

Making Tourism Accessible: Capturing Barriers for Persons with Disabilities with Mobile Devices



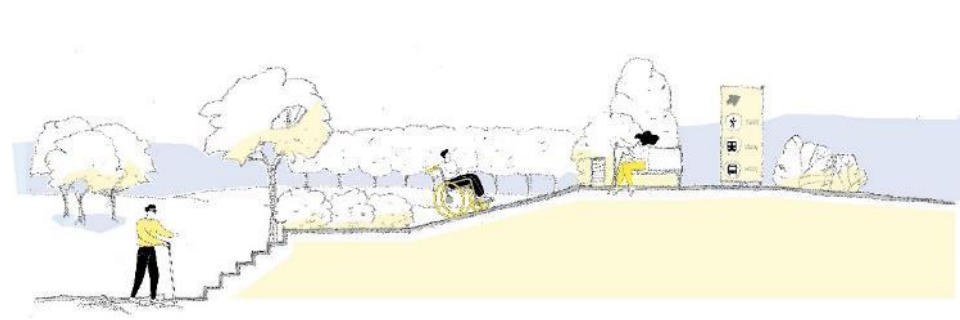
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Agenda

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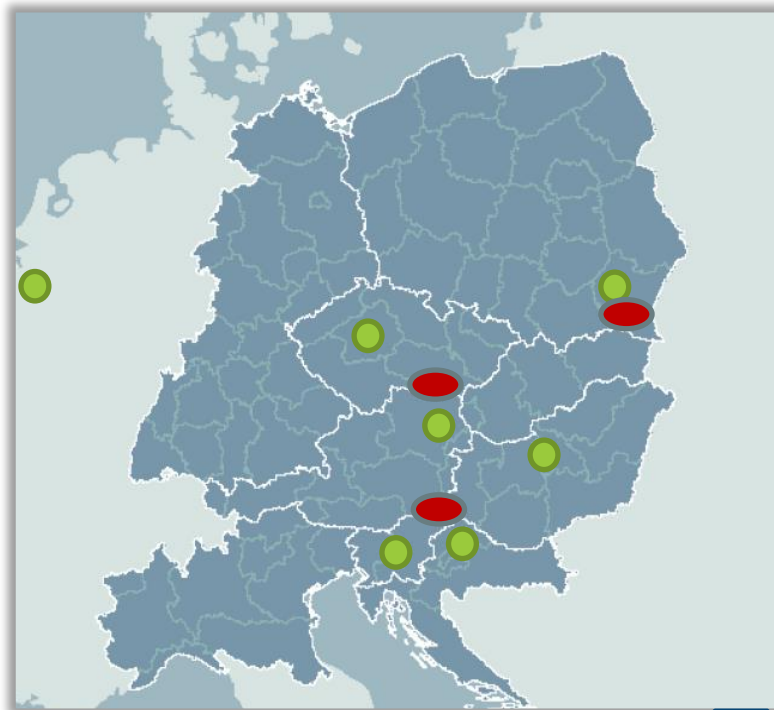


- A. Project Accessible Spaces for All
- B. Data collection process inclusive approach
- C. Data collecting with mobile devices

Accessible Spaces For All

Ce-spaces4all Project Identification

- 12 partners
- 16 associated partners
- 6 CE countries and 1 EU organisation
- 03. 2023 - 02. 2026
- 3 pilot regions
- www.interreg-central.eu/projects/CE-Spaces4Aall



Project objectives

**IMRPOVE GOVERNANCE
AWARENESS-RAISING
CAPACITY BUILDING ON ACCESSIBILITY FOR PWD
CHANGE OF BEHAVIOUR**

**Developing a joint tool for evidence-based territorial planning
Developing tools and services for independent tourism travel of PWD
Mainstreaming and policy uptake**

