

Eduwiki and the Amical way

A volunteer-driven model



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Our identity: 108 members

- Founded in 2008.
- Volunteer-driven organisation in favor of the Catalan language and culture.
- Recognised by the WMF in 2013.
- Awarded with Catalonia's National Culture Award in 2014.



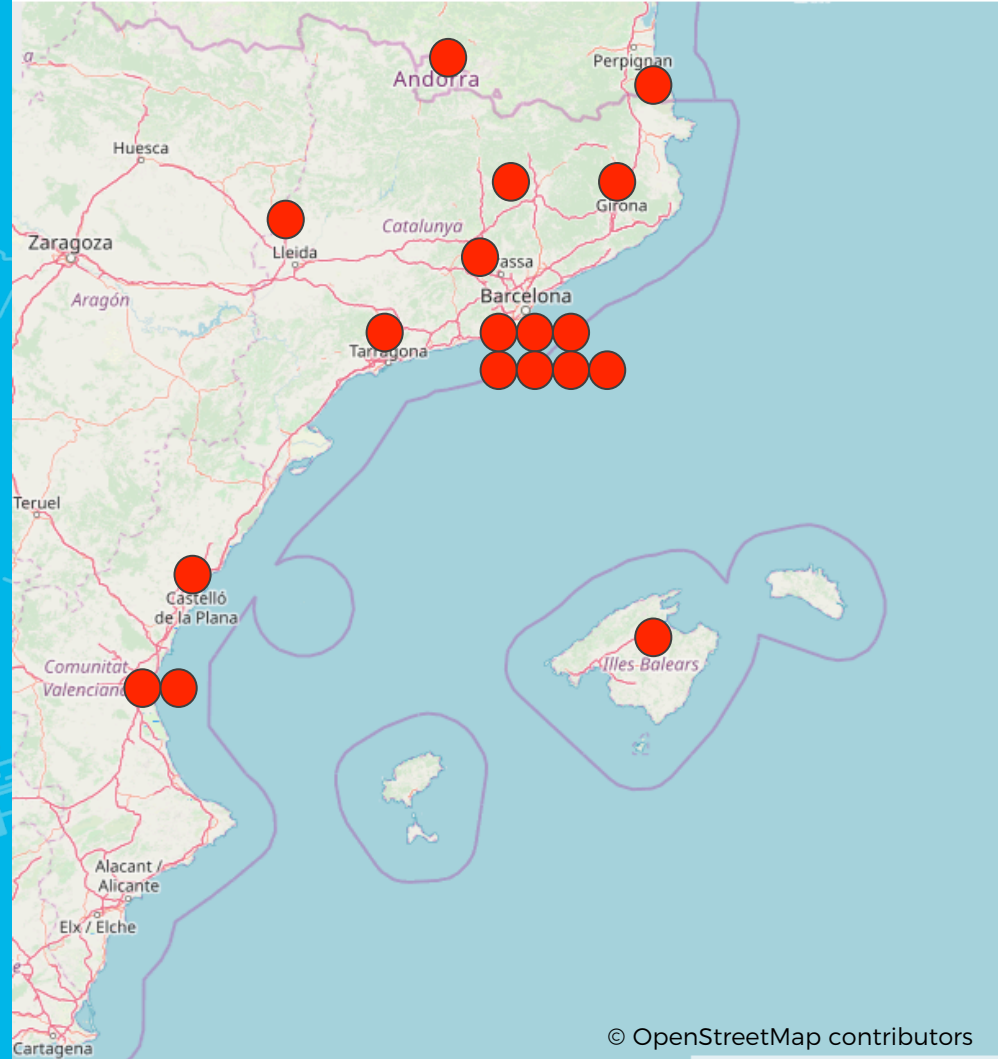
The only Wikimedia thematic organization

