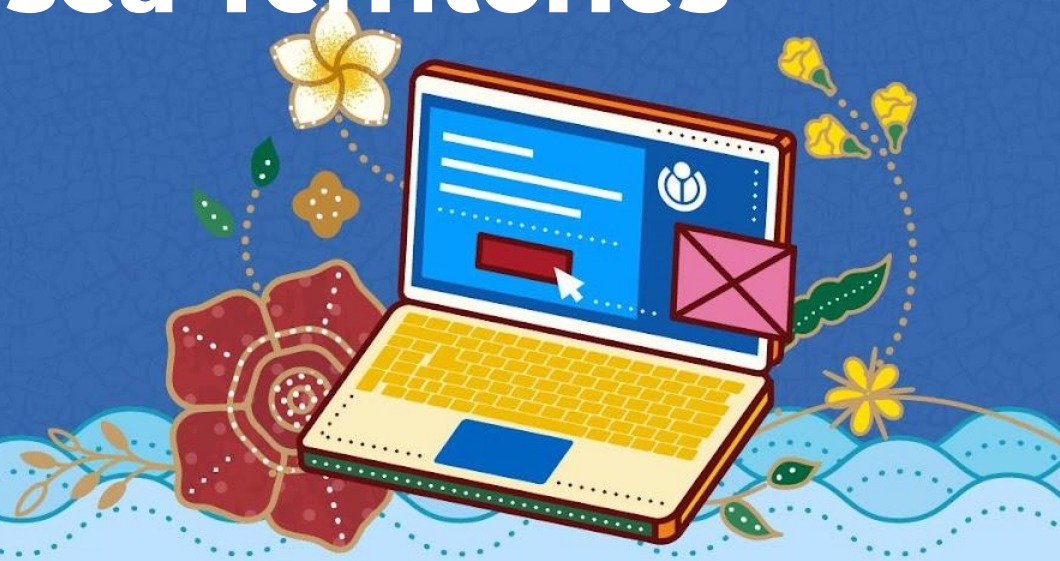


The Challenges of Developing Knowledge and Local Groups in French Oversea Territories in the Pacific

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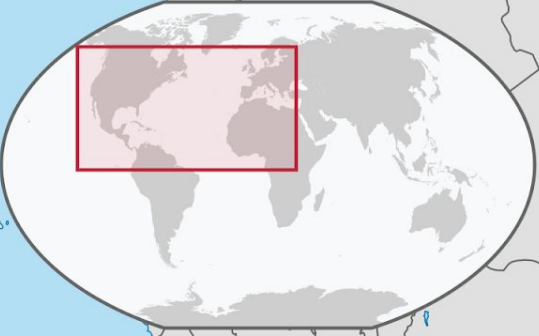
What are the French Pacific Islands?

Some quick facts about them.

