

# Project : WHINDANGER

World Heritage in Danger



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# Wiki World Heritage

Wiki World Heritage is a recognized affiliate of Wikimedia Foundation -the foundation hosting Wikipedia and other open knowledge projects-.

**Our mission** is the collaborative creation of free online content about UNESCO World Heritage, through projects based on :

- Participatory activities,
- Use of open platforms and tools,
- Sharing all content under free licences,
- Collaboration with local partners in the target countries.

We are mainly using Wikimedia projects: Wikipedia, and its sister projects (e.g. Wikimedia Commons, the multimedia repository under free licence, and wikidata, the collaborative database).

## Why Wikimedia projects?

Using Wikimedia projects allows to reach billions of people. Wikipedia, for instance, is among the 10 most visited websites worldwide, and its content is multilingual, participatory, evolutive, free and sustainable. Wikimedia provides also tools for content assessment, visualization, and online activities monitoring.

## Example of our previous projects

### MedinaStories



Creating a set of free educational materials about religious and cultural diversity in the Maghreb Medinas listed as UNESCO World Heritage, through a participatory approach.

The project final outcome is a **digital application** (1) for web and mobile, which content was created through collaborative activities: an edit-a-thon on Wikipedia and a photography contest on Wikimedia Commons.

This project was implemented with the support of UNESCO under the framework of the UNESCO/UNOCT project on the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) through Youth Empowerment in Jordan, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia, co-funded by Canada (2).

(1) web app: [www.medinastories.wiki](http://www.medinastories.wiki)

(2) UNESCO publication: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2237/>

# Project :

## Scope: Collaborative creation of an interactive website for World Heritage Sites in Danger

**Whindanger** aims for the creation of an interactive website for World Heritage Sites in danger, using Wikimedia projects and following a participatory creation process.

The website will be multilingual, and will include interactive mapping of the 53 properties, interactive timelines and statistics, as well as access to articles and photo/video galleries.

As to content creation, it will be through several activities.

In 2021, the project will focus on cultural heritage sites in danger due to armed conflicts.

## Objectives: documenting, promoting World Heritage, and contributing to peace building

Disseminating knowledge about WH sites in danger

Among locals through involving them in the creation process, and among foreigner through providing a multilingual and interactive content.

Changing perception about regions in conflict

Reducing barriers and fighting stereotypes through inviting people worldwide to see these countries from the cultural standpoint instead of the political one.

+ Online content about the target sites is still scarce, for example:

## Afghanistan..

**Bamiyan Valley** does not have any Wikipedia article in a UNESCO official language nor in Pashto.

# Activities:

## Photography contest

- Online.
- Duration: 2 months
- Target participants: International public.
- Similar contest: [link](#)

## Collecting testimonies

- Format: 3 to 10 min videos
- Target participants: Local heritage professionals.
- To be published under free licence, and displayed during the writing workshop.

## Writing workshop

- In person.
- Duration: 1 day (World Peace Day 21/09).
- Target participants: Local public.
- Discussion, testimonies, writing articles.

## Building the website

- Similar website (timeline): [Histropedia](#)
- Similar website (mapping): [www.ksour.wiki](http://www.ksour.wiki)

## Timeline:

	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
Photography contest	Preparation	Advertising	Contest running : from 21/08 to 21/10		Jury evaluation Prizes distribution
Writing workshop	Call for volunteer trainers	Training of trainers		21/09	Enhancement and translation of created articles
		Call for participants			
Collecting testimonies	Collecting videos		Processing	Publishing	
Website	Enhancing the database	Generating maps, timelines and statistics	Website creation		Completion

# Collaboration details:

	Wiki World Heritage	Local partner
Photography contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Creating the contest pages, and tools for content monitoring and evaluation,</li><li>● Providing training to jury members about the evaluation tool.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Co-designing and sharing culturally sensitive calls for participation</li><li>● Sourcing local jury members</li></ul>
Writing workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Training the trainers (to train the workshop participants about writing on Wikipedia)</li><li>● creating repositories of articles to be created and sources (<a href="#">example</a>)</li><li>● Creating the workshop online monitoring tools</li><li>● Ensuring articles translation to +5 languages</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sourcing volunteer trainers</li><li>● Sourcing volunteer participants</li><li>● Hosting a physical workshop</li></ul>
Collecting testimonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Processing and publishing videos under free licence (Creative Commons licence)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Contacting heritage professionals and collecting self-recorded videos</li></ul>
Building the website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Generating necessary maps, timelines and statistic,</li><li>● Design and coordination with the developer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Providing feedback during the website creation process</li></ul>

**Wiki World Heritage** will also provide training to local partners about any Wikimedia platform or tool they desire to learn.

# Platforms and tools:

## Wikipedia

[wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org)

Online encyclopedia, collaborative, multilingual and free.

## Wikimedia Commons

[commons.wikimedia.org](https://commons.wikimedia.org)

Online multimedia repository, and platform for photo contests.

## Wikidata

[wikidata.org](https://www.wikidata.org)

Online collaborative database.

## Outreach Dashboard

[outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org](https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org)

Platform for monitoring activities (writing workshops).

## Petscan

[petscan.wmflabs.org](https://petscan.wmflabs.org)

Wikipedia content assessment (finding missing articles, articles that need improvement, etc.)

## Wikidata Query Service

[query.wikidata.org](https://query.wikidata.org)

Making queries on wikidata, generating statistics, visualizing results (maps, timelines, diagrams, etc.)

E.g. [largest cities in the World](#)

## Montage

[montage.toolforge.org](https://montage.toolforge.org)

Jury evaluation tool for photography contests on Wikimedia Commons ([overview](#))

# Expected outcomes:

## Tangible outcomes



**+300**  
photos per site

Published under free licence for sharing and reuse.



**+60**  
articles per site

Articles about +10 elements per site, in +6 languages.



**1**  
website

Interactive, multi-lingual.



**+100**  
participants  
per country

Within and outside the country.

## Intangible outcomes

### Capacity building

In terms of Wikimedia platforms and tools, for both local partners and workshops participants

### Replication

The platforms, methods and tools used for this project can be used to document and promote other cultural components.