163 projects

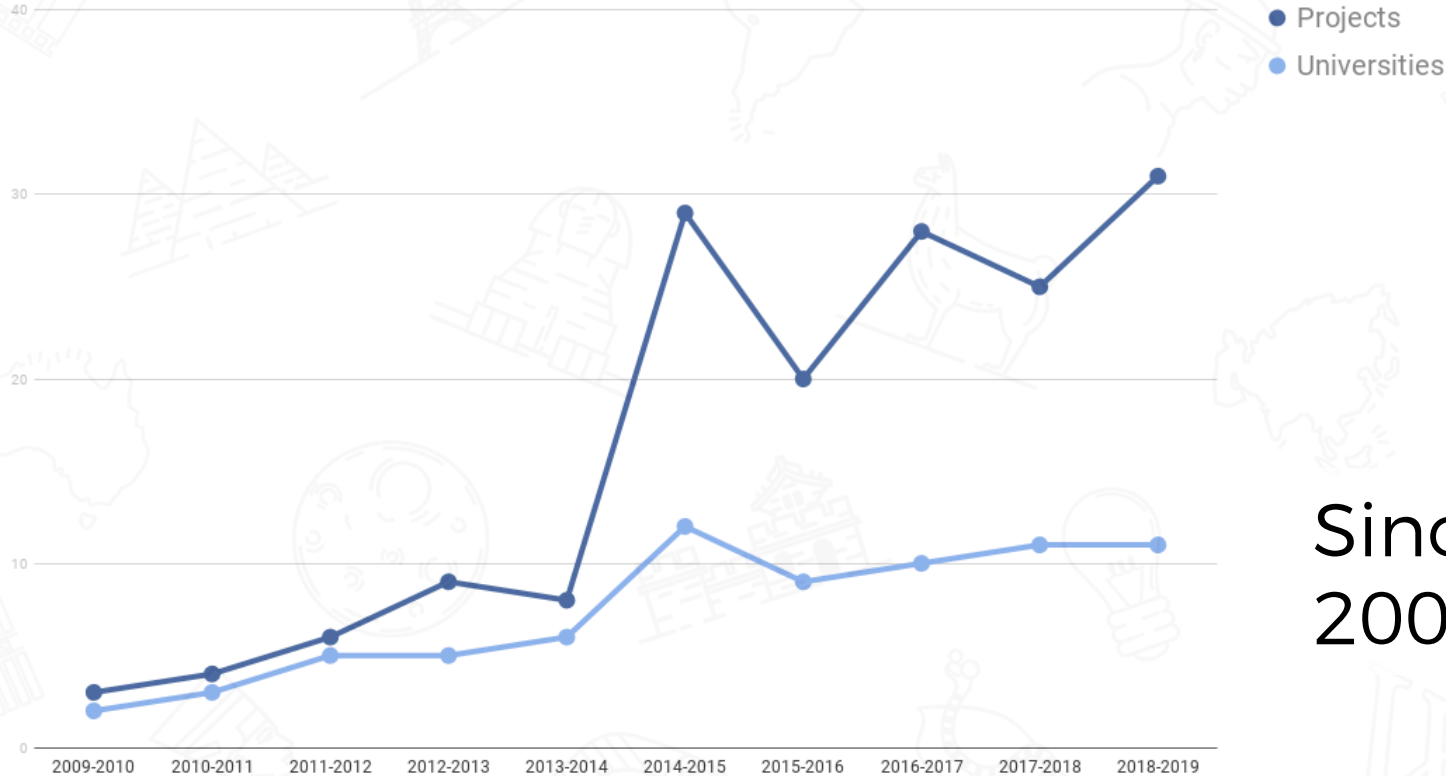
18 universities

3 countries

Universitat d'Andorra · Universitat de Perpinyà Via Domícia
· Universitat de Lleida · Universitat de Girona · Universitat de
Vic · Universitat de Barcelona · Universitat Autònoma de
Barcelona · Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya ·
Universitat Internacional de Catalunya · Universitat
Pompeu Fabra · Universitat Rovira i Virgili · Universitat
Oberta de Catalunya · ESADE · Universitat de les Illes
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Universitat Politècnica de València · Universitat de València



Same universities, more projects



Since year
2009/10.

