# 10 things Basques have done in the last 5 years

## a review of our Education initiatives

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# 1. Get **funds**

- Culture department of the Basque Government
- Basque language institution in Navarre
- Education material innovation funds
- Erasmus+ funds

# 2. Build a `list` (and adapt metrics)

- Which areas do you want to work on?
- What is the rationale of working on that?
- Some lists we have worked on
  - [2.000 articles for secondary students](#)
  - List of 1.000/10.000 articles every Wikipedia should have
  - Collaboration sprints (topic related article lists)
- Change metrics according to your list: more articles is not always better.
  - Measure article evolution on size and quality over time. [1] - [2] - [3] - [4] - [5]
- Adopt ORES article quality assessment.

# 3. Test an infrastructure

- Design a couple of pilot tests and work on every detail there.
- Change or add whatever needed before making it large scale.
- Learn your script: you are going to repeat it many times.
- Write learning materials for your infrastructure.

# 4. **Knock** doors

- Up-down approach first: agreement with university and faculty heads.
- Door-to-door approach next: find who teaches what you need, and go to them.
- …try to avoid saturation of programs for the same students.
- Show them what's missing (PetScan is your friend) and what they have done ([Dashboard is your friend](#)). Repeat (and go to previous step again: test, improve, test).
- Ask people who they know.

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# 5. Improve communications

- We have used social media to improve Wikipedia's reputation ([Twitter](#) and [Mastodon](#)).
- Show people what you have, what is missing, try to engage.
- Mention the institutions you are working with and show their results.
- Be active to interaction.

# 6. Txikipedia
## (A **children** encyclopedia)

- Txikipedia: The only children encyclopedia inside a Wikipedia
- Currently more than 6.000 articles
  - Most of them written by students themselves
  - Involving educators and future teachers
- More flexible than Wikipedia

# 7. Improve help pages

- Make help pages adapted for students and newcomers.
- Create special help pages for teachers.
  - Document what you do with students.
- Go multimedia, if needed (pandemic version).
- Help via communication channels.

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# 8. KISS

- Keep it (super) simple, (stupid)
- Adopt automatic templates, avoiding explaining it to non-interested students.
- Avoid explaining complex wikicode or rules: most students don't need it.
- Automatic translation tools: work with Elhuyar.
- Ask feasible things.

# 9. Add multimedia

- [Ikusgela](), our brand new pedagogic multimedia project.
- [Learn with Otso]()

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# 10. Fun with GLAMs

- Make GLAMs work on education goals
  - Soinuenea
  - UEU
    - Texts and books
    - Digital Humanities grants (Emartistak, Bedigirada…)
  - Oteiza Museoa
  - UrmaelBlitz
- Elhuyar Foundation
- Newspapers: Tokikom and Berria

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