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 accommodation and meals for foreign wikipedians.
http://thesswiki.com/