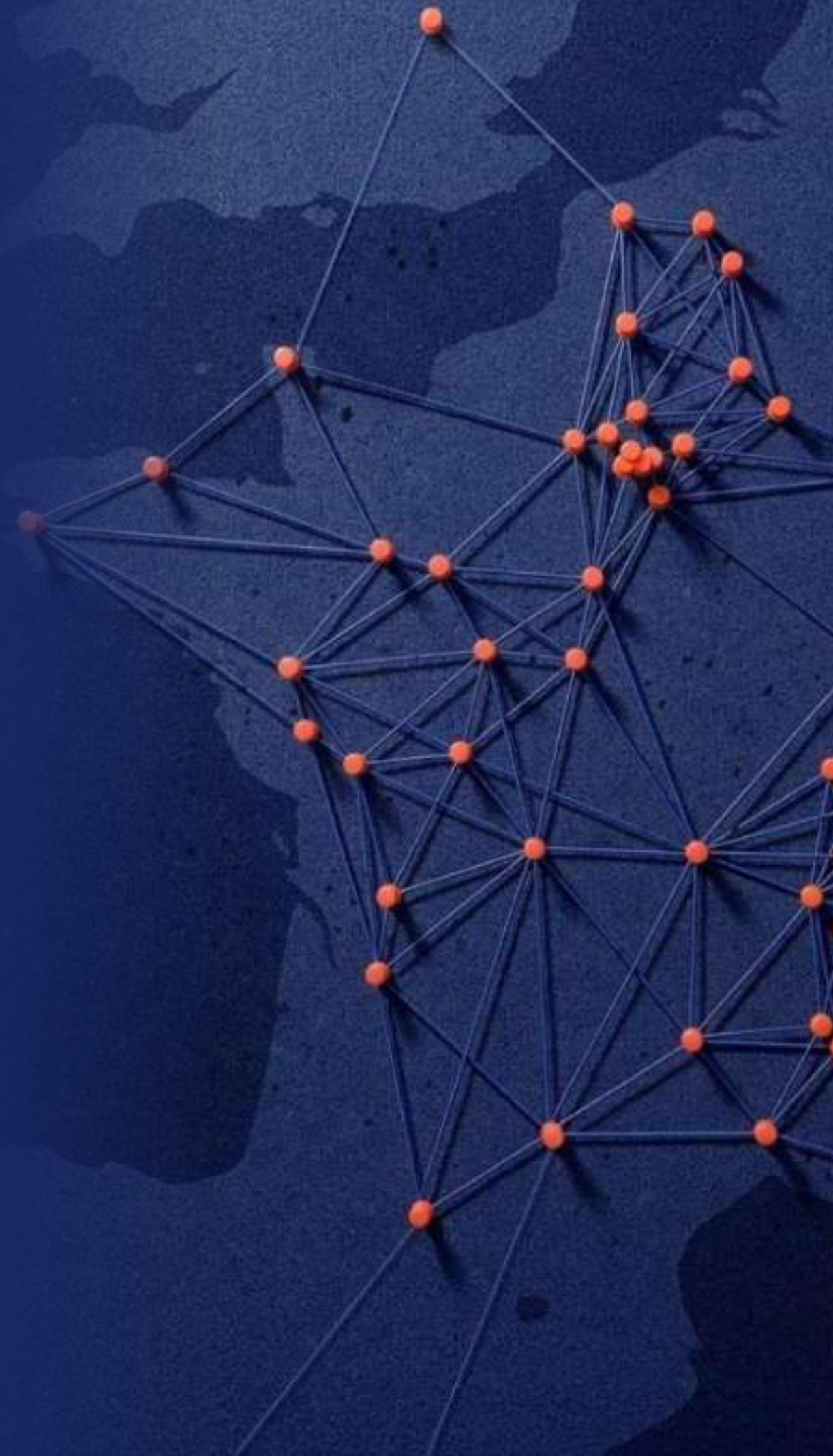




La
République
des Cartes

The Republic of Maps

A broad coalition to reveal the power of maps and enact democracy.



● ABOUT THE REPUBLIC OF MAPS

In a changing world, we lack the tools to *think*,
imagine and decide together. And yet, we hold a
formidable lever: **the map.**



● ABOUT THE REPUBLIC OF MAPS

Revealing the power of maps as a lever to enact democracy.

So that everyone can take hold of them, look at the world differently, spark debate and help decide the future of our territories.

- THEY STAND WITH US

Partners & supporters

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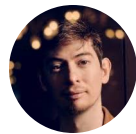
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● ABOUT THE REPUBLIC OF MAPS

Our four ambitions

01

Celebrate the diversity of uses

Finding your way, telling stories, managing a forest, defending a right, dreaming a territory: topographic, statistical, historical, sensory or artistic maps — celebrating that richness.

02

Invent new maps

Invent the missing cartographic languages to make the century's great challenges legible: counter-mapping, participatory maps with residents.

03

Strengthen the sovereignty of our maps

Reduce dependence on Big Tech, which imposes a commercial, uniform vision of the world — through geo-commons and European alternatives.