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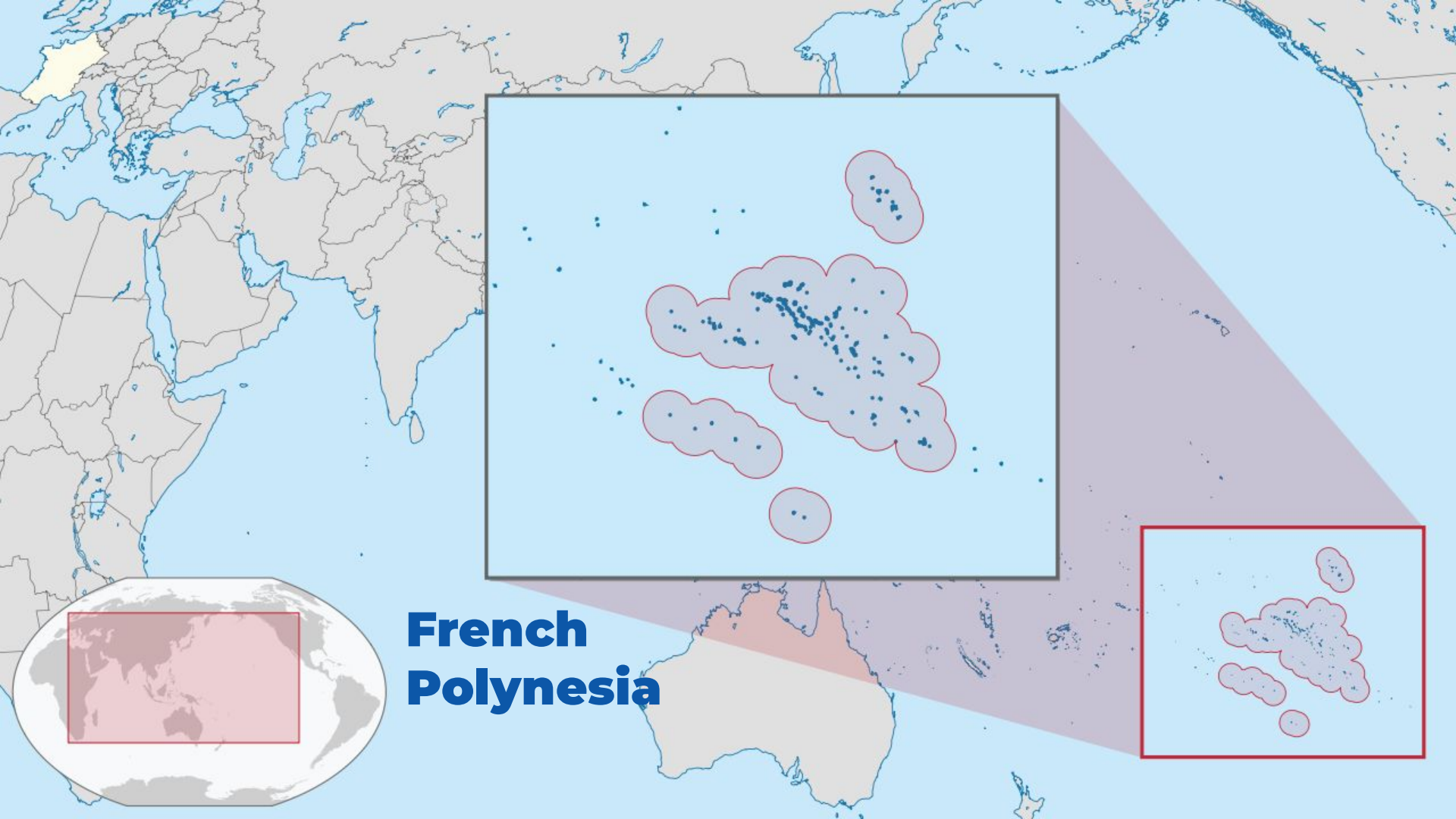


