

# General Assembly 2021

Financial Statements 2020  
Highlights - Budget 2021 - Board elections



Engaging people in free knowledge  
26 June 2021

# Approve new Effective members

Associate members that are member for at least 6 months can request the Board to become Effective member, with voting rights in the General Assembly.

The current Board to approve new effective members before the GA can start.

New Effective member
Kathelijne De Vos
Ronald Torfs
Willi Huyghe

# Proxy declarations

Effective members that are not present in the session can issue a proxy statement to another Effective member to represent themselves, and vote.

The following proxies were validated, and accepted.

Volmachtgever	Volmachthouder
Hubert Christiaen	Dominique Labar
Kathelijne De Vos	Ciell Wikipedia
Ronald Torfs	Sam Donvil
Willi Huyghe	Geert Van Pamel

# Acronyms

WMBE = Wikimedia Belgium

WMF = Wikimedia Foundation

sAPG = Simple Annual Plan Grant

# What is the most used word in 2020?

Corona, covid-19

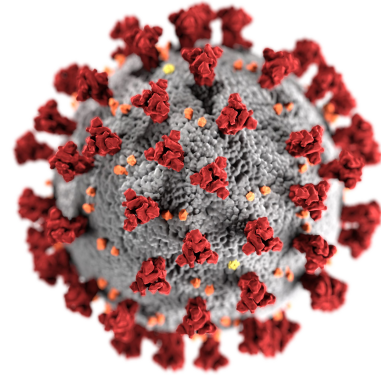
Homeworking, video conferencing

Distance learning

Virtual meeting

Social distancing

Social contacts



# Highlights of 2020

- New statutes
- New official address
- We keep on growing, step by step
  - More relationships with organisations, musea, heritage, libraries, universities, and schools
- Corona – which we did not expect – with a large and immediate worldwide impact:
  - Consequences:
    - No physical meetings, events, nor activities
    - Few in-person contacts, everybody @home
  - Results:
    - Few expenses:
      - No entrance tickets
      - No (inter)national travel
      - No food, no drinks, no receptions
      - No hotel invoices
    - Large underspending of budget 2020
    - Had to return  $\frac{2}{3}$  of yearly grant to the WMF
- [Overview of activities](#)

# How did the Board respond?

- Creative solutions
  - Organise video conferences (with up to 90 participants!)
  - Virtual General Assembly
  - [YouTube Channel](#) (with playlist and link to other chapters)
  - Permanent personal/group video-chat via [Google Meet](#) and [Jitsi](#)
  - Helpdesk by telephone, chat
- Technical training and Investments
  - Acquire the book “[Schrijven voor Wikipedia](#)” to distribute during edit-a-thons
- Volunteer support
  - Individual coaching Writing for Wikipedia
    - A lot of (university, highschool) students
  - Assisting with license compliance
  - [Expenses](#)
  - [Volunteer allowance](#)

# Large Projects

First 10 weeks:

- [Wiki Club Brussels](#)
- [Iedereen Wiki](#)
- [Industriemuseum Gent](#)
- [Women street names](#)
- [RTBF Wikipedia Marathon](#)
- [Open Belgium](#) (last physical meeting before corona)

Virtual:

- [Erfgoed Pajottenland Zennevallei](#) (Commons OTRS upload)
- [Vrouwen in 't rood](#)
- [Wiki Loves Heritage](#)
  - Money prizes, simpler than physical prizes (but less personal)
- [Wiki Women Design](#), one-year project with VAI



# Annulations due to corona

Activities that were cancelled or suspended:

- Edit-a-thons UGent (Griekse cultuur, OdeGand)
- Schoolbibliotheek Sint-Amandsberg
- Wiki Club Brussels
  - First continued as videoconference
  - Then it stopped (participants didn't like videoconferences)
    - Not very practical for bi-weekly meetings
    - Better for larger one-time sessions
- VVBAD Conference in Oostende (libraries conference)
- All worldwide WMF conferences
  - Huge reduction of expenses

# Communication and public relations

- Maintain websites
- Social platforms (mainly Facebook and Twitter)
- Public relations
  - Answering phone calls
    - Subscription for “De Morgen”
  - Answering e-mails – Diverse
    - “I want an Wikipedia article about me”
    - The article about me is not OK (and I am refused/blocked to update it)
    - Why is nobody writing about me?
    - I wrote an article and I can’t find it any more?
    - Why was my article deleted?
    - Legal questions
    - Copyright questions
    - Portretrecht, Recht op afbeelding, Droit à l’image (English term?)
    - Privacy (specific photo of Wiki Loves Heritage)

# Press - Radio - Television

- Good press relations are important
  - The press loves to write about Wikipedia
  - The public adores/valuates Wikipedia
- The press doesn't know Wikipedia very well
  - We need to explain the principles every time again
  - We need to explain the critical role of the volunteers
- 20 year Wikipedia was a great opportunity
  - A lot of coverage
  - Heritage organisations were highlighting the importance of Wikipedia
    - Herne