04

Bring people together, broadly

From children to decision-makers, widen the coalition to go from **115 to 1,000 events** at Map Day 2027, compared with the first edition.

Three directions to scale up

01

Reach young people

A strong invitation to reach young audiences, from middle school to higher education.

- Middle & high schoolers: talking about the world through maps
- Students: sparking vocations across all disciplines
- Future urban planners, landscape designers & cartographers: inspiring new practices

02

Accelerate towards greater sovereignty

Build a coalition around the commons to reduce dependence on Big Tech.

- Support and multiply European alternatives
- Create new geo-commons, make dependencies legible
- Op-eds, podcasts and, in time, a white paper

03

Reinvent representations

New cartographic languages to make the century's great challenges legible.

- Showcase radical and experimental cartographies
- Put maps at the heart of deliberation and decision-making
- Foster collective action and living together

● ABOUT THE REPUBLIC OF MAPS

Five levers

01

Map Day

Our flagship moment for doing together. Every first Wednesday of February, across France and beyond, maps take the floor.

THE UNIFYING RENDEZVOUS

02

A shared banner

A shared identity to bring all players together under one movement: The Republic of Maps.

03

Turnkey resources

The “The Maps We Need” workshop and exhibition, and the “Put your cards on the table” game created with Ubisoft, ready to deploy anywhere.

04

A monthly podcast

Giving voice to the plurality of cartography.
First season with Sismique.

05

Publications

Op-eds and a white paper to feed public debate.

• THE FIRST MAP DAY · FEBRUARY 4, 2026

A first edition that proved itself



115

events across France and beyond

1,500

downloads of ready-to-use kits

7,000

participants, in person and online

50

articles & radio segments

4.7 M

impressions on social media

6

international cities — Dakar, Abidjan, Montréal, Lausanne, Cambridge, Athens

• THE COLLECTIVE IN ACTION

A broad and diverse collective

Dozens of actions took place all over France and around the globe

Université Gustave Eiffel

Nantes Métropole

Festival International de Géographie

Médiathèque La Boussole

Lycée Le Caousou

Pix

BRGM

Château de Compiègne

Archives départementales de la Manche

Le Village by CA Toulouse

Parc des Baronnie Provençales

Dakar

Montréal

Lausanne

Cambridge

Athens

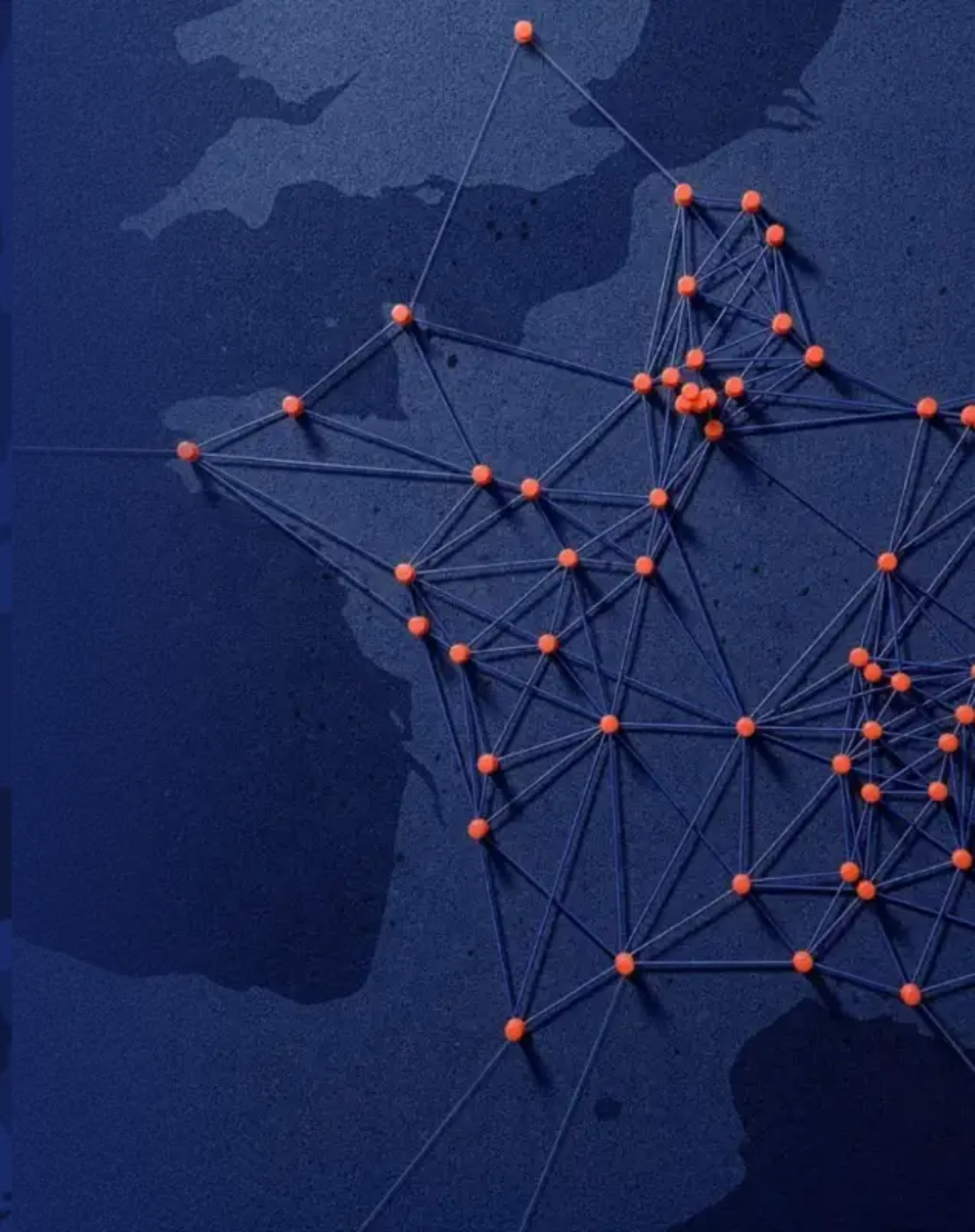
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See the first Map Day 2026 recap in pictures →