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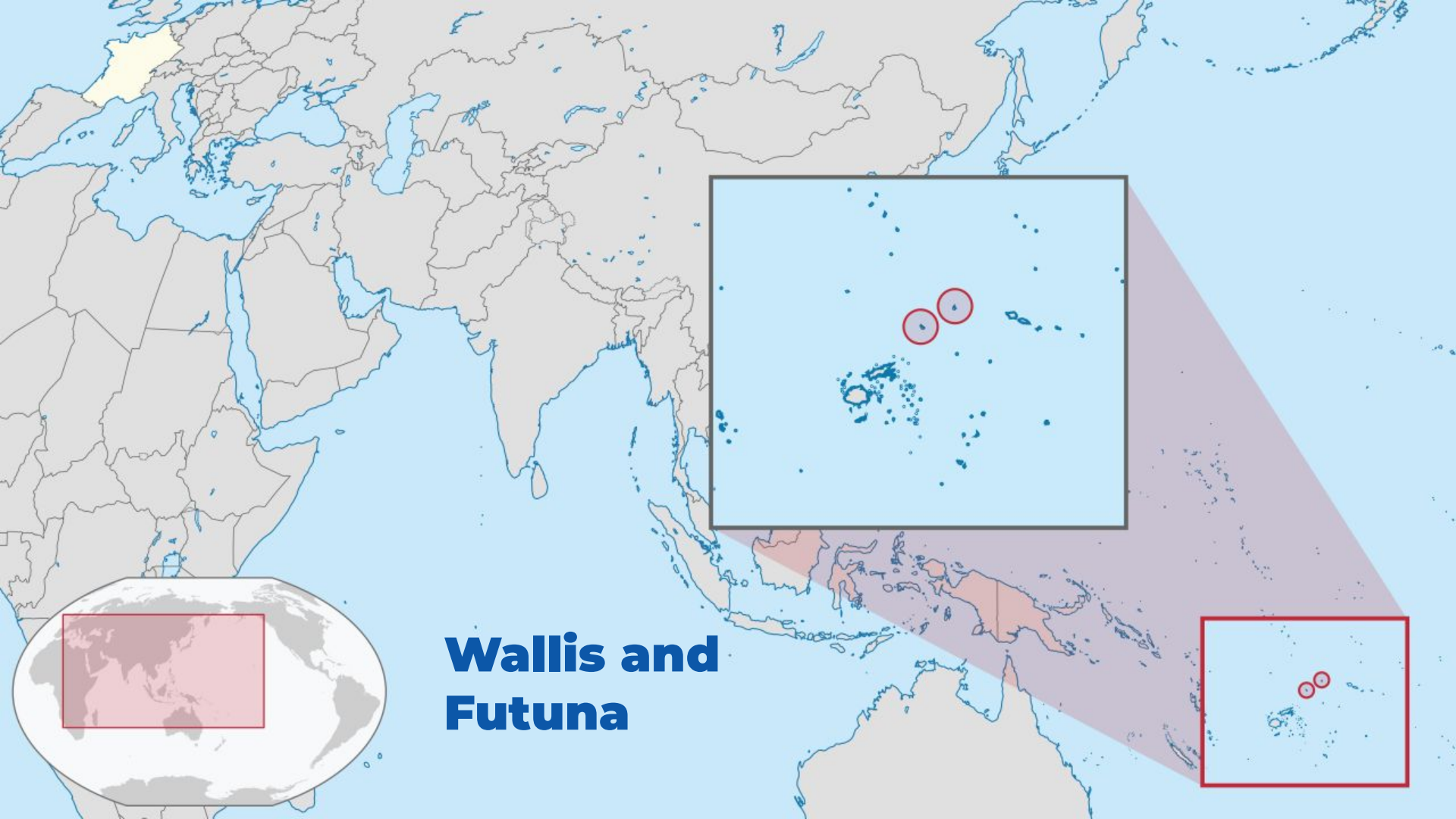




New Caledonia



French Polynesia



Wallis and Futuna

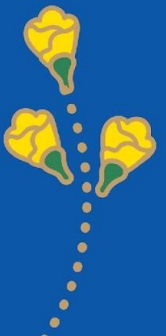
Quick facts

History

- Remains of the former Second French colonial empire.
- Colonised during the 1800s to secure them away from other European powers.
- Instant French citizenship for Polynesians, after World War 2 on the other islands.
- Some independence movements in New Caledonia and French Polynesia.

Geography

- 3 types of islands: volcanic, coral, continental (Grande Terre, NC is part of Zealandia).
- A lot of coral reefs; 2nd biggest coral barrier in NC (UNESCO).
- Various kinds of administrative subdivisions.
- Climates ranging from equatorial to tropical (dry/humid) to temperate.



Quick facts

People

- Native people (Kanak, Polynesians, Wallisian...).
- People from many immigration waves (European, Asian, Wallisian, Polynesian, etc.).
- Many different languages and cultures, some threatened.

Economy

- Mostly extractive: nickel in New Caledonia, pearls in Polynesia, fishing,...
- Budget transfers from European mainland and EU development funds.
- Tourism.
- Welfare structure copying part of mainland.
- Higher levels of unemployment



State of knowledge on Wikimedia projects

Some quick facts about it.