# Project realisations

(new) Standard way of conducting large edit-a-thons:

- Rely on Wikidata - Wikimedia Commons - Wikipedia
  - And related/supporting applications and tools
- [Create a Wikidata project](#)
- Use [OpenRefine](#) to reconcile and upload/merge items
- Link all items via “[Maintained by WikiProject](#)” or similar properties
- [Create a Wikipedia project page](#)
- Run a [ListeriaBot query](#) on a Wikipedia project subpage (in several languages)
- Create a [Wikimedia Commons campaign](#) to easily upload media files
- [Campaign and Events tool](#) (Outreach Dashboard)
  - Central automatic administration and reporting
    - Privacy-proof
    - No manual maintenance on Wikipedia project page
    - (semi) Automatic statistics (for WMF project reporting)
- [List of WMBE projects in Wikidata](#)

# Wikidata properties used for projects

The following properties could be used to create item lists:

- [Maintained by WikiProject](#)
- [Part of](#) (recursive => groups of bunker lines)
- [On focus list of Wikimedia project](#)
- [Catalog](#)
- [Has list](#)
- [Has works in the collection](#)

# What did we learn?

- Internet access is becoming critical
  - No internet, no human interaction
  - Video is becoming more important (recording of courses and presentations)
- Let the tools work
  - Machines are faster and smarter than humans
  - They do not make mistakes
  - They don't forget tasks
  - They never get bored
- Always have a contingency solution ready
  - Google Cloud crashed in the middle of a video conference with 90 students
    - Immediately switched to Microsoft Teams (in 10 minutes time)
    - Make a PDF version of your presentation
  - My private fixed internet connection did not work for 28 hours (street cabinet fuse)
    - Use a mobile data backup connection
      - My provider gave me 1 TB during 1 month for free

# Collaboration with universities

Students and their professors are excellent ambassadors -

- [KASK](#)
- [UGent](#)
  - Digital humanities
  - Taal en wijsbegeerte
  - Boekentoren ([CC BY-SA of manuscript images](#))
- [UAntwerpen](#)
- [KU Leuven](#)
- [Erasmushogeschool Brussel](#)
- [VIVES Kortrijk](#)

# Collaboration with museums

- [meemoo](#), Vlaams instituut voor Archivering
- [Vlaams Architectuurinstituut](#)
- [Design Museum Gent](#)
- [Industriemuseum Gent](#)



# Collaboration with Heritage institutions

- [Erfgoedcel Pajottenland Zennevallei](#)
  - [Bunkers van de KW-Linie](#)
    - [Commons Creator-tag](#)
- [Meetjeslandse Meesters](#) (preparation for project in 2021)

# New members by year

Year	New members
2014	37
2015	12
2016	12
2017	10
2018	22
2019	9
2020	9
2021	4

# Presentatie jaarrekening

- [Jaarrekening 2020](#)

# Provisions

## Why?

- Ledger is aligned with the project year (easy reporting towards WMF)
  - Projects can continue after new-year (January, February)
  - Financial reporting to WMF is done on 31 January
- Bank transactions (one PDF extract per quarter and calendar year)
- Jaarrekening is aligned per calendar year

## Reasons

- Early grant payments
- Late grant payments
- Grant repayments (the next calendar year)
- Late projects (expenses, invoices)
- Late invoices (incoming, outgoing)
- Late payments (incoming and outgoing invoices)

# Impact of provisions

Visible on the balans:

- Andere rechten (account receivable)
- Schulden tegenover leveranciers
- Schulden aan leden
- Andere verbintenissen

# Overzicht inkomsten Wikimedia Belgium

- Income depends on projects
- ... sAPG grants
- gifts
- and outgoing invoices...

Omschrijving	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
WMF effectieve subsidies	5.934,58 €	13.697,79 €	15.001,63 €	1.202,76 €	11.380,00 €	25.460,00 €
Lidgelden	120,00 €	190,00 €	40,00 €	80,00 €	100,00 €	10,00 €
Giften bovenop lidgelden		40,00 €				
Uitgaande facturen	1.200,00 €	250,00 €				
Giften	353,00 €	1.111,00 €	700,45 €	352,31 €	593,63 €	32,00 €
Andere inkomsten	0,01 €	75,79 €				
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.607,59 €</b>	<b>15.364,58 €</b>	<b>15.742,08 €</b>	<b>1.635,07 €</b>	<b>12.073,63 €</b>	<b>25.502,00 €</b>

# Overzicht bankrekeningen

Wikimedia Belgium does not use cash, debit cards, nor credit cards

- Situation on 31 December
- No interest on the savings account any more; caveat for [VZW tax](#)
- Mind the early/late yearly grant funding and repayments
  - Shortly before or after New year... makes a huge difference