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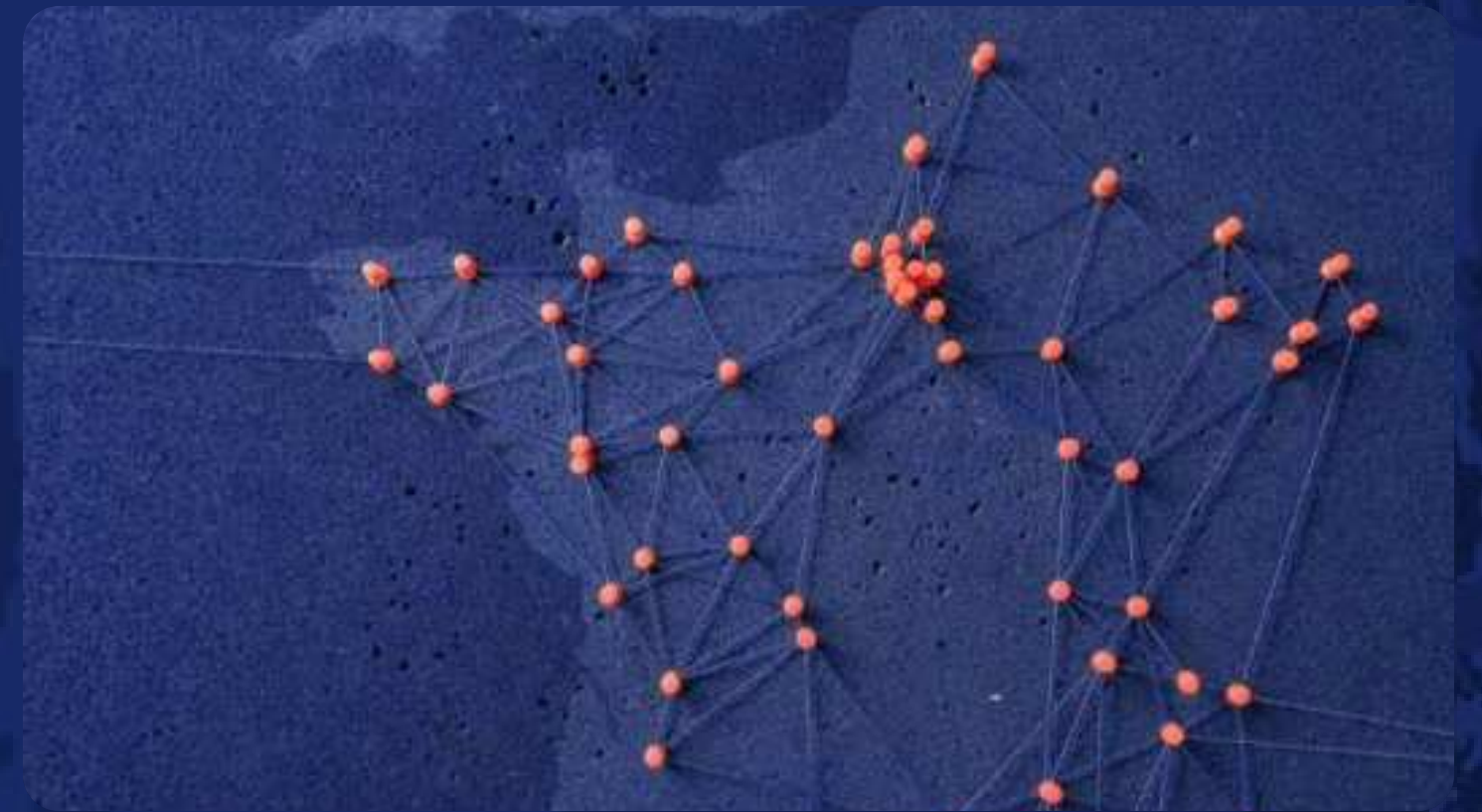
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-  MAP DAY 2027, IN PRACTICE

So, what will Map Day 2027 look like?

An operation close to the 2026 edition – no reinventing everything, and a chance to stabilise the model.