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👉 *Ne doit pas être confondu avec [Farinole \(homonymie\)](#) ou [Favino](#).*

Farino (***Udi Pwee*** en *xârâcùù*) est une commune française de Nouvelle-Calédonie située dans la [Province sud](#), côté ouest, la plus petite du territoire, à environ 120 km au nord-ouest de [Nouméa](#), à proximité de [La Foa](#), [Sarraméa](#), [Moindou](#) et [Bourail](#).

La commune, bien que n'abritant aucune tribu, fait partie de l'[aire coutumière Xaracuu](#).

Géographie

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Le point culminant de la commune, le Pic Vincent, atteint une hauteur de 850 mètres. Elle est, avec la commune voisine de [Sarraméa](#), la seule municipalité néo-calédonienne à ne pas avoir d'accès à la mer.

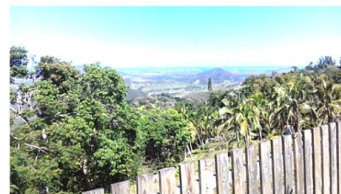
La commune enclavée est limitrophe uniquement de trois communes de la côte ouest : [La Foa](#), [Sarraméa](#), [Moindou](#).

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Farino Udi Poé



Vue de Farino ; on aperçoit la côte ouest à l'horizon.

Administration

Pays	 France
Collectivité	Nouvelle-Calédonie
Province	Province Sud
Aire coutumière	Xaracuu
Maire Mandat	Régis Roustan 2020-2026
Code postal	98881
Code	98886

Threats to knowledge in the Pacific islands

- Rare digitized sources, or difficult to find without a knowledge of the local context or the right academic publications.
- European-centric views. Some digitized resources are from colonial times and promote dated views. Recent content is located in more specific portals, through paywalls, or paper only.
- Dated information or analyses. Same issue with digitized sources.
- Historical and current settlements sites mostly located near the sea, and are threatened by global climate change.
- Threatened native and creole cultures.
- Threatened endemic biodiversity.

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Contribution issues

Distance

- Thousands of kilometers away from mainland, and sea between islands.
- More travel time (10+ hours flights with at least one connexion in Asia or Americas).
- Geographic accessibility.
- Some places accessible only by boats, money (thousands of euros for travel and accommodation)
- Logistics needed (PCs, smartphones to take pictures/sounds, internet access, libraries with local reliable sources to cite).



Contribution issues

Population density

- Lack of inhabitants on some islands (Administratives capitals VS the rest).
- Uninhabited islands : Clipperton, a lot of the Tuvalu archipelago islands. Access only through expeditions.
- Structures (e. g. GLAMs).



Contribution issues

Different kinds of databases

Semi-autonomous territories got their own, local databases, with more details than the national one:

- Law: legifrance, juridoc.gouv.nc, lexpol.cloud.pf
- Statistics: INSEE, ISEE (NC), ISPF
- Local heritage: depends on the how rich the local entities are: some got their own websites, while you need to parse the local bills and decrees for the rest



What initiatives?

Two types of initiatives:

- In European France
- On place

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In European France

Cheap and fast, but more limited range and impact.

