

# Affiliations Committee

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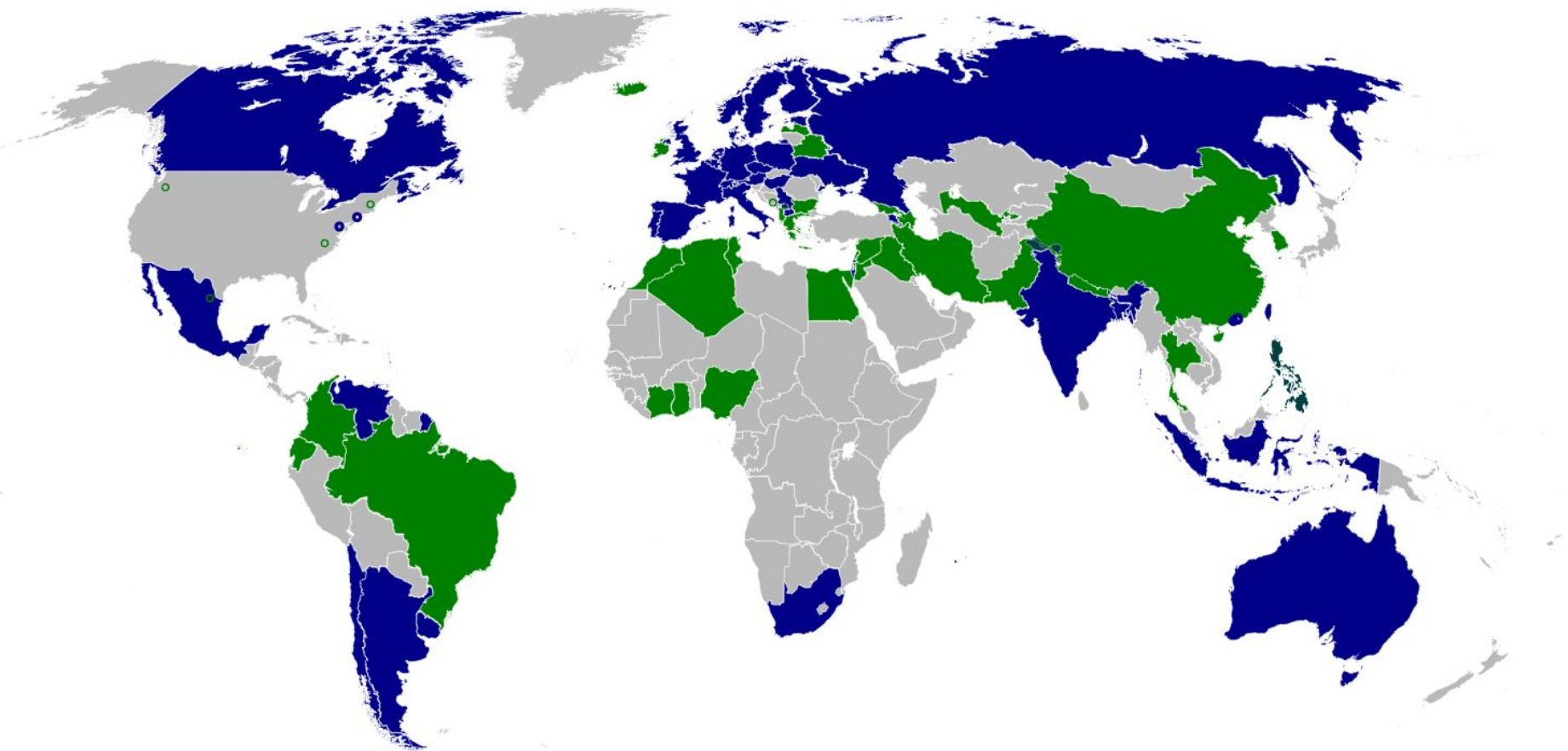




**WIKIMEDIA  
AFFILIATIONS  
COMMITTEE**



# Supporting movement leadership through affiliate partnerships



Wikimedia chapters (blue)

Wikimedia user groups with a geographic focus (green)







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## User Group Criteria

Wikimedia User Groups are evaluated based on the following criteria:

### Simplicity in formation

- At least three Wikipedians/Wikipedians with each of them having 300 edits in any of the Wikimedia projects.
- Compliance with naming guidelines and trademark policy
- Track record of performance (in case of UGs to become chapter, 2 years of proven consistent track record)

### Operation and program execution

- No specific programmatic requirement
- Flexibility in operation and responsibility.

### Documentation and reporting

- User Groups are expected to report their activities yearly to the WMF.
- User Groups are expected to make documentation of their activities and publish them on Meta.

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## Thematic Organisation Criteria

Wikimedia thematic organisations (and user groups that apply for recognition as thematic organisations) are expected to demonstrate a history of effective programmatic work. The Affiliations Committee will evaluate groups' history using three main criteria:

**1 Diversity of Activities.** Thematic organisations are expected to plan and conduct a variety of different programs and events; to balance online and offline projects; to strive for continuous activity; and to conduct programs and events at least once every two months.

**2 Planning and Evaluation.** Thematic organisations are expected to set specific goals and targets for programs, projects, and events before executing them; to measure the results of programs, projects, and events against those targets; and to report on those results to the Wikimedia Foundation and the wider Wikimedia movement.