An event that stays open & distributed

Everyone is invited to take it up where they are, in their own way, on their territory, based on the membership charter.

A facilitation and content format in your hands

Use The Republic of Maps' educational content, or bring your own formats and guests: exhibition, workshop, talk, tour, round table, event day, social-media posts, radio show, Twitch stream...

Network leaders & international reach

We want to carry the momentum further and wider, in France and internationally.

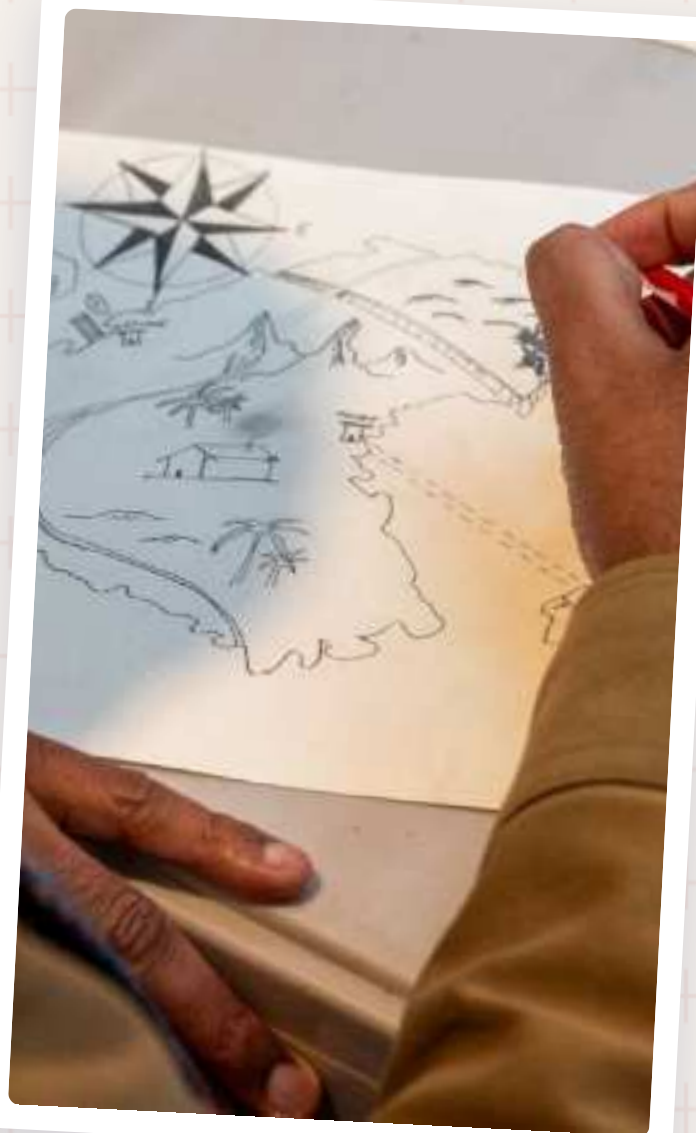
Do you know organisations able to relay the operation across their territory or branches? Let's see together how to bring them on board

● A FEW EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS — FEBRUARY 4, 2026

In cultural venues: media libraries, libraries, third places, micro-folies...



“Back in Time” workshop at the Micro-folie in Jonzac with **Delphine Lévêque**



“Fantastic Cartography” and “The Maps We Need” workshops with **Aurélie Anneheim & Victoria Kapps** of the International Geography Festival, at the Saint-Dié-des-Vosges media library



Anne-Laure Robine of the GéoJ'aime association unfolded paper and digital maps at Paris's Arthur Rimbaud library, for a participatory map of the countries where borrowed books were printed



A full day at Saint-Leu-d'Esserent (Oise) by **Jean-Denis Charrier** and the A.I.A.P.C.O intergenerational heritage association — and at L'Oasis, a shared space in Trilport, with a programme of workshops from 9 am to 5 pm led by **Lauriane Chesneau**.