The Amical way

A network of volunteers are
our fundamental (and best) asset



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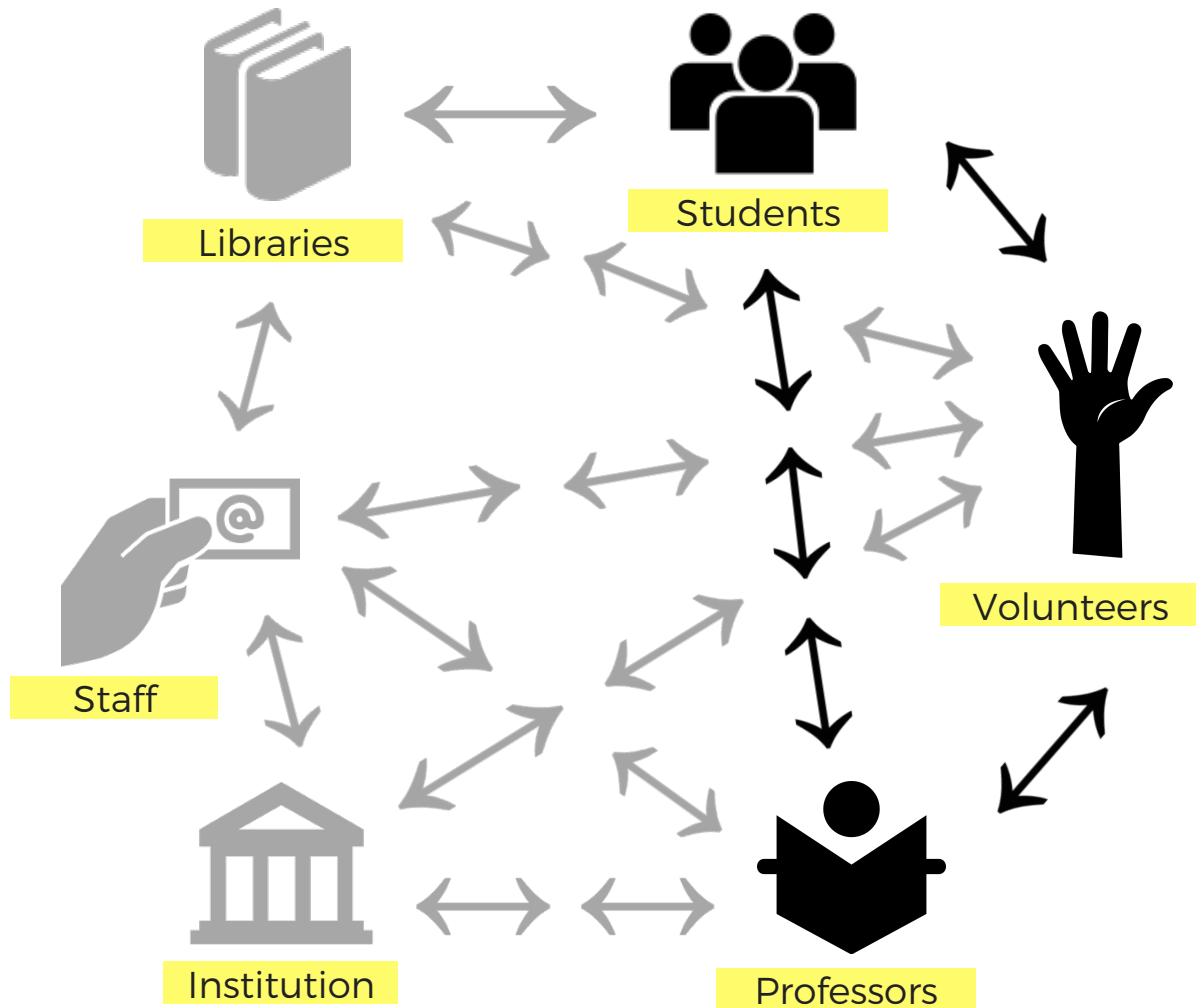
Our recipe

1. Reach out to professors who might be interested
2. Introduce Wikipedia, Open Knowledge
3. Suggest eduwiki project, devise, close the deal
4. Execute, follow up, gather results
5. Rinse and repeat. Consider upscaling



