet to members of AWMN
 - [2006 April] 802.11a 5,4GHz Band Opening for WLANs
 - [2006 Oct] EWN (20 bb nodes) joins AWMN (Parnitha Mountain)
 - [2007 May] 1st Cooperation with Radio Amateurs Association in Greece
 - [2008 Dec] Cooperation & AWMN Servers Hosting by Technological Institute of Piraeus. VPN Tunnels with other wireless communities.

• [2009 Feb] 1st Cooperation with Hellug (Hellenic Linux User Group)

AWMN achievements #1

One of the largest non-commercial WLANs in the world

More than 2400 members already connected, more than 8,000 people have already stated their intention to participate.

Provides symmetrical high broadband services directly to citizens
 Without extra costs and with great redundancy.
 All services are provided by our members to our members.

Works like a huge lab

Giving the opportunity to practice and enhance our skills. Troubleshooting, management of a large scale network with many users

Provides smooth Voice over IP telecommunications

It is optimized for VoIP conversations and teleconferences

It is a great entertaining medium

Live radio shows, music jukeboxes, video streaming, online gaming

AWMN achievements #2

It is a digital and social community

Brings together people with same interests and concerns. Monthly and weekly meetings as well as annual events are giving to people the opportunity to meet each other and to share their ideas.

Connects remote regions

Like small islands, small towns and rural regions with nonexistent or limited technology infrastructure, Already AWMN covers many sq. miles.

Trains people on new technologies

Many people have been trained and encouraged to actively participate in the network. Everyone has the ability to publish their own service.

Represents network members to the state

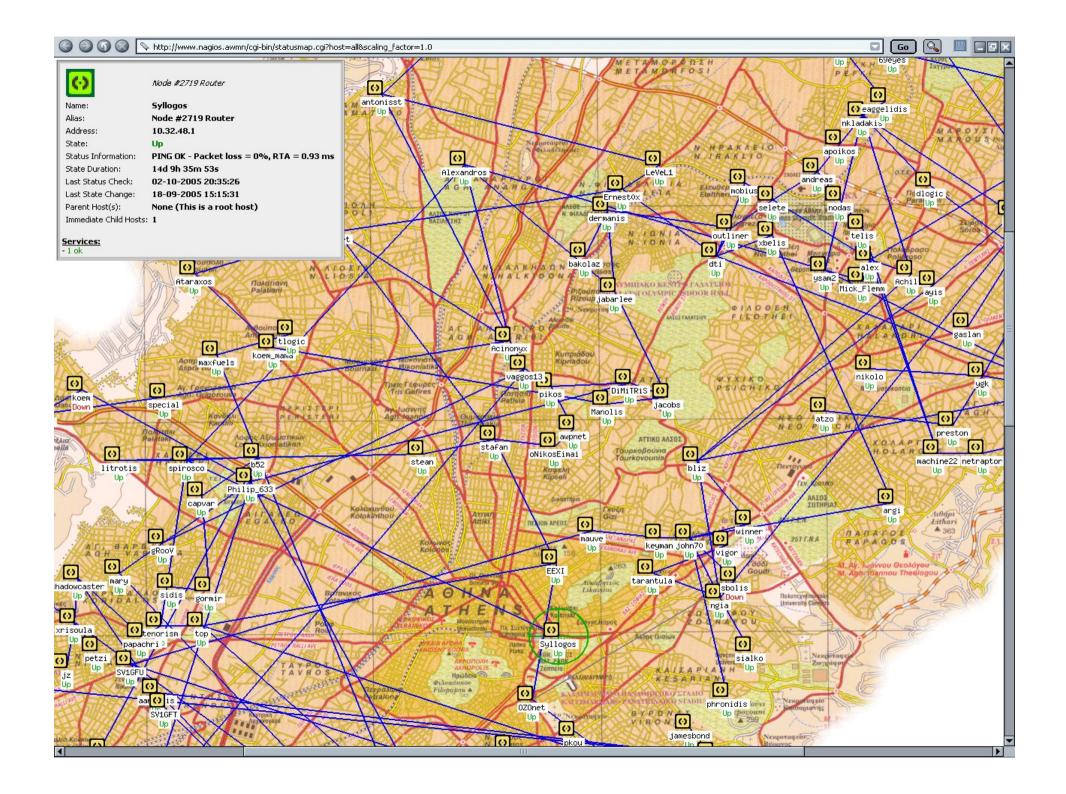
Participation on public consultations about the national broadband strategy. References in Media (press, radio, TV and Internet)



AWMN action area

One of the largest indpendant wireless communities in Europe





Training our power is our people

• Training Seminars | Workshops | Personal Guidance

Development
 Open Source | Custom Applications

Networking
 Team Work | Community

• Participation Voluntarism

> • Fun ...after all it is our hobby!



Workshops our power is our people

- AWMN Routers
- Antenna Designs
- Cabling
- Experimentation
 - Roofwork



Roofwork our power is our people

- E/M theory
- Planning
- Interconnectivity
 - Maintenance
 - Proof of Concept
 - Coverage



"Mt. Parnitha" our power is our people

- EWN Joins AWMN
- Installation
- Teamwork
- What is next?



