

# **Wikipedia w czasie wojny**

# Introduction

- **Wikimedia Ukraine** is a regional chapter of Wikimedia Foundation in Ukraine.
- The Chapter was created on May 31, 2009. On this day the First Annual Meeting was held and the Board was elected.
- On July 3, 2009 WMF approved Wikimedia Ukraine as its regional chapter.
- On July 13, 2009 Wikimedia Ukraine got a certificate registering it as an organization from the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.
- January 2022 – 70 members.

# Activities

- **Content enrichment**
- **Enlargement of participation**
- **Community support and development**
- **Awareness about Wikimedia and promotion of free knowledge**



On 24 February 2022 Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

- 2022 was the most difficult year in the history of independent Ukraine — but the Ukrainian community and 'Wikimedia Ukraine' continued to work on the development of free knowledge in the Ukrainian language every day.
- Although some important projects of our public organization, such as the 'Wiki Loves the Earth' photo contest in Ukraine or the WikiGap campaign, had to be canceled or significantly changed due to a full-scale invasion, our organization continued to adhere to the strategic direction and fulfilled most of the plans for 2022.
- At the same time, with the beginning of the great war, 'Wikimedia Ukraine' immediately added a new direction of activity - increasing the stability of the wiki community during the war (we helped to find help and support both for the community in general and for its individual representatives. We also paid attention to international communication in order to highlight the situation in Ukraine for the international wiki community and draw attention to the importance of supporting Ukraine and fluent knowledge of the Ukrainian language)

# Impact on the community

- User activity decreased sharply at the beginning (108,237 user edits in UkrWiki in March 2022 – 40% decrease year-over-year)
- It has bounced back since the life became more stable for people
- In June 2022, 68% of Wikimedia Ukraine members surveyed reported their activity had decreased considerably or somewhat since the all-out invasion
- Most widespread reasons – lack of time (e.g. new volunteer / caretaking responsibilities), technical inability (e.g. no internet in a shelter), psychological stress

# Support to community members affected

- Financial support, food & hygiene packages to community members in need – Wikimedia Ukraine + the local community
- Support with relocation & accommodation – European affiliates + community members
- Information support, useful materials – WMF, Wikimedia Ukraine, many other organizations and people

# Readership interest


- Reader interest on Wikipedia grew considerably – 106,877,169 user views in UkrWiki in April 2022, second highest month result in history
- The topic of the war is (predictably) most popular
  - The leader – the article about Russia's invasion itself – has raked in 3 million views in less than six months, an absolute record for UkrWiki





# Main projects 2022-2023

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 [Російське вторгнення в Україну: як допомогти й отримати допомогу під час війни](#)


# Вікіпедія:Війна


Матеріал з Вікіпедії — вільної енциклопедії.

## Як допомогти й отримати допомогу під час війни

24 лютого 2022 року Росія почала відкрите широкомасштабне військове вторгнення в Україну, яке уже призвело до десятків тисяч смертей і змусило мільйони людей покинути свої домівки. На цій сторінці ви знайдете інформацію про те, як українці можуть захиститися від наслідків російської військової агресії та допомогти іншим представникам вікіспільноти.

 Ця сторінка **не** є енциклопедичною статтю Вікіпедії, це службовий портал із підбіркою корисної інформації для вікіспільноти. Енциклопедичну статтю про російське вторгнення в Україну читайте за посиланням. Пропозиції з наповнення цього порталу висловлюйте на [сторінці обговорення](#)





## Wikipedia:War (informational portal for Ukrainian Wikimedians and Volunteers)

Source: [uk.wikipedia.org](http://uk.wikipedia.org)



## **Stories of Ukrainian Wikimedians during the war**

Photo: User Venzz in shelter, editing Wikipedia in Kharkiv

# Wikimania 2022



Wikimania 2022 local meeting in Kyiv

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**CEE meeting 2022**

# Wikiconference 2022

- Was held in the first half of October in the form of four meetings: online and in three cities (Kyiv, Kharkiv, Lviv)
- 45-50 people joined the online day live
- 48 participants attended offline meetings.

