Partner Up for Wikidata!
Sharing knowledge and resources among Wikimedia affiliates around Wikidata Software Development
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at Wikimedia Deutschland
has been founded in 2004 as a member's association

located in Berlin, Germany

supports communities like the Wikipedia community, develops software for Wikimedia projects and wants to improve the political and legal framework for Wikipedia and Co.

has been working on the development of Wikidata (and Wikibase) since 2012 with a growing and vibrant community of volunteers, affiliates and reusers
THE PROJECT

We have started to create prototypes of collaboration with communities within the Movement with the purpose of enabling them to contribute to the software development of Wikidata in a sustainable way and support otherwise under-represented language communities.

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We are on Meta!
Look for: “Software Collaboration for Wikidata”
THE PLAN

2021/22
Finding Movement
Partner and establish Partnership

2022/23
Implementation of Projects and Software Processes

2023/24
Connect to Wikidata and Wikibase

Start: July 2021
Duration: 3.5 years
Budget: €822,800 EUR
WHAT HAS HAPPENED UNTIL NOW

- Outreach to communities
- Consulting with WMF, WMDE and communities
- Getting to know partners
- Making decisions
- Hiring & Onboarding

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- Partnership Building
- Scoping of projects
- Implementation of events and activities

- Find sustainable options for the future of the partnerships
- Documentation
- Connect to the larger Wikidata/ Lexeme communities

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Wikimedia Indonesia is building up a software team concentrating on the ecosystem of Lexemes of their own.

WMDE will support in the implementation of their project both financially and through knowledge sharing.

The user group is implementing Wiki Mentor Africa, a project aiming at building up technical capacity in African Wikimedia communities by mentoring African developers for Wikidata Tool Development.

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WMID hired 4 new roles to establish a new software team
22 Onboarding Sessions between WMDE + WMID
Hybrid partnership workshop in Jakarta and Berlin
Raishas visit to Berlin
Roadmap for collaboration and their activities

Monthly sessions since April '22 with more than 110 participants per event
Presentation of the program at last years' Wiki Indaba
Meetup with Mohammed as WD ComCom manager to discuss future of the program
... Global **visa and travel restrictions** seriously influence our chances to meet up and the teams have to put in a lot of effort to organize international travel.

... Such big changes in the organisations will need extra attention to **change management processes** and making sure existing infrastructure grows with it.

... We need to make dedicated effort to **bridge and connect local communities** and those who are acting more on a global level (language, knowledge and cultural barriers).

**Honesty, trust in the partners and transparency** about opinions will help navigate challenges.
LEARNINGS

... TRUST, TRANSPARENCY and UNDERSTANDING
GROWTH and CHANGE might be painful & needs attention
Sharing is Caring. But what **CAN** we actually share about software development?
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