AWMN services

1. Communication VoIP | Mail | Chat | Fora | Team speak

2. Training eLearning | e-Library | Seminars | Tutorials | Workshops

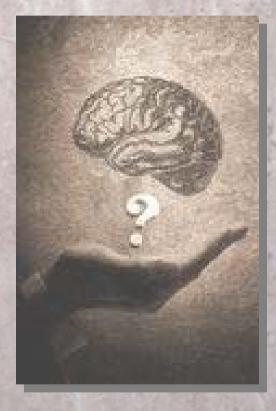
3. News - Updated Information Blogs | Portals | Mirrored News | Weather Forecasts

4. File Sharing FTP servers | P2P | Photo Albums | Live Jukebox

5. Network Management WiND | Nagios | Charts | Databases | Tools

6. Entertainment Online Games | Radio Broadcasting | Video Streaming

7. ...and much more



5 steps to connect

1. Node Registration (WiND)

2. Gathering Basic Info

Tutorials | Wiki | Forum | Intro-Workshop

3. Contact People

Forum | WiND | MSN | Voice | Meetings

4. Gathering Equipment

BB or Client | Numbers of ifs | Custom solutions

5. Installation



Wireless Nodes Database

• wind.awmn.net

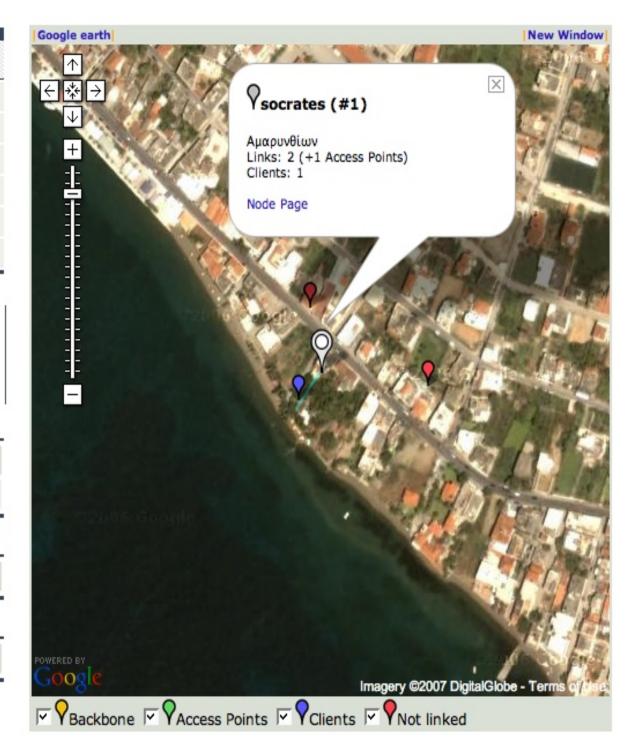
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- Snapshots
- IPs & DNS
 - Services DB
 - G. Earth



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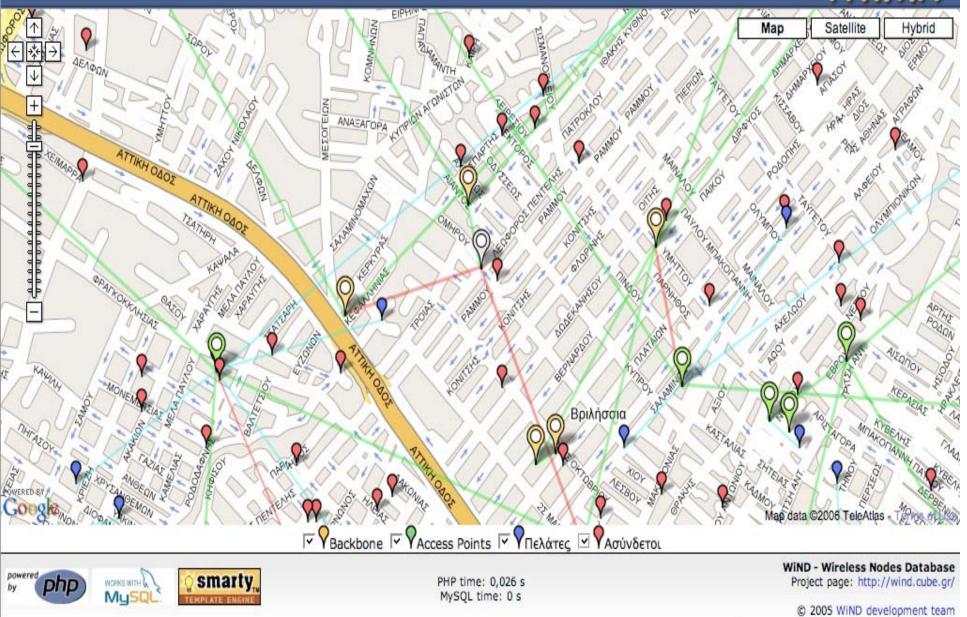
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Line of sight (LOS) with other nodes









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ATHENS UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

ELTRUN Wireless Research Center

UNDERSTANDING MOTIVATION AND EFFORT IN COMMUNITY-BASED WLANS

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Age		Occupation		Education	
<18	1,3%	Student	29,4%	School	23,8%
18 - 24	31,9%	Civil Servant	4,4%	Voc./Trade School	12,5%
25 - 34	52,5%	Company Employee	29,4%	Bachelor's	36,9%
35 - 49	11,9%	Self employed	18,8%	Master's degree	29,4%
50 - 65	1,3%	•Company owner	2,5%	Doctorate deggre	6,3%
>65	0%	Teacher	4,4%		
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		Unemployed	3,8%		
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Further Information

http://info.awmn.net

Information about awmn (in greek)

- <u>http://www.awmn.net</u> AWMN official site (in greek)
- <u>http://www.awmn.net.net/forum</u> AWMN main forum (in greek)
- http://wind.awmn.net

Wireless Nodes Database (WiND)

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Use this e-mail for further information