# Wikiconference 2022



# Wiki loves Earth 2022

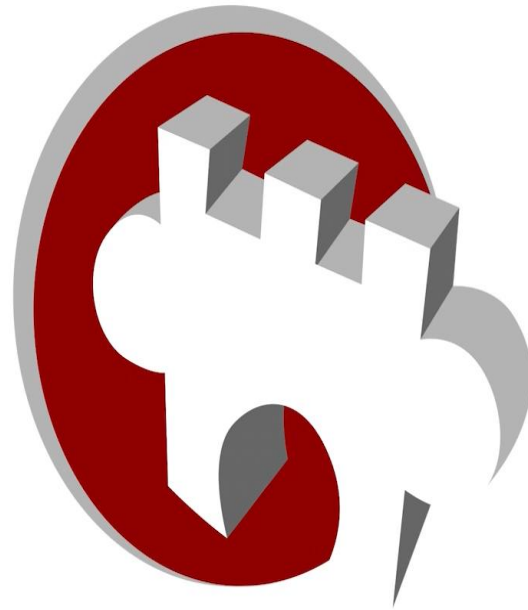
- 'Wikimedia Ukraine' has been holding the 'Wiki Loves the Earth' photo contest dedicated to natural heritage sites for almost ten years.
- Started in Ukraine, it became international in 2014.
- In 2022, due to the Russian invasion, we could not hold a competition in Ukraine (instead, we held a campaign to illustrate Ukrainian nature on Wikipedia and Wikidata ).
- The Ukrainian team supported the competition at the international level.
- Even despite the absence of Ukraine, this year a record number of countries took part in the international competition — 39.
- Wikistorage received almost 50,000 new photos of protected areas from more than 3,500 participants from all over the world.



# Wiki loves Monuments 2022

- October 2022, almost 14 thousand photos of Ukrainian cultural heritage, which highlight more than 5.3 thousand sights; in particular, 351 sights were illustrated for the first time in the history of the photo contest.
- 292 participants, 4 special nominations, 9 information partners
- Only photos that were taken before February 24 were allowed to be uploaded
- 4th place in the world in terms of the number of downloaded pictures
- Hybrid format of the awards ceremony for the winners of the Ukrainian part of the 'Wiki Loves Monuments 2022' competition on May 20, 2023 (Osvitoria Hub, Kyiv + online)

# Wiki loves Monuments 2022



WIKI **loves**  
monuments  
**Ukraine**

Russian full-scale invasion made WLM Ukraine more challenging, but also more relevant



Awards ceremony for the winners of the Ukrainian part of the 'Wiki Loves Monuments 2022' competition on May 20, 2023 (Osvitoria Hub, Kyiv)

# Cultural Heritage of Ukraine

- The project was dedicated to the monuments of Ukraine that have already been lost or are under threat of loss due to the Russian invasion (5 people joined, 24 articles were processed)
- From April 15 to 30 2023, Ukrainian Wikipedia hosted the 'Cultural Heritage of Ukraine' campaign dedicated to filling the largest online encyclopedia with information about monuments of Ukraine that have already been lost or are under threat of destruction, in particular due to war.
- According to UNESCO, as of February 15, 2023, 240 objects have been confirmed damaged since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion — 105 religious, 18 museums, 86 buildings of historical or artistic value, 19 monuments, 12 libraries... Unfortunately, we understand that these numbers regarding the destruction and damage of monuments of Ukraine are not yet final.

