thess**wiki**

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The Project

WikiTown/City project that aims to:

- digitize the history and culture of the city of **Thessaloniki**
- connect the physical monuments to the wikipedia world.

Why Thessaloniki?

Thessaloniki is the ideal case for such an action:

- it is multicultural, evident both in the past history and everyday life

- high rate of young people amongst the total population

- large number of active community and volunteer organizations related to GLAMs.

Why Thessaloniki?

- 2350 years of history

- for centuries, a city of many nations

- 788.952 population

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Stakeholders

- Wikimedia Community User Group Greece
- Municipality of Thessaloniki
- Greek Free Open Source Society or EEL/LAK
- Postscriptum
- GLAMs

Municipality of Thessaloniki

- Funds the project
- Will install QR-code plates in front of buildings and monuments
- Connected the project with the cultural festival "Dimitria"

Dimitria

- A cultular festival that runs for 50 years
- Will unravel, develop and try to transform the city into an enormous cultural 'worksite'
- http://dimitria.thessaloniki.gr/

Our other partners in the project

- Postscriptum
  - Company providing services for cultural organisations
  - Appointed by the Municipality as a coordinator
  - Responsibilities:
    - Venues / catering / logistics
    - Printed materials
    - Manufacture of QR-code plates and position them in front of the monuments.
- EEL/LAK
  - Foundation for Open Source software content by the greek universities
  - Connection point with universities of Thessaloniki

GLAMs

- Open content and upload to Wikimedia Commons
- Lead the writing of articles

Examples:

- Museum of Byzantine Culture
- Museum of Photography
- State Museum of Contemporary Art
- Cultural Centre of MIET in Thessaloniki
- Municipal Art Gallery

Volunteers (like you!)

- Write articles about the subjects that we will connect with QR-code plates.
- Help with image descriptions and categorisation for the content provided by GLAMs
- May be more

Articles of interest

- [[meta:**Thesswiki**]]
- As many languages as we can!!!

Official opening

26-27 September:

Opening event of the 50th Dimitria

and opening event of *thesswiki* project

- Editathon
- QR-code hanging marathon
- Museums backstage tour for Wikipedians

Official opening = WikiCamp

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Municipality is offering free accomodation

and meals for foreign wikipedians.

http://thesswiki.com/