# Georgia's

# Cultural Heritage online

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"The greatest threat towards the cultural heritage is lack of knowledge and disinterest. The best way to protect the cultural heritage is therefore knowledge and information that is easy to find and free"

— Lars Amréus, Director-General of the National Heritage Board of Sweden

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- **500 million** visitors each month!
- **294** different languages
- **Volunteers decide** what to include – we support them
- Written **neutrally** with **sources**
- **No advertisement** and we do **not track**
- Everything under a **free license**
- **Free to reuse or copy** (including for commercial products)

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**Multilingual**

Updated on one place, for **all** 294 language versions of Wikipedia

**Advanced searches** possible – e.g. easily get a list with all religious buildings in Georgia, built between 1750-1780, located in cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants
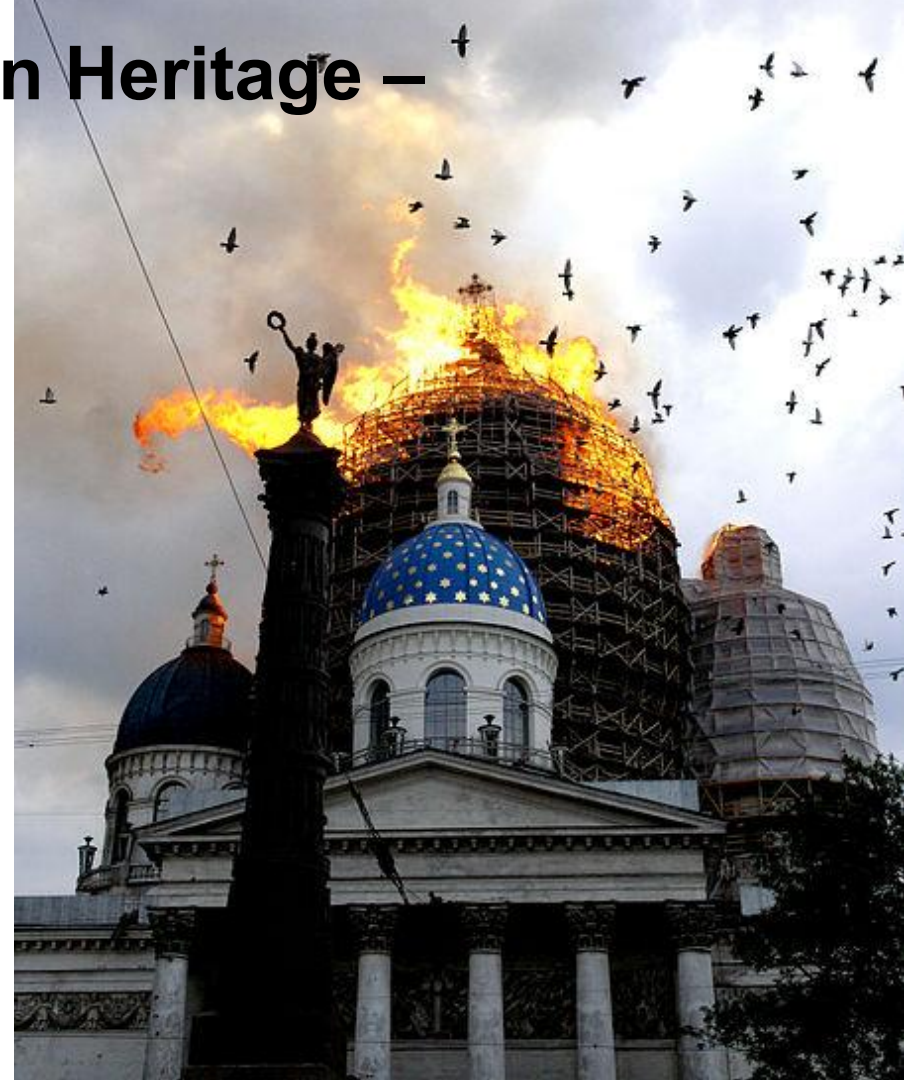
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# Connected Open Heritage – The Idea

Creating a **multilingual cultural heritage database** for the world

2016–2017

Working with Cultural Heritage without Borders, UNESCO and the International Wikimedia movement

# Connected Open Heritage – What We are Doing

Gathering **historical images** from museums, libraries and archives (100,000+ images) – under free license

Including the data and the images to **Wikipedia** to give context

Supported by the the **Culture Foundation of the Swedish Postcode Lottery**

# Why You Should Be Involved

High **visibility** of Georgia's cultural heritage on Wikipedia

- *Millions* of visits expected

Enables participation in the world's largest photo contest **Wiki Loves Monuments**

Create **interest and awareness** about your cultural heritage among the population = better protection

**No costs** to you

# Next Steps

Formal **release** of data

**Discussions** with your database staff about **practical** issues

**Connecting** digitized historical images etc. to the data

**Press releases** about the inclusion of Georgia in the Connected Open Heritage project