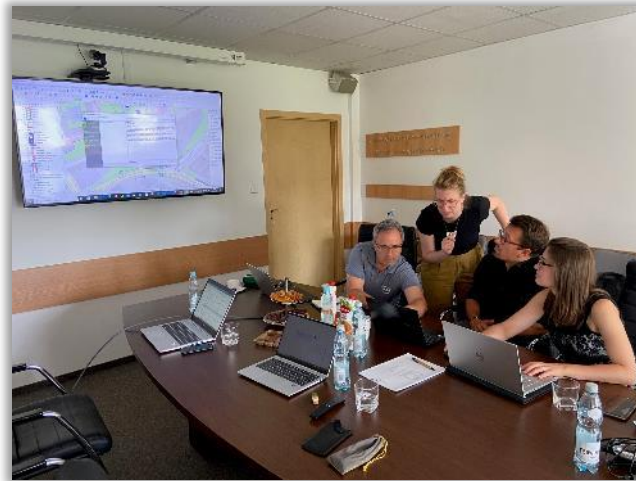
Data collection process to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities

- **data collection process** for collecting information about accessibility for **persons with disabilities** in the **context of tourism**.
- The collected data will provide **valuable information** to assist **persons with disabilities** in making informed decisions about their **travel plans**, ensuring that their **specific needs are met**.

Data collection process - use of spatial data

The data collecting process begins with the acquisition and integration of open spatial data resources.

1. QGIS
2. QField for QGIS
3. ESRI basemaps
4. Open Street Map
5. Google Street View



All photos: Geodetic institute of Slovenia

Data collection process - inclusive approach - accessible places for all

The data collection process will focus on capturing information that is relevant to persons with:

Mobility impairments | **Visual impairments** | **Hearing impairment**

Standardised accessibility criteria and guidelines are used to evaluate and record the accessibility status of pathways, transportation facilities, public buildings, and other relevant amenities.



Inclusive approach - accessible places for all

- Adopting the principles of **inclusive design** from the beginning ensures that **spaces and products are accessible to the widest range of individuals** and that the **persons with disabilities** are involved in the proces (eg. Planning, data collecting, writing of methodology)- a more inclusive and equal society
- It benefits one target groups and does not harm others (eg. TWSI, audible pedestrian semaphore, slopes, etc.)
- Data in Slovenia were collected for **all 3 vulnerable groups**
- **Identified categories that are key to improve accessibility and the development of tourism products:**



- **completely accessible object/area**



- **partly accessible object/area**



- **not accessible object/area**



Data collection - rules and guidelines

The methodology specifically refers to the rules and guidelines outlined in the:

- **ISO standard 21542:2021 Building construction – Accessibility and usability of the built environment.**
- **ISO standard 21902:2021 Tourism and related services - Accessible tourism for all - Requirements and recommendations**

It provides **criteria for evaluating** the accessibility and usability of different elements within the built environment, facilitating the identification of potential barriers and opportunities for improvement in urban and natural / rural area.

Data collecting

Urban area:



Key:

1 Barriers

4 Public transport stations

7 Tactile walking surface indicators

2 Paths

5 Parking place

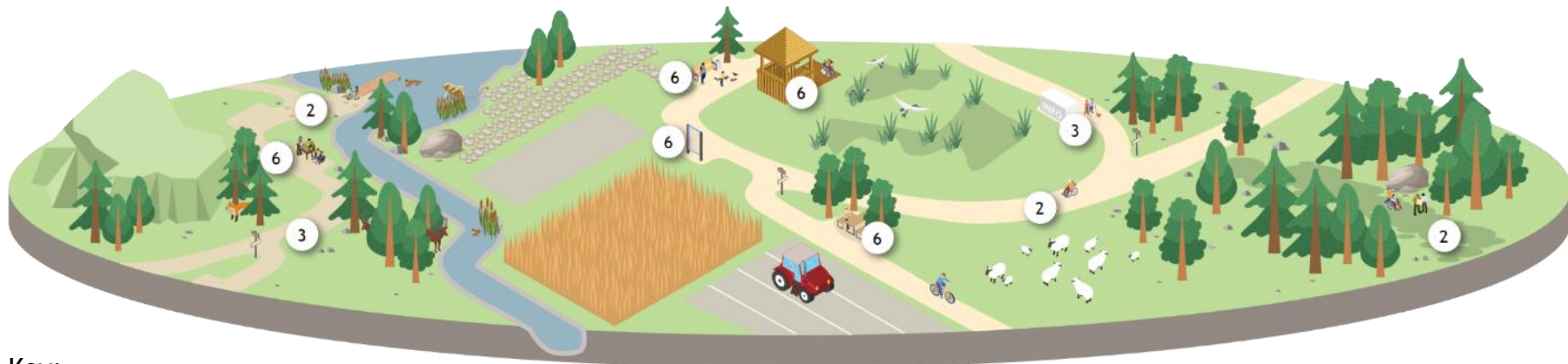
8 Audible pedestrian semaphore

3 Tourism facilities

6 Points of interest

Data collecting

Natural or rural area:



