Lessons learned in huge projects: Wikidata

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Who are we?

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Why are we here today?

sharing lessons …

March
WMDE started
WD project

April
WMDE continued
WD project

Q4/2013
WMDE decided to start
SE&D department

2012   **2013**   **2014**

Wikidata?!

How did we start?

Initial setup

Key success factors
(first year)

Remote vs. office

Exchange & talking about it

Expectation Management

Development processes

"Soft" factors

Idea + need + plan + funding + knowledge + implementation

Key challenges

(first year)

New team & environment

Development methods & processes

Community building

And we continued…

Key success factors
(second year)

Working collaboration processes with WMF

Well-functioning team

Well-established processes and working environment

Community

Key Challenges
(second year)

Change of key positions

Project development vs. product development

Extend development methods & processes

Financial planning

Adoption of Wikidata

Lessons learned

Sharing & exchange is absolutely crucial

Code review takes a lot of time

Diversity in the team helps a lot

Finding the right (tech) employees takes time

Do it & be bold!

Keep the global movement innovative!

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"...we've encouraged and supported software engineering efforts by chapters. I'd actually love to see much more of that happen.

...Wikidata is a success in part because it's a well-resourced, well-managed team, and the partnership in areas where WMF does need to help was carefully negotiated."

Erik Möller on wikimedia-l on June 24th, 2013

DO's

community involvement and communication

initial project setup should work f2f together

community liaison

weekly summaries

regular office hours

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