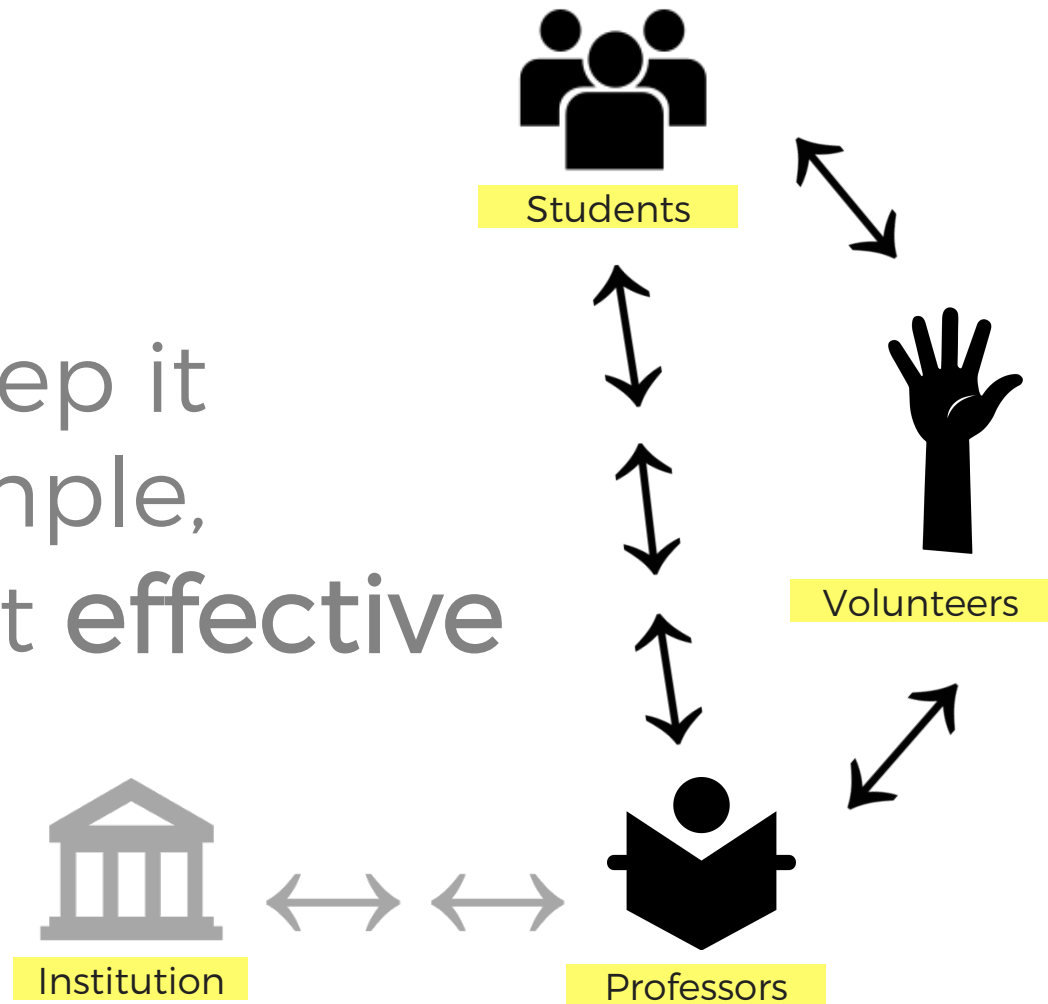
a bottom-up approach

Our workflow



Our workflow

Keep it simple, but effective



- Think **big**, start small!
- General unawareness of **CC licenses** and open knowledge basics
- Insistence in **quality editing**
- **Team up** with your community: what is going on?
- **Teaching staff** shouldn't be limited to grade the results
- Funnel the whole process through the talk page: **focus *onwiki!***



Tips & tricks

Some bestsellers



[[Viquiprojecte:Viquiclàssics]] – Classical literature

- 8 subjects, 3 universities, 2 academic years
- 121 students, 102 articles (2 nominees to featured article)

[[Viquiprojecte:Biotecnologia aliments UAB]] – Food biotech

- 1 subjects, 1 universities, 2 academic years
- 75 students, 24 articles (4 nominees to featured articles)

