

# MedinaPedia Project

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- A **Carthagina Association** project (Carthagina is working to raise awareness about Tunisian history and heritage).
- MedinaPedia is an educational project with a touristic vocation.
- It consist on writing and translating articles about the historical monuments in the old city of Tunis (also known as the Medina).
- Link to the project:  
[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia\\_Tunisie/MedinaPedia](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Tunisie/MedinaPedia)



- ◉ **Tunisia** is known by its beautiful beaches and rich culture, it is also known with some historical monuments like:
- ◉ The the amphitheatre El Djem:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El\\_Djem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El_Djem)
- ◉ The sites in Carthage:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient\\_Carthage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Carthage)

# Amphitheatre El Djem





Ruins of carthage

Small statuette of Ganymede with the eagle



- However, some historical monuments are not known. We wanted to make the forgotten history live again!
- Therefore, we decided to write about these monuments and make them “Googleable”.
- Our project started in **September 2015**.



- The members of the **Carthagina Association** selected around **150 historical** monuments in the old town of Tunis.
- We scheduled one workshop per month:  
[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia\\_Tunisie/MedinaPedia/Programme](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Tunisie/MedinaPedia/Programme)
- Our workshops took place in the historical palace Dar Lasram:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dar\\_Lasram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dar_Lasram)



Dar Lasram



Just a casual Workshop

- ◉ We made a partnership with **Association de la Sauvegarde de la Médina** (its mission is to strive for the conservation and protection of the Medina's history).
- ◉ **Wikimedia Tunisia** members helped us to learn how to use Wikipedia at the beginning.

- ◉ We focused on 4 themes:
- ◉ Souks (markets).
- ◉ Madrasas (schools).
- ◉ Palaces.
- ◉ Mosques.
- ◉ We did 3 or 4 workshops on every theme (depending on the content).



- To make this project a **successful one**, the Carthagina association had to choose carefully their steps.
- The selection of the participants was based on each person's interest in the project, availability, and fluency with languages.
- To make communication easier, we created a Facebook group.

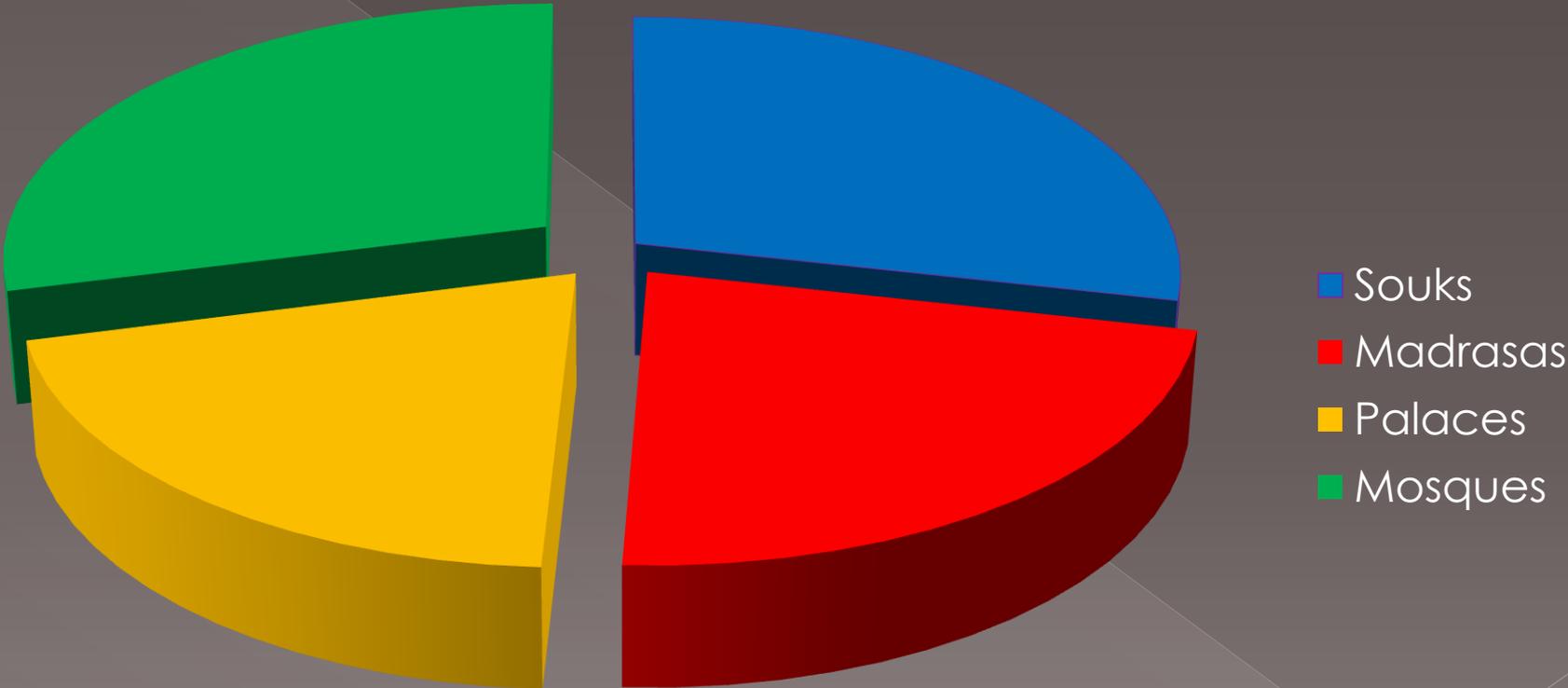
- Every participant was involved in decision making.
- Soon, participants became close friends.
- Our hard work and dedication continued in 2016.
- Such a good work environment and team spirit were key factors to our future success.