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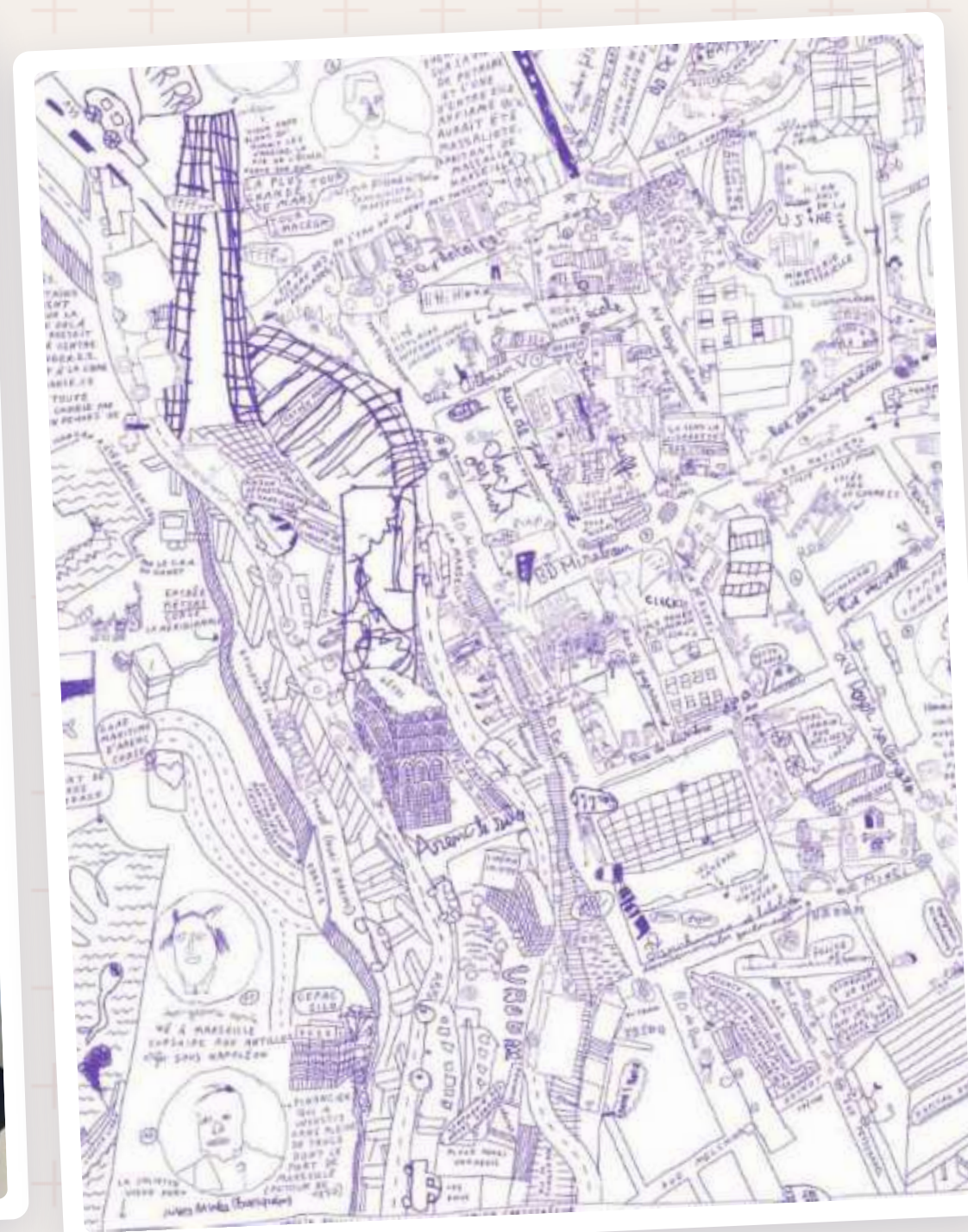
In cultural venues: art galleries, architecture centres



The Topobiography exhibition & workshops by **Jeanne Varaldi** at the Maison de la Société des Architectes



An exhibition of Marseille counter-cartographies born of resident and community initiatives, at the Maison de l'architecture et de la Ville, by **Anne-Charlotte Vilmus**



● A FEW EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS — FEBRUARY 4, 2026

At school, middle school, high school and university



A “Put your cards on the table” workshop led by **Samuel Mermet**, an IGN engineer, at the Villa Maria primary school in Nantes



The same workshop played with surveying students (BTS Géomètre Topographe), at the initiative of their teacher **Philippe Sablayrolles**



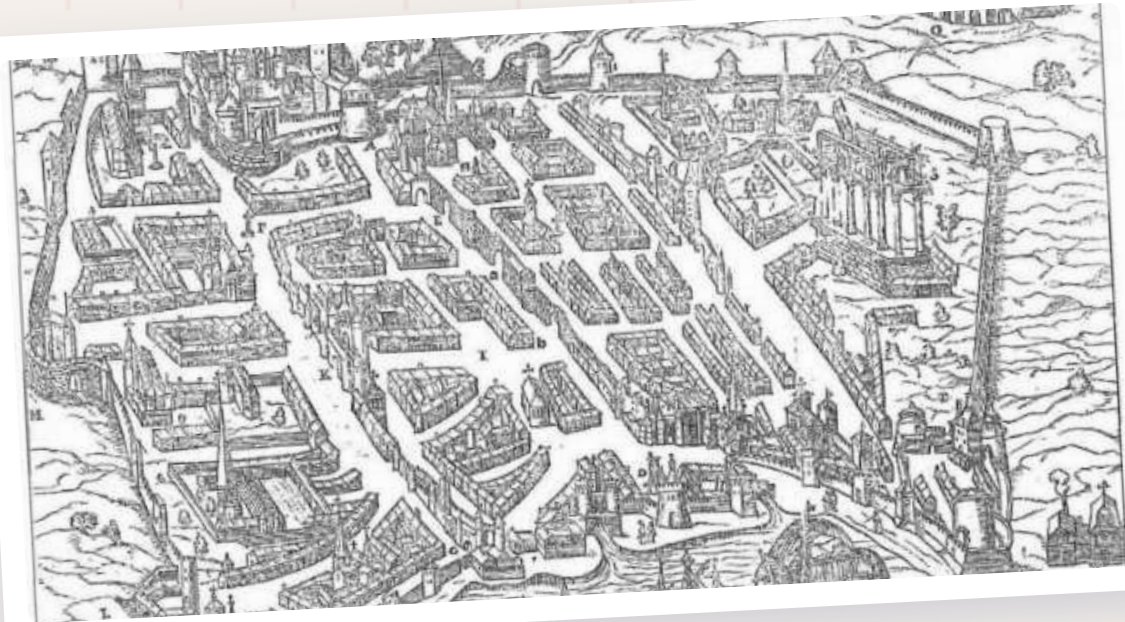
A visit to the map library of the University of Poitiers geography department and “The Lost Maps” workshop by **Matthieu Lee**



