**Wikipedias in the languages of Russia: in line with the movement-wide Strategy?**

Human knowledge is about relationships between various phenomena. It is disclosed and then reflected in human languages by generations of their speakers. Thus it’s more precious than knowing separate facts – it’s as valuable as life itself.

**Russian Federation:**
* 1 country-wide language,
* 36 regional languages,
* 14 with limited official use
* 5 other aboriginal ones that store these riches.

**How good of a guardian are we to this treasure?**

**Objective:** To make sure that all languages of Russia overcome the digital divide and start using digital realm possibilities to strengthen own vitality – by engaging more of their speakers in Wikimedia projects.

**Plan:** to use Wikipedia to promote linguistic & cultural diversity:
* in Russian Federation, then
* in Northern Eurasia
  / together with colleagues from throughout the Commonwealth of Independent States , where Russian language is the lingua franca
* throughout the world
  / by revitalizing Wikimedia Indigenous Languages

**We already have:**
* Multilingualism projects in WMRU/wiki & Russian Wikinews
* our Wikipedias are among Pageview-leaders in respective language sections of the Internet
* regular offline events (2 WikiSchools, regular meetings, active PR in Bashkir mass-media.

**We interact:**
* using in ruwiki project
* WMRU mailing-list
* interwiki news bulletin
* groups in Vk.com & Facebook.com

**ACTION PLAN RESULTS:**
* Dynamic Main Pages for all: Picture of the Day (20/32) and Memorable events the Month (15/32)
* Meta best practices & Guideline materials translations into Russian
* Recommendations on improving ease of discovery and getting readers engaged
* Promoting Multilingual Edit-a-thons using:
  * our Wikipedia's MediaWiki:Sitenotices,
  * landing pages on our local or each other’s WPs, :wmru: or :meta:

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**July 2017 statistics from our monitoring & analytics is now available @ Readership page**

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* Use our collective mind to resolve your wiki’s particular challenges
* Engage with us throughout the year by sharing your practices, events & ideas @ Wikipedia Weekly, Wikimedia Asia Forum, Central Eastern European Wikimedia Community or your regional groups on Facebook or via Wikimedia mailing lists in any languages to continue enriching one another & shaping the future of the movement.

**WE THANK YOU & ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS GROWING OUR WIKIVERSE!**