Some bestsellers



[[Viquiprojecte:Bioquímica UB]] – Biochemistry

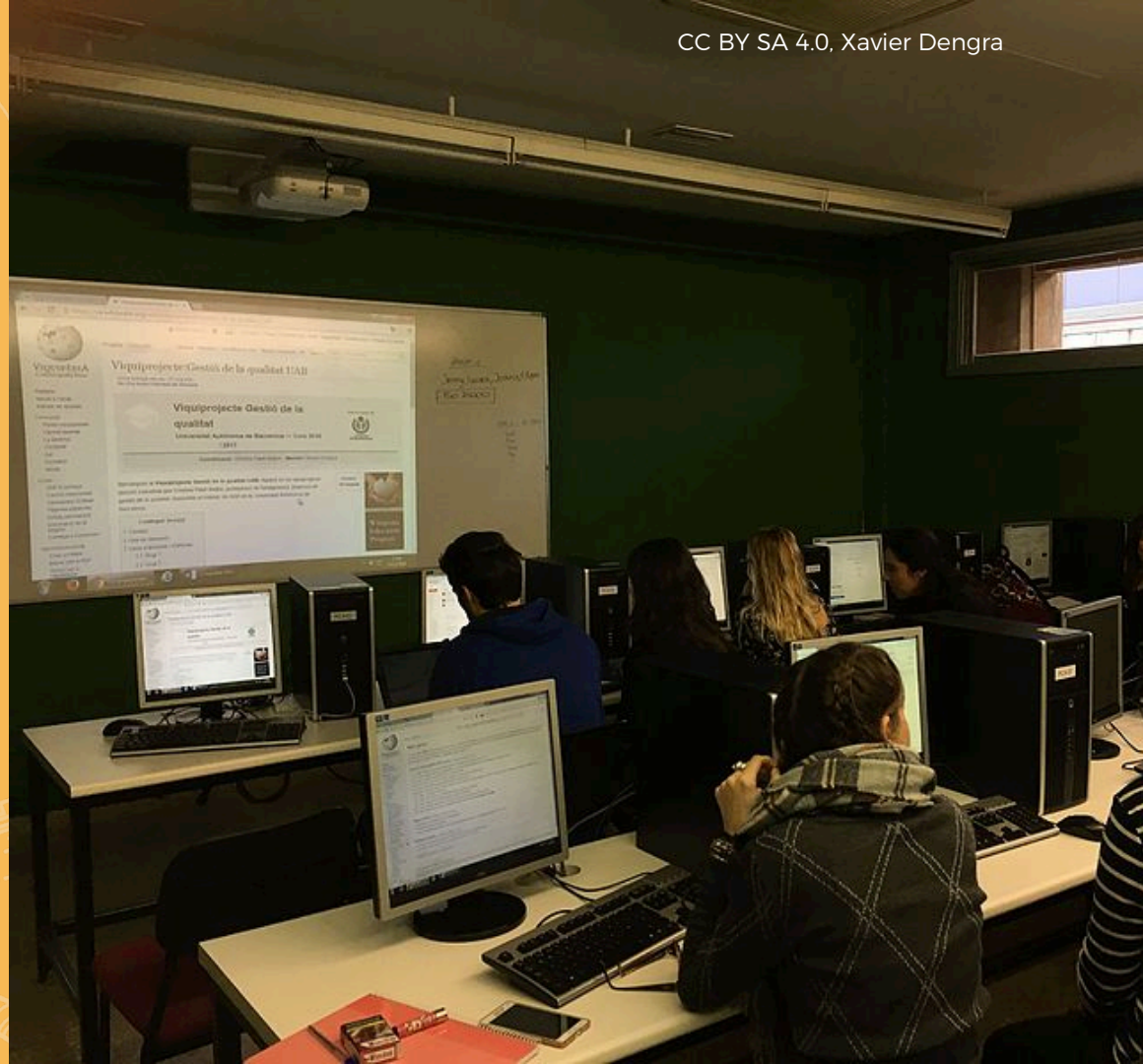
- 1 subjects, 1 universities, 10 academic years
- 2200 students, 678 articles (3 nominees to featured article)



Long-term goal of self-sustainability!

After almost
a decade
we're proud
of the results

We are a
trustworthy
partner for
universities



What have we learnt?



- Digital natives + Flow + echo + Visual Editor = yay!
- Word of mouth + reliable volunteering
- Close following of the participants (and other editors from your community) is key
- Students will always edit right before the deadline
- Squeeze university libraries (our undercover ally)
- Realistic safe approach provides a healthy success

What should we improve?



- Still some **universities to explore** (reached 75%)
- We shall work closer with **university libraries and educational R+D**
- **Evaluate and document.** Program and Events Dashboard, anyone?
- The editor **retention conundrum** + long-term student involvement
- **Over attachment to Wikipedia.** What about the **sister projects** or some new approaches?
- **Bottleneck** of articles & last-minute submissions: who's keen to review?

Voluntariat

Volunteering (Q188844)

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