**3 External Partnerships.** Thematic organisations are expected to engage in programmatic partnerships with external groups and organizations (for example, cultural, academic, or government institutions, and so on) to promote the Wikimedia movement and to add and improve content on Wikimedia projects.

All thematic organisations and potential thematic organisations will continue to be evaluated against the existing legal, governance, and viability criteria:

**4 Aligned Mission.** Thematic organisations are expected to have a mission similar to the mission and vision of the Wikimedia Foundation; and to adhere to the guiding principles of the Wikimedia Foundation and the Wikimedia movement.

**5 Thematic Focus.** Thematic organisations must have a clearly defined cultural, linguistic, or thematic focus; and are expected to structure their activities around that focus.

**6 Legal Structure.** Thematic organisations must be legally incorporated entities; must be non-profit organizations (or have an equivalent legal status in their home jurisdiction); must be legally independent from the Wikimedia Foundation; and must follow all applicable laws and regulations.

**7 Open Governance.** Thematic organisations are expected to operate under a set of governing documents (such as bylaws) which have been approved by the Affiliations Committee; to allow new members to join; and to have a governing body that is elected by and responsible to their members.

**8 Active Contributor Involvement.** Thematic organisations are expected to involve at least 20 active Wikimedia contributors (individuals with at least 300 contributions to a Wikimedia project under a registered account that has existed for at least 6 months and is in good community standing).

**9 Capacity.** Thematic organisations are expected to demonstrate capacity to meet future responsibilities and expectations (such as organizing programs and activities; recruiting volunteers and obtaining funding; maintaining compliance with legal obligations, chapter and grant agreements, and movement best practices; and so on).





# Affiliations Committee/Chapter Criteria

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Wikimedia chapters (and user groups that apply for recognition as chapters) are expected to demonstrate a history of effective programmatic work. The Affiliations Committee will evaluate groups' history using three main criteria:

**1 Diversity of Activities.** Chapters are expected to plan and conduct a variety of different programs and events; to balance online and offline projects; to strive for continuous activity; and to conduct programs and events at least once every two months.

**2 Planning and Evaluation.** Chapters are expected to set specific goals and targets for programs, projects, and events before executing them; to measure the results of programs, projects, and events against those targets; and to report on those results to the Wikimedia Foundation and the wider Wikimedia movement.

**3 External Partnerships.** Chapters are expected to engage in programmatic partnerships with external groups and organizations (for example, cultural, academic, or government institutions, and so on) to promote the Wikimedia movement and to add and improve content on Wikimedia projects.

All chapters and potential chapters will also continue to be evaluated against the existing legal, governance, and viability criteria:

**4 Aligned Mission.** Chapters are expected to have a mission similar to the mission and vision of the Wikimedia Foundation; and to adhere to the guiding principles of the Wikimedia Foundation and the Wikimedia movement.

**5 Geographic Focus.** Chapters must be based in a single country or region; cannot be based in a country or region where a chapter already exists; and are expected to focus their activities in that region.

**6 Legal Structure.** Chapters must be legally incorporated entities; must be non-profit organizations (or have an equivalent legal status in their home jurisdiction); must be legally independent from the Wikimedia Foundation; and must follow all applicable laws and regulations.

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# Comparison of requirements for affiliation models

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Requirement	Chapters	Thematic organizations	Wikimedia user groups
Minimum active Wikimedia editors	10	10	3
Suggested minimum members	20	20	10
Focus	Geographic	Thematic	Any which advances Wikimedia
Mission aligned with Wikimedia Foundation	✓	✓	✓
Compliance with naming guidelines and trademark policy	✓	✓	✓
Information about group published on a Wikimedia wiki	✓	✓	✓
Plans for activities or efforts to advance Wikimedia projects	✓	✓	✓
Allows new members	✓	✓	✓
Two designated contacts for Wikimedia Foundation	✓	✓	✓
Legally incorporated	✓	✓	
Amendable bylaws approved by Affiliations Committee	✓	✓	
Two years of activities prior to applying	✓	✓	
Requires approval by Wikimedia Foundation Board	✓	✓	
Governing board elected by members, including new members	✓	✓	
Activity and financial reports posted regularly on Meta-Wiki	✓	✓	
Capacity to represent Wikimedia movement in focus area	✓	✓	
Typical development time	2–3 years	2–3 years	1–4 months
Projected time for approval	4–6 months	4–6 months	1–3 weeks

# Steps

- **Gather the people**
- **Develop your goals and scope**
- **Select your user group name**
- **Set up a wiki page for your group**
- **Apply for recognition**

[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia\\_user\\_groups/Creation\\_guide](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_user_groups/Creation_guide)





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# Apply to start a user group

### Invia email

Il tuo nome:

Camelia.boban \*

Il tuo indirizzo email:

camelia.boban@gmail.com \*

(obbligatorio se si desidera una risposta)

Oggetto:

Contact message

### Name

Suggested name: Wikimedia Community User Group [your area or topic]

See the [name guidelines](#) if you want to choose another name.

### Description

Please tell us about what your group plans to do.



# Grazie