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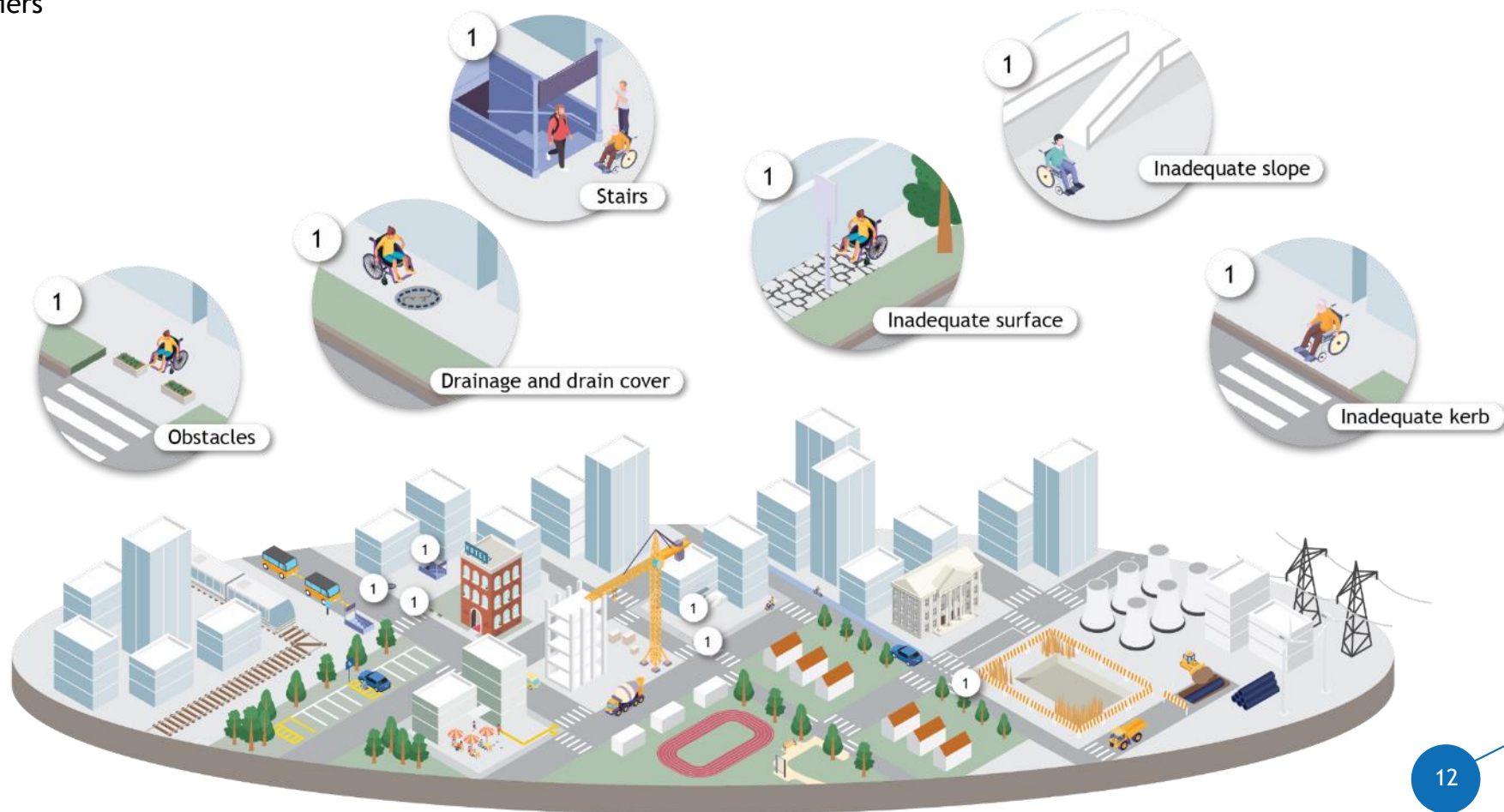
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