Omschrijving	2020	2019	2018	2017
PayPal	76,24 €	76,24 €	57,97 €	39,00 €
Triodos zichtrekening	5.456,33 €	4.111,08 €	224,27 €	1.465,77 €
Triodos WMF zichtrekening	11.000,00 €	18.700,90 €		
Triodos Plus spaarrekening (korte termijn)	26,09 €	26,09 €	26,09 €	2.525,73 €
Triodos Business spaarrekening (lange termijn)	2.506,25 €	2.506,25 €	3.006,25 €	3.006,16 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.064,91 €</b>	<b>25.420,56 €</b>	<b>3.314,58 €</b>	<b>7.036,66 €</b>

# Telecom expenses

15 € per month for a mobile subscription:

- Initially only for mobile data (Wi-Fi) during edit-a-thons
- Public mobile (voice) number (privacy reason) +32 471 82 20 26
- Usage:
  - Mobile Wi-Fi hotspot when not @home
  - Helpdesk and Public relations
    - Voice
    - SMS
    - WhatsApp
    - Telegram
    - Signal



# Rapport van de Kascommissie

# Kascontrole boekhouding WMBE 2020

26 juni 2021

# Kascommissie / Comité des comptes

Toegang tot:

- Rekeningafschriften van de 2 spaarrekeningen en de 2 lopende rekeningen
- Paypal
- Onkostennota's en facturen
- Overzichtsdocumenten

Accès à :

- les relevés des comptes (bancaires) courants et des 2 comptes d'épargne
- Paypal
- Notes de frais et factures
- Documents de synthèse

# Opvallende zaken? / Ce qui ressort

- WMBE kiest ervoor om 2 lopende rekeningen te hebben
  - Uitgaande facturen, onkostennota's en inkomende giften
  - Tweede voor het betalingsverkeer met de WMF
- De terugbetaling en de verrekening van de APG Grants uit 2019 en 2020 die volgens het financial statement begin 2021 zijn gedaan, à €2802,21 en €10.565,42 kan ik inderdaad bevestigen.
- Enkele kleine opmerkingen hoe sommige zaken nog wat duidelijker geformuleerd konden worden in het verslag.
- WMBE choisit d'avoir 2 comptes courants
  - Factures sortantes, notes de frais et dons entrants
  - Le second pour les transactions de paiement avec le WMF
- Le remboursement et le règlement des subventions APG de 2019 et 2020 qui, selon le bilan financier, ont été effectués au début de l'année 2021, pour un montant de €2802,21 et €10.565,42 que je peux effectivement confirmer.
- Quelques petites remarques sur la façon dont certaines choses pourraient être formulées plus clairement dans le rapport.

# Advies / Conseils

Ik ben bij mijn controle geen onregelmatigheden tegengekomen, en wil Geert en het bestuur bedanken voor de wederom heldere boekhouding en de volledige openheid van zaken die gegeven werd.

Ik zou de General Assembly graag willen adviseren om het financial Report 2020 goed te keuren, en daarmee kwijting/decharge aan het bestuur 2020 te verlenen.

Au cours de mon audit, je n'ai trouvé aucune irrégularité, et je voudrais remercier Geert et le conseil d'administration pour la comptabilité claire et la divulgation complète qui ont été données.

Je voudrais conseiller à l'Assemblée générale d'approuver le rapport financier 2020, et donc d'accorder la décharge/décharge au conseil 2020.

# Projects 2021

- [Iedereen leest](#)
- [Wiki Club Brussels](#)
- [Iedereen Wiki](#)
- [Industriemuseum Gent](#) (Kathedralen van de industrie)
- Fotowedstrijd [Erfgoed Pajottenland Zennevallei](#)
- [Wiki Loves Heritage](#)

In collaboration:

- [Wiki Women Design](#), one-year project with VAI
- [Welcome to my garden](#) and Wikipedia for slow travellers

# Budget 2021

- [Project plans 2021](#)
- [Budget 2021](#)

# We need you

- Communication responsible
- Translations
- Project leaders
- Volunteers to assist at activities



# Fonds Vrienden van Wikimedia België

We can issue tax certificates, because we are acknowledged by the Koning Boudewijnstichting.

In one year time we gathered 10.000 €.

In 2020 there was a tax reduction of 60% of the gift amount (that helped a lot).

For 2021, most likely, this will be again the standard rate of 45%.

We are thinking about facilitating a “Wikimedian in Residence” project.

We are seeking a museum to implement such project.

This might possibly be implemented as a *BIS baan* project.

Limitation: WMBE doesn't have permanent staff (so we can't do the administration).

# Financial voting

1. Approve the Annual accounts 2020
2. Discharge of the Board for 2020
3. Approve the Budget 2021

# Elections of the Board

Candidates:

1. Sam Donvil
2. Mike Nicolaije
3. Geert Van Pamel

Can serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> year:

- Anne Jea

# Questions to the Board

There were no further questions.

# Informal meeting

- You can stay in the video conference
- Normally we should have a drink
  - If it weren't a virtual session
  - See you next year in-person? Hopefully!

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