Philippe Laymond displayed “The Maps We Need” and personalised maps at the Rigoberta Menchú library of Bordeaux Montaigne University

● A FEW EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS — FEBRUARY 4, 2026

In many metropolitan areas



In central Bordeaux, **Ninon Chandelier** took visitors in search of the ramparts and remains of medieval Bordeaux



La **Ville de Montpellier** offered an interactive 3D discovery of the city



La **City of Marseille** organised a “Marseille à la Carte” day



In Lézardrieux, **Chloé Cosmidis** offered an exhibition and a participatory workshop at the Lézard'tyco community coworking space where she works, to imagine — from citizen and local maps — the maps we need today to understand and inhabit our territories



In Nantes, **Audrey Daniel** & **Marie Bernard** of the Métropole brought on board OpenStreetMap Nantes, Carto'Cité & the creator of Cartotrain for a Cartography(ies) day



In Hatten, **Catherine Lecouffe** gathered a team at the Protestant community hall to offer workshops & exhibitions to some thirty curious visitors

● A FEW EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS — FEBRUARY 4, 2026

In local authorities & State field services



Map exhibitions & workshops at the Val-de-Marne departmental council in Créteil, at the Manche and Côte-d'Or prefectures, and at the departmental territories directorates of Grenoble, Loire and Seine-et-Marne

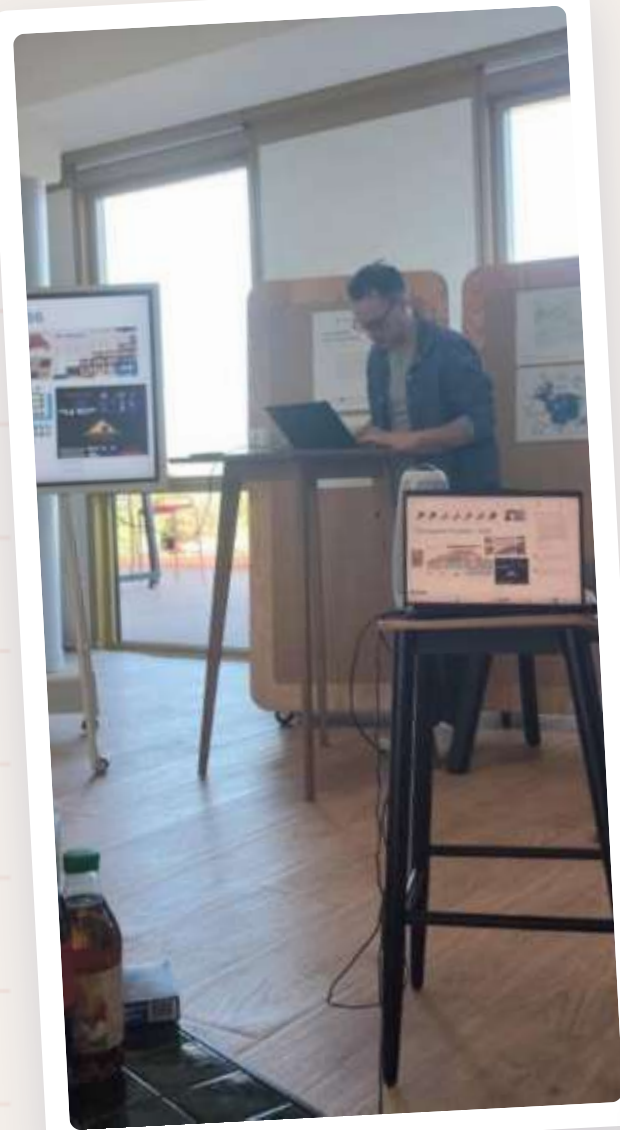


An evening of talks with the Régie de Gestion des Données Savoie Mont-Blanc and its guests, at the initiative of **Brice Gal** in Chambéry



● A FEW EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS — FEBRUARY 4, 2026

In companies — and even in bars and bakeries!