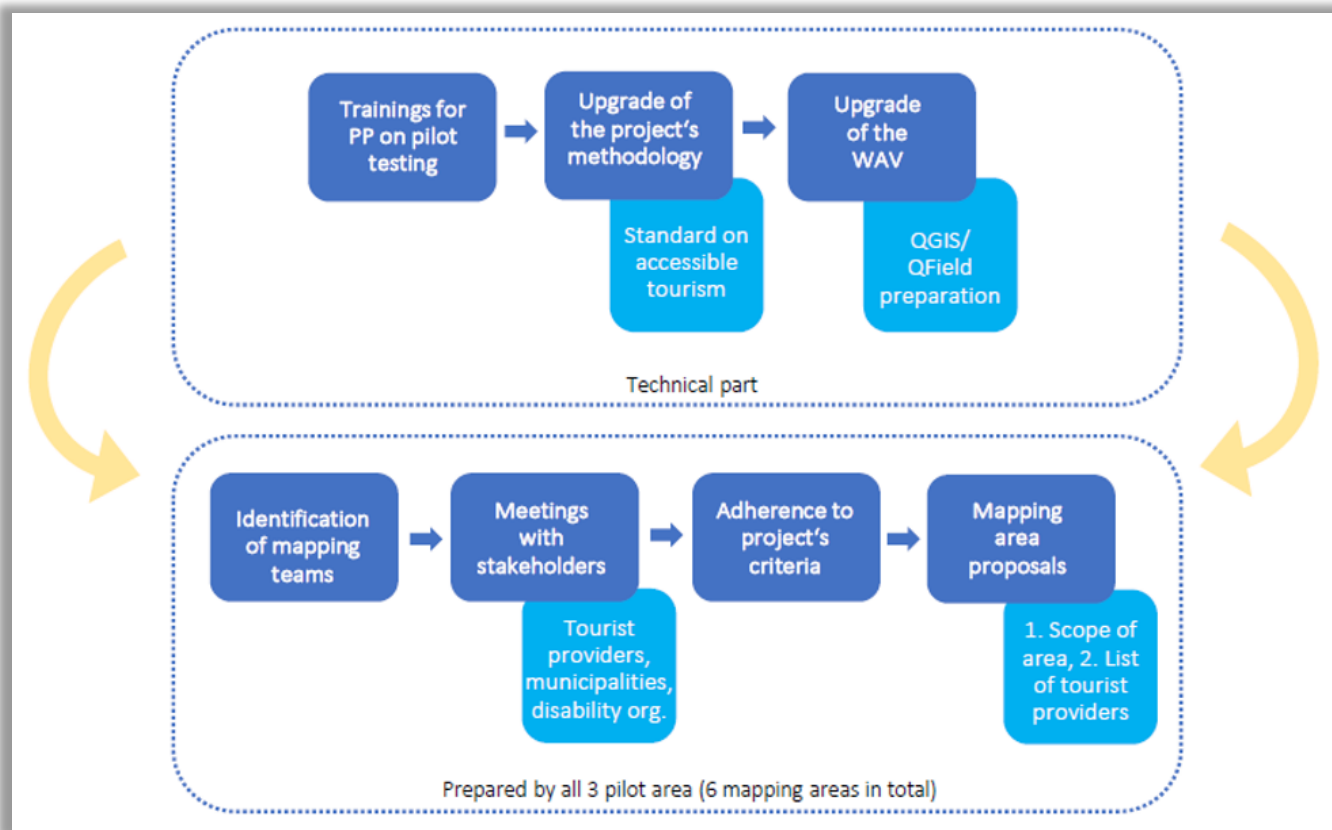
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Preparation for data collecting process

