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Engaging people in free knowledge

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Your donations will be used to finance *Wikimedia Belgium*'s Fund-approved projects. Donations can be made via bank transfer to the Bank of the Post IBAN: **BE10 0000 0000 0404** to the King Baudouin Foundation, with the payment reference "019/1790/00048".

In principle, donations of 40 € per year to the Foundation give you a tax reduction of 45% on the amount actually paid (art. 145/33 CIR).

Tax exemption is possible for private individuals as well as for companies. Subsidies and grants from Belgian governmental institutions (federal, regional, community and regional) can also be received, as well as bequests. Donors residing outside Belgium who wish to obtain a tax certificate valid in their country should contact the *Wikimedia Belgium NPO* or the *King Baudouin Foundation* before transferring their gift.

You can also make donations that are the result of a campaign on special occasions (marriage, jubilee, party). There is a special procedure for this, subject to the prior agreement of the *King Baudouin Foundation* (and a special structured communication).

Projects

Wikimedia Belgium NPO is committed to supporting Free Knowledge within the broad framework and global objectives of the Wikimedia Foundation. Fiscal certificates in Belgium can be issued for donations through the King Baudouin Foundation.

As an initiative of several philanthropists, the **Friends of Wikimedia Belgium Fund** was established, managed by the **King Baudouin Foundation**. The objective of the Fund is to support various projects of *Wikimedia Belgium*.

By making a donation to the *Friends of Wikimedia Belgium Fund*, you will be supporting projects whose general objective is to support Free Knowledge in Belgium. *Wikimedia Belgium* organises, among other things, heritage projects, "Writing for Wikipedia", "Wikipedia for foreigners", "Wikipedia



for prisoners". It organizes, alone or in collaboration with other institutions, organizations, museums, libraries and archives, projects that promote Free Knowledge.

Specific objectives

Wikimedia Belgium is committed to promoting free access to and sharing of all knowledge, particularly at the regional, federal and European levels; contributing to social and cultural issues related to free data and free knowledge; encouraging consultation and responsible contribution to Wikimedia projects through presentations, books or other media. Its main purpose is to encourage the collection, organisation, enrichment, indexing, cataloguing and making available of free knowledge.

In doing so, it can work with other institutions, organizations, government, and the general public to raise awareness of the importance of free licensing to ensure that human knowledge, heritage, and related intangible elements remain available to mankind forever. This includes digitizing, describing and inventorying heritage through photography, audio and video and uploading it to *Wikimedia Commons*.

Management Committee

Within the *King Baudouin Foundation*, a Board Committee of the Fund is set up, consisting of at least four members, including two representatives of the Founders, a representative of the Foundation and an independent third party who chairs the Board Committee.

The Fund's Board of Directors decides on the use of the Fund's resources. It approves the projects of the beneficiary *Wikimedia Belgium NPO* and fixes the amounts that the Fund will allocate to these projects. Wikimedia Belgium reports to the Fund on the use of the allocated funds.

Donations can be made as from 1 December 2019 (and can therefore be used for your 2020 tax return).

Geert Van Pamel Chairman

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