A map exhibition, a lecture series on cartography and video-game interfaces, and participatory workshops at Ubisoft, led by **Eve-Ben Haïm** & **Amy Jenkins**



Round table “A digital twin of France: a tool for transitions?” led by **Julien Villalongue** & **Céline Acharian**



A morning datacenter visit at OVH with a Republic of Maps workshop, organised by **Hanaé Bisquert**



Discovering The Maps We Need and historical mapping tools with **Juliette Aumonier** of the startup Prométhée Earth Intelligence at the Village by CA in Toulouse — and at the Canaille & Pétrin bakery, at the initiative of its owner and of **Stéphane Canalis**



Exhibitions of 30 Day Map Challenge cartographies by **Clément Payet** at the HAPPY TIME.RUN coworking space & restaurant in Le Tampon, Réunion

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Online, on social media and on the airwaves



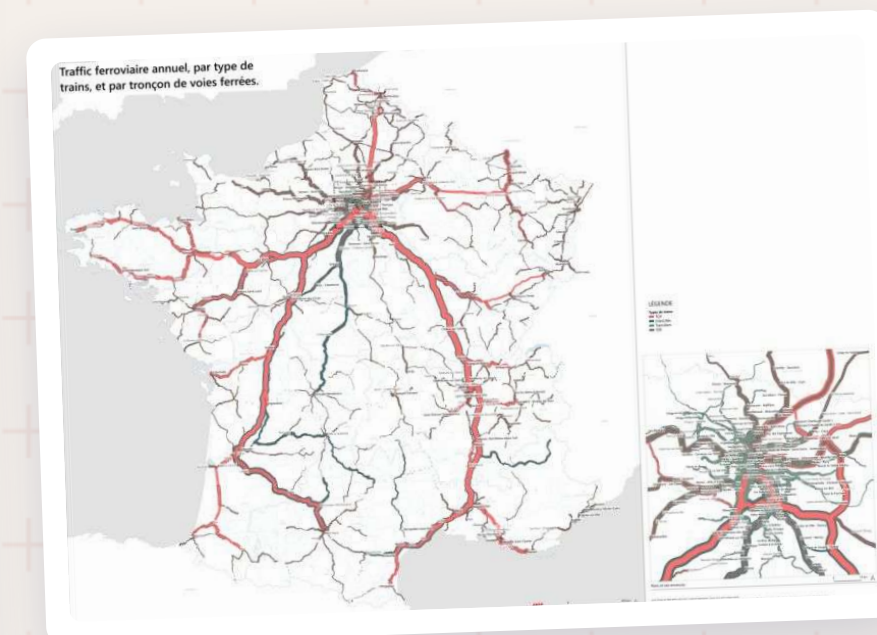
A Twitch livestream to discover Minecraft à la Carte with influencer-builder **Leroy Louis & François Lecordix**



A special “Map Day” radio show hosted by **Maxime Salles** & the Artisans Cartographes



Digital challenges with Pix and a special Cartography pathway thanks to **Marie Bancal** et **Déborah Dobaire**



The results of SNCF Réseau’s Maps Hackathon, shared on LinkedIn by **Félix Pouchain**.

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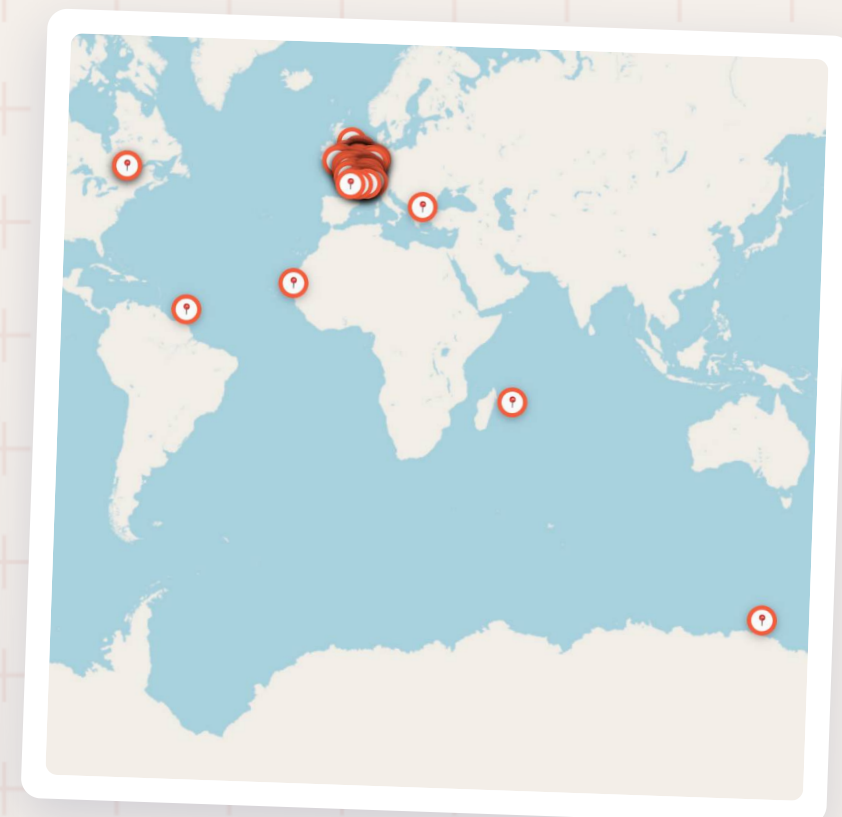
Elsewhere around the globe



The “Maps We Need... for Public Health” workshop at the École de Technologie Supérieure in Montréal, Québec, by **Angélique Montuwy**



A shout-out from **Thomas Donal**, an IGN geodesist, from... Antarctica!