# Cultural Heritage of Ukraine



Sviatohirsk Lavra - 2014

# Cultural Heritage of Ukraine

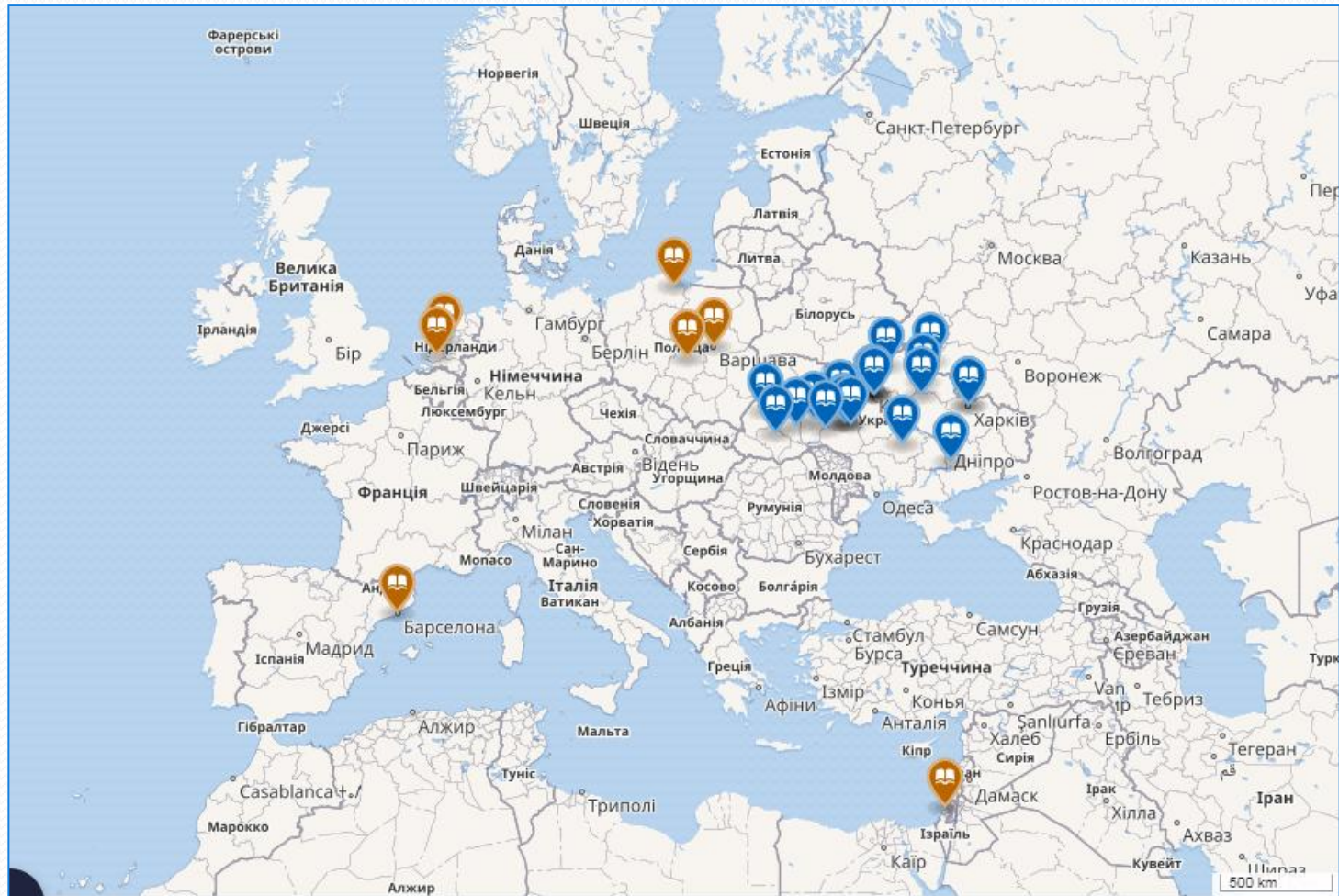


[Sviatohirsk Lavra after Russian invasion \(2022-10-31\)](#)

# Wikimarathon 2023

- From January 26 to February 5, the annual Wikimarathon took place in Ukraine - a large-scale campaign for the birthday of Ukrainian Wikipedia.
- 346 participants who created almost 1,900 new articles.
- As part of the campaign, a series of webinars was held on January 26, 28 and 29, where experienced Wikipedians shared tips and explained in detail how to create your first article.
- This year, due to the full-scale Russian invasion and the evacuation of many Ukrainian Wikipedians abroad, local events within the Wikimarathon took place not only in Ukraine, but also abroad: in Poland, the Netherlands, Spain and Israel.
- In total, more than 35 local Wikimarathon events were held, which were attended by more than 470 people in Ukraine and more than 50 people abroad.

# Wikimarathon 2023



Source: <https://uk.wikipedia.org/>



# Wikimarathon 2023 in “Wikimedia Polska” office in Warsaw



# Wikipedia Handbook for Ukrainian Teachers

- At the beginning of 2022 year, the NGO 'Wikimedia Ukraine' published the first edition of the training manual. It is the result of the work of teachers from different parts of Ukraine, who are united by the values of free knowledge and the desire to share it with educators.
- The book contains 18 articles and lesson plans for students in grades 6-11 and practical tips for integrating Wikipedia into classroom work.
- After a pause caused by the full-scale war, we have been actively distributing the paper version of the guide for the past few months, with about 70 educators already applying and receiving their copies.
- 10 presentations of the Wikipedia Handbook for Ukrainian Teachers were held all over Ukraine in spring 2023

# Wikipedia Handbook for Ukrainian Teachers



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# Other projects in Wikipedia

- **WikiGap Challenge 2022** (14 participants, 980 articles)
- **#SheDidIt** (Almost thirty participants created and improved about 440 articles.)
- **Fantastic autumn 2022** (33 people joined, 426 articles were processed)
- **Grigory Skovoroda week** (13 people joined, 65 articles were processed)
- **Ukraine's Cultural Diplomacy Month 2022**
- **CEE Spring 2022** (In total, over ten weeks of the competition, more than 140 participants wrote 859 articles about Ukraine in 21 language sections of Wikipedia)
- **WikiGap-2023** (90 participants, 740 articles)

# Initiatives in wiki-based projects

- **Wikisource, Wikivoyage, WikiQuotes: #1Lib1Ref** (2 times during 2022 year, almost 60 participants, about 800 articles improved)
- **WikiQuotes: CEE Spring 2023**
- **Wikimedia Commons: Science Photo Competition 2022** (66 participants who uploaded 539 images in five categories)

# Trainings for Ukrainian refugees in Poland



Training in Warsaw April 26 – CEE spring 2023

# Summary

- **Huge support for Wikimedians and volunteers**
- **Ukrainians took part in almost all main international competitions and initiatives**
- **Using hybrid format for the events (conferences, trainings, award ceremonies etc.)**
- **Some initiatives took place to improve involvement in different wiki-based projects**
- **Wiki trainings for Ukrainian refugees**
- **Permanent programs continue to operate: educational program, trainings and scholarships, work with the media, etc**



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