- ◉ Let's talk about numbers!
- ◉ **Souks: 113 articles** (47 in French, 38 in Arabic, 18 in English, and 10 in other languages).
- ◉ **Madrasas: 88 articles** (36 in French, 30 in Arabic, 15 in English, and 7 in other languages).
- ◉ **Palaces: 80 articles** (28 in French, 24 in Arabic, 16 in English, and 12 in other languages).

- ◉ **Mosques: 115 articles** (51 in French, 32 in Arabic, 18 in English, and 14 in other languages).
- ◉ Other languages are Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Japanese, and Ukrainian.
- ◉ A total of 162 article in French, 124 article in Arabic, 67 article in English, 43 article in other languages.
- ◉ **396 article overall!**

# Graphic showing the quantity of articles each theme have





- ◉ We are planning to add QR codes on the most important monuments.
- ◉ We are also trying to start similar projects as soon as possible.
- ◉ As an honored member of this project, I am proud to represent it to my friends here in Accra.

- ◉ We hope that our project will motivate you to create similar projects in your home countries.
- ◉ This will offer more content about multiples themes in the African countries.
- ◉ It will also encourage people to join these type of project and becoming a new active users in Wikipedia.
- ◉ We had 10 new active users in one year!



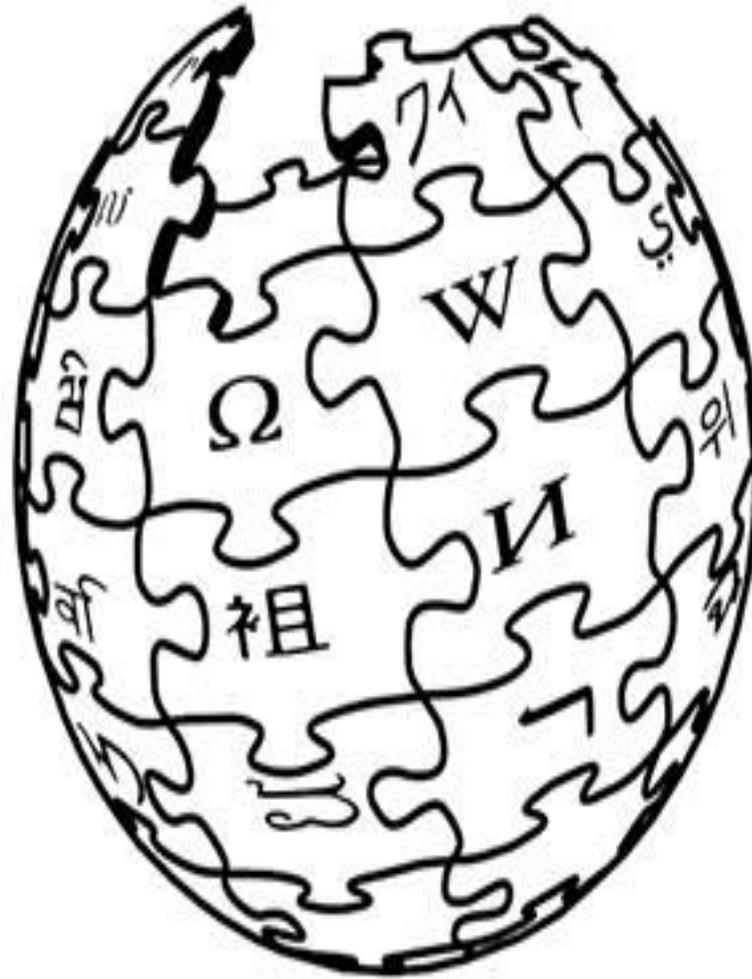
- These are links where you can find a few articles made during our project:
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Souks\\_of\\_Tunis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Souks_of_Tunis)
- [https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suq\\_di\\_Tunisi](https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suq_di_Tunisi)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Souk\\_Ech-Chaouachine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Souk_Ech-Chaouachine)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrasas\\_of\\_Tunis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrasas_of_Tunis)

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrassa\\_El\\_Bachia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrassa_El_Bachia)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palaces\\_of\\_Tunis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palaces_of_Tunis)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dar\\_Hammouda\\_Pacha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dar_Hammouda_Pacha)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_mosques\\_in\\_Tunis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_mosques_in_Tunis)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Zaytuna\\_Mosque](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Zaytuna_Mosque)

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medina\\_of\\_Tunis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medina_of_Tunis)
- [https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medina\\_di\\_Tunisi](https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medina_di_Tunisi)

# The project members:

- ◉ [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia\\_Tunisie/MedinaPedia/%C3%A9quipe](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Tunisie/MedinaPedia/%C3%A9quipe)
- ◉ [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia\\_Tunisie/MedinaPedia/Participants](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Tunisie/MedinaPedia/Participants)



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Thank you!