Also: an educational map created in Dakar (Senegal), discussions of landmark maps produced by the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure (CAMPOP, UK), and an exhibition and workshop at a rural engineering and topography school in Athens (Greece)

-  MAP DAY 2027, IN PRACTICE

Resources available to you right now



GAME

Put your cards on the table

The collaborative mapping game from Ubisoft and IGN, ready to run.

Discover →



WORKSHOP

The Maps We Need

Give us your feedback: if you think it needs changes, tell us.

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ONLINE

The Publications page

70 items — books, podcasts, videos, maps, reports — to browse and share.

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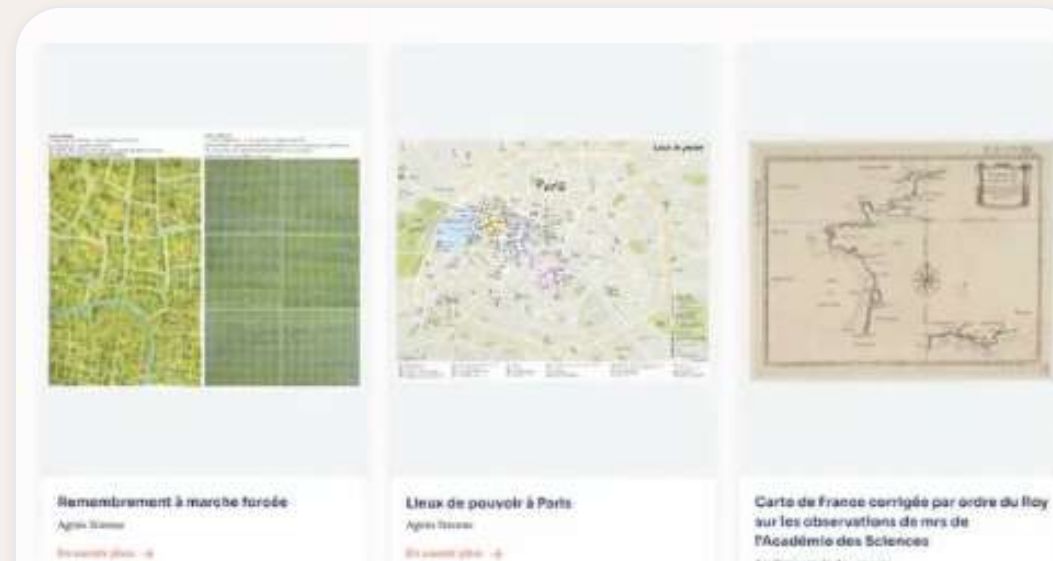
Resources coming by the end of October

In September, we will be able to tell you more about:



Comms kit

Posters and materials, on the same basis as last year.



New exhibition

“The Maps We Need”, if dedicated funding is secured.



English-language website

An English version of the website to carry the momentum further.

THIS AUTUMN The initiative-submission feature will open, so you can light up your dot(s) on the map.

• MAP DAY 2027, IN PRACTICE

The calendar of collective moments between now and Map Day

Monthly themed video calls – every first Thursday of the month, 5–6 pm.

• Themed • Drop-in • Highlight

July • Thursday 2 Themed call – Eve-Ben Haïm, mapping video-game worlds	August • Thursday 6 Themed call – Your summer finds & self-promos	September • Thursday 3 Themed call – Damien Deville, “La France des mille lieux” • Thursday 17 “Drop-in” call The form opens to put your event on the 2027 Map! • Thursday 24 Showcase call for your initiatives	October • Thursday 1st Themed call – Mickaël Borne (IGN), GéoContext & AI-generated maps • Thursday 15 “Drop-in” call • During Oct. Partners’ evening (to come)
November • Thursday 5 Themed call – Nephtys Zwer, counter-mapping • Thursday 12 “Drop-in” call	December • Thursday 3 Themed call – Maxime Salles, cartographer & podcast • Thursday 10 “Drop-in” call • Thursday 17 “Drop-in” call • Tuesday 22 “Drop-in” call • Wednesday 29 “Drop-in” call	January 2027 • Thursday 7 Themed call – Valentin Chaput, maps & democracy • Thursday 14 “Drop-in” call • Thursday 21 “Drop-in” call • Thursday 28 “Drop-in” call	February 2027 • Wednesday, February 3, 2027 2nd edition of Map Day! • Thursday 11 Themed call – Jean-Louis Frechin, design & maps

 Add the calls of my choice to my calendar





And you — what will you be
doing on February 3, 2027?

-  TO CONTINUE THE ADVENTURE TOGETHER

How can you help between now and then?

01

Join us as an ambassador to help The Republic of Maps shine across your territory.

02

Invite us to present The Republic of Maps in your organisations — and bring your peers on board to contribute to Map Day

03

Take part in the collective moments

04

Discover the publications and educational resources, play them with your peers and give us your feedback!

We are looking for ambassadors!

05

Sign up for the newsletter

And get ready to showcase your initiatives on the website this autumn

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