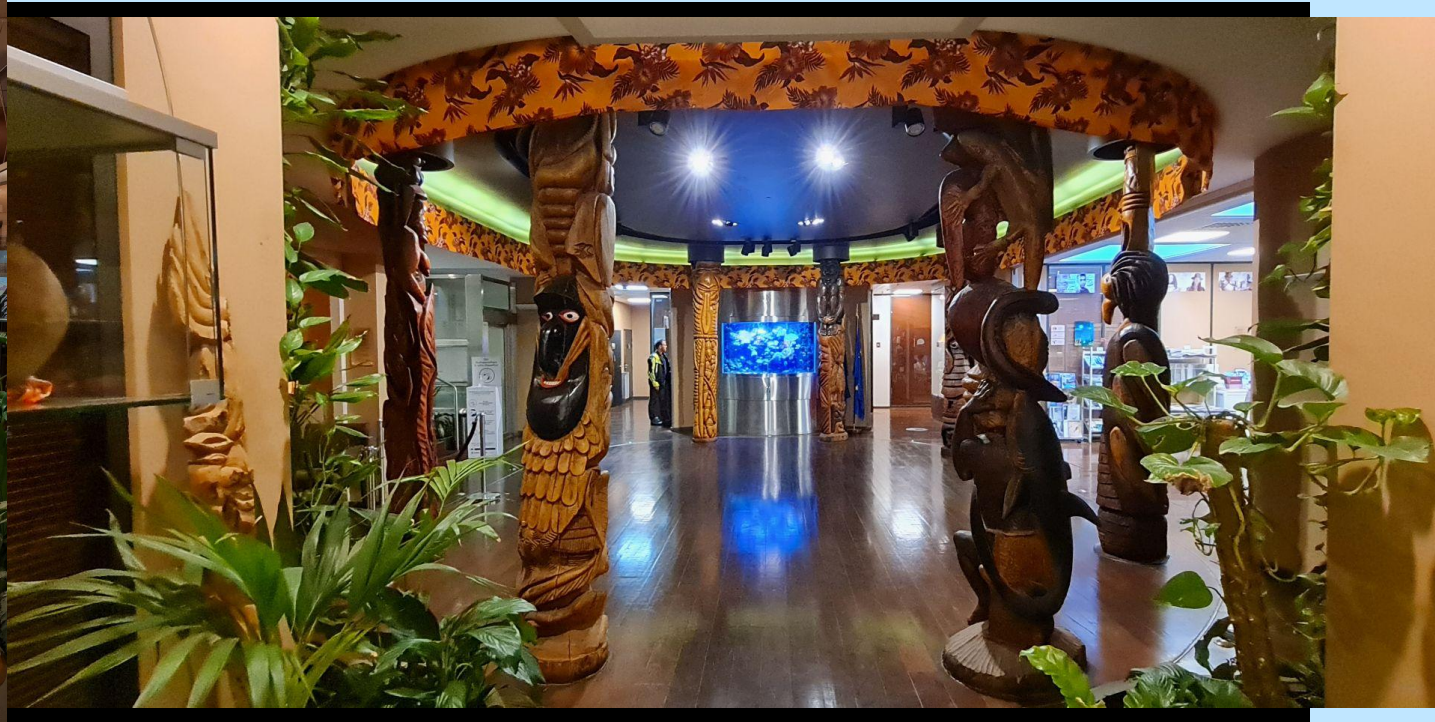
- In-person (Paris; Délégation de la Polynésie Française, Maison de la Nouvelle-Calédonie).
- Remote training and workshops.
- Improving wikiprojects page presentation and listing useful resources there.

Maison de la Nouvelle-Calédonie (House of New Caledonia), Paris, in 2022

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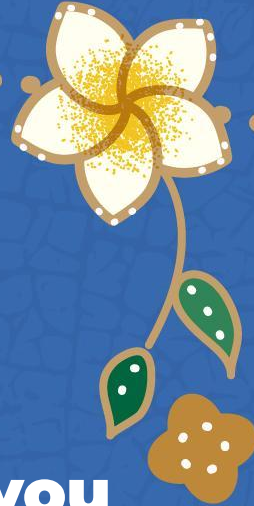
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On place

Wide range and impact, but slower and costlier.

- Partnering with big locals organizations (Universities, Académie des Langues Kanaks, etc.)
- Partnering with structures in Europe too (eg Maison de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, Paris)
- In-person training/workshops with as much GLAMs as possible on Wikipedia, Commons, Wiktionary, Lingua Libre,...
- Wikimedia advocacy to local actors
- Developing local Wikimedian user groups for better autonomy

**Questions?
Ideas ?**



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