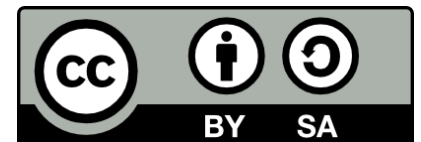


How to use local communities sources to develop Wikipedia

Is it possible to develop Wiki-community without Wikimedia?

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Background

- 2% belarusian internet users read WP
(it is about 100k people per month)



Wikification

- to provide knowledge about wiki principles in our society
- **the way:** workshops
- **February, 7: 80 322 articles ->**
September, 13: more than 100k articles (be.)
- Digits
 - participants - around 100 wiki-items=)
 - volunteer: 25 people
 - articles during the workshops - 35 articles

Potential editors

- **And they wrote about their topics**

Intervention in different communities.

Places and communities

- Film festival
- Journalists (association, editorial)
- Regionals (big city, village)
- Students
- Museum

Challenges:

- **Community division**
(as a consequence of cultural conditions)
- **Social challenge**
(language (be first - 53%, 36,7% - home using, education degrade) and russification)
- **Zero-budget for activity.**

this tree challenges shapes our strategy.



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Fundings

- local resources
(small contributions 1mln bel rub,
local funds)
- bakers

The Helper for Wikimedians Newcomers (Вікі-дапаможнік)

be-tarask.wikipedia.org/wiki/Вікіпэдыя:Вікідапаможнік

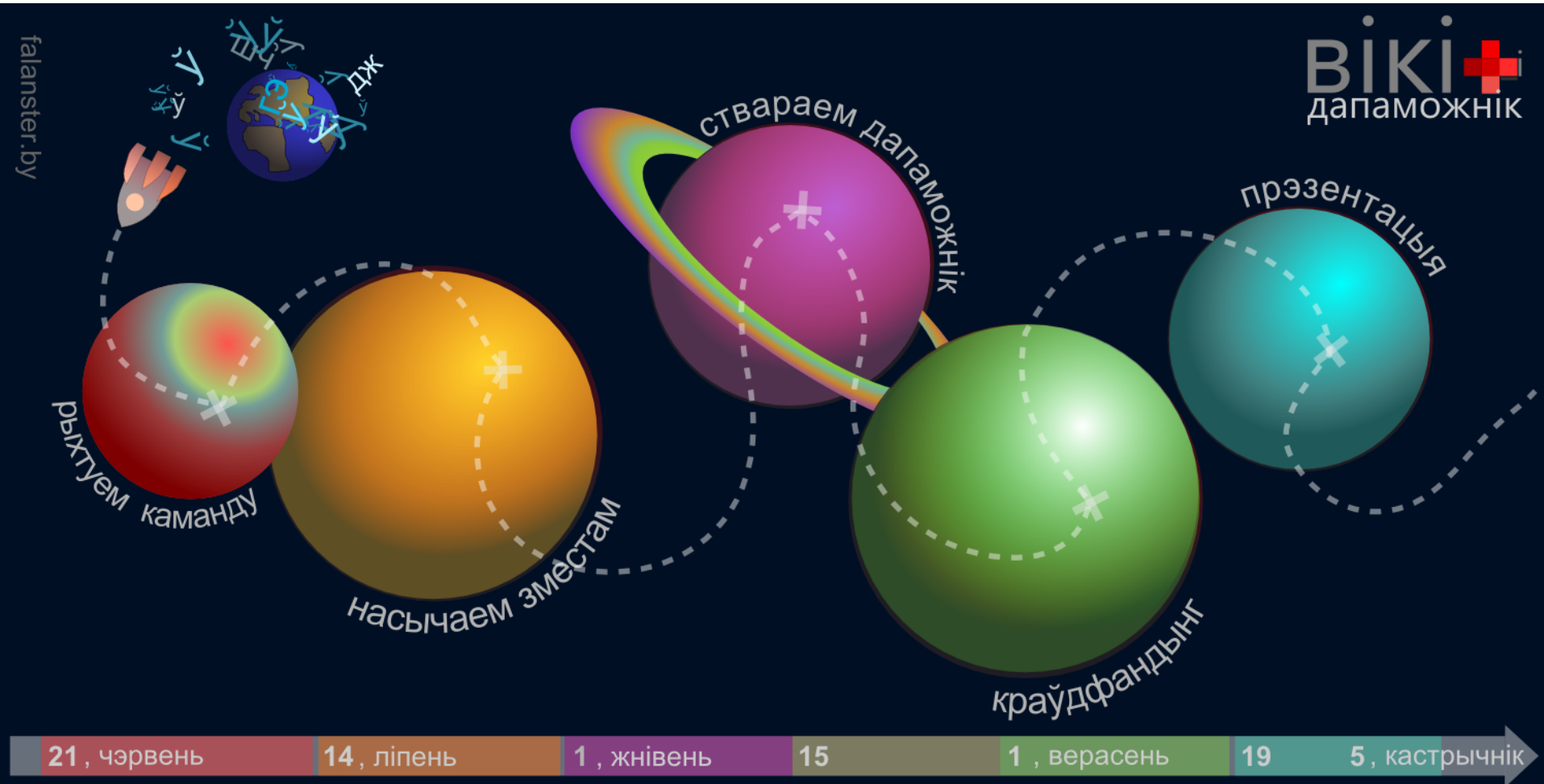


Aim:



to enforce collaboration
in belarusian wiki-community
and make it more vibrant with new wiki editors.

Strategies





falanga2015

Эпоха
Пиратов

26 апреля День
копирайта



BY
NO
BY
YES



Community vs. Content

Gathering:
Provocation for experienced
administrators:



Outreach: Media

To invite media and editors from both grammar chapter in our events



Sharing

Different
merchandise
between
each other.



Volunteers

- Focus on special needs (painting, translating, proofreading)
- Task detalization, openness for media



Exploitation

(based on local sources
and sharing venue, some logistics)

Use events of other initiatives.



Video!



How to make a light wiki expedition with a very very low budget

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0w79lwpjgM>

Questions

- Is the wiki helper a solution?
- How to keep volunteers in a team and to involve volunteers in plan-making?
- Do you have ideas how to work with zero-budget?

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