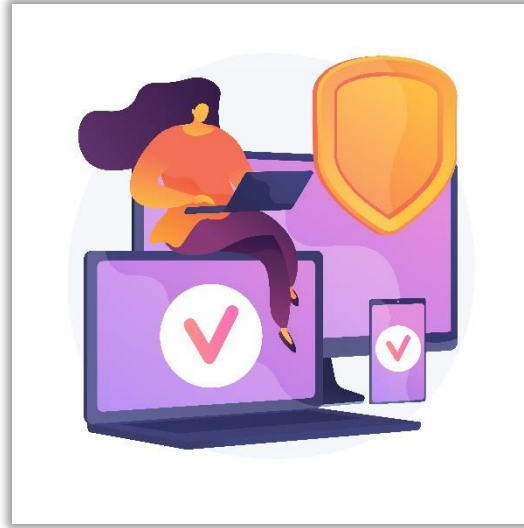


Phases of data collecting

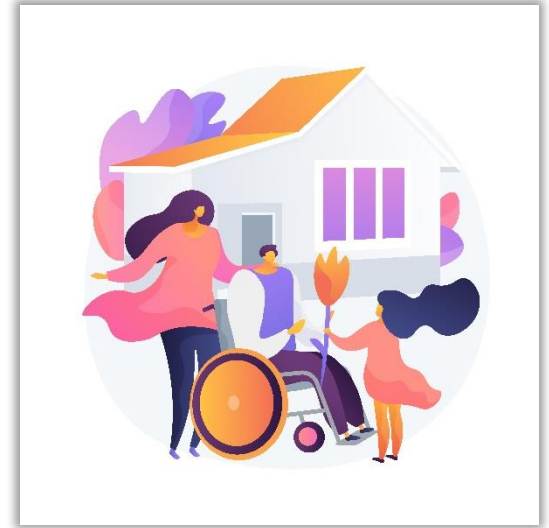
The data collecting process for this project is divided into **3 distinct phases**



Office data collecting



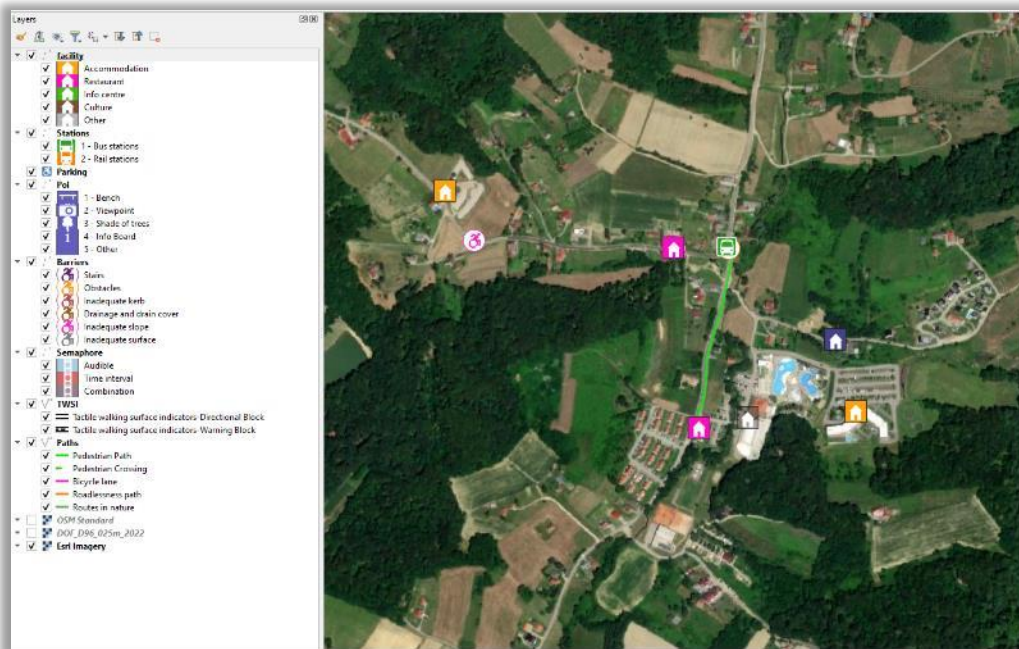
Verification of data



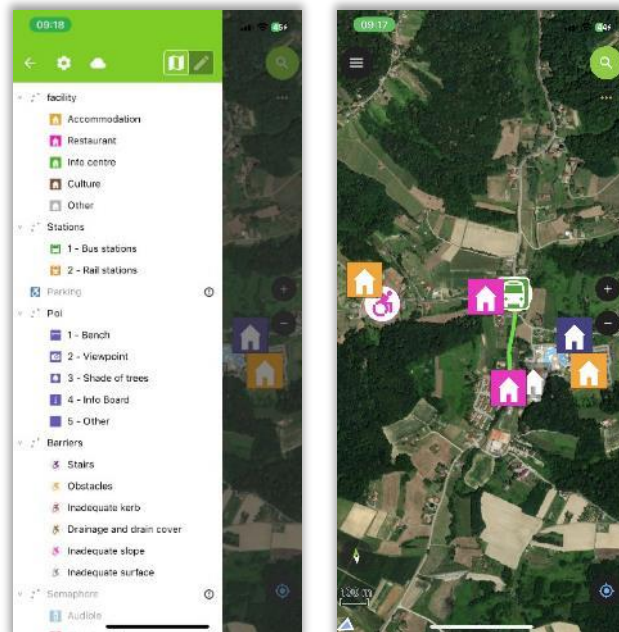
Field data collecting

Data collecting

Data capture in QGIS

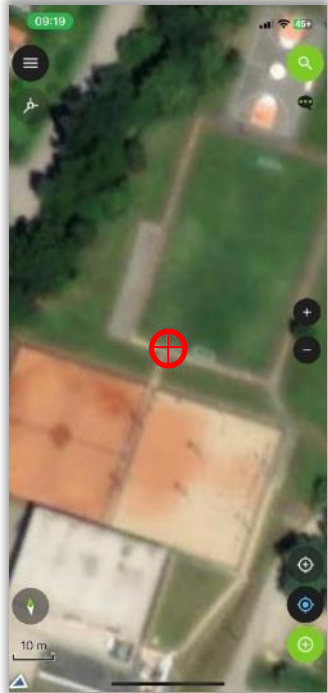


Data capture and verification on the field with QField



Data collecting with mobile devices and verification on the field with Qfield

Adding point data

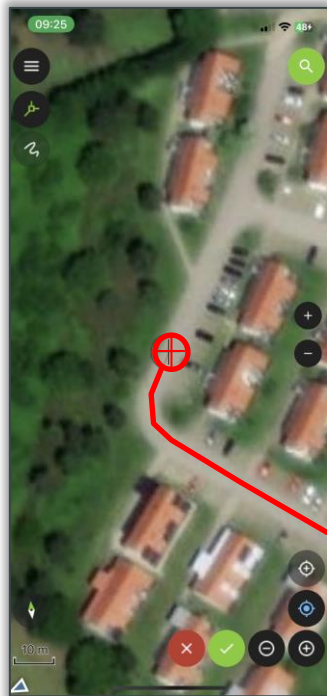


Editing attributes

A screenshot of the 'Add feature on facility' form in the Qfield application. The form has a green header with a checkmark and a trash icon. Below the header is a text input field. The 'Type' dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: '1 - Accommodation', '2 - Restaurant', '3 - Info centre', '4 - Culture', and '3 - Other'. Each option has a checkbox to its right. At the bottom, there is an 'Info_br' field with a dropdown arrow.A screenshot of the 'Add feature on facility' form in the Qfield application, showing the attribute editing section. The form has a green header with a checkmark and a trash icon. Below the header is a dropdown menu. The 'Acc_bal' field is a dropdown menu. The 'Note' field is a text input field with a vertical ellipsis icon to its right. The 'Photo' field is a text input field with camera and gallery icons to its right. The 'Date' field is a text input field containing '11/09/2023' with a close (X) icon and a calendar icon to its right. Each field has a checkbox to its right.

Data collecting with mobile devices and verification on the field with Qfield

Adding line data



Editing attributes

✓ Add feature on Paths

Path_type

- 1 - Pedestrian Path
- 2 - Pedestrian Crossing
- 3 - Bicycle lane
- 4 - Roadlessness path
- 5 - Routes in nature

✓ Add feature on facility

Acc_bal

Note

Photo

Date

11/09/2023

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Thank you for
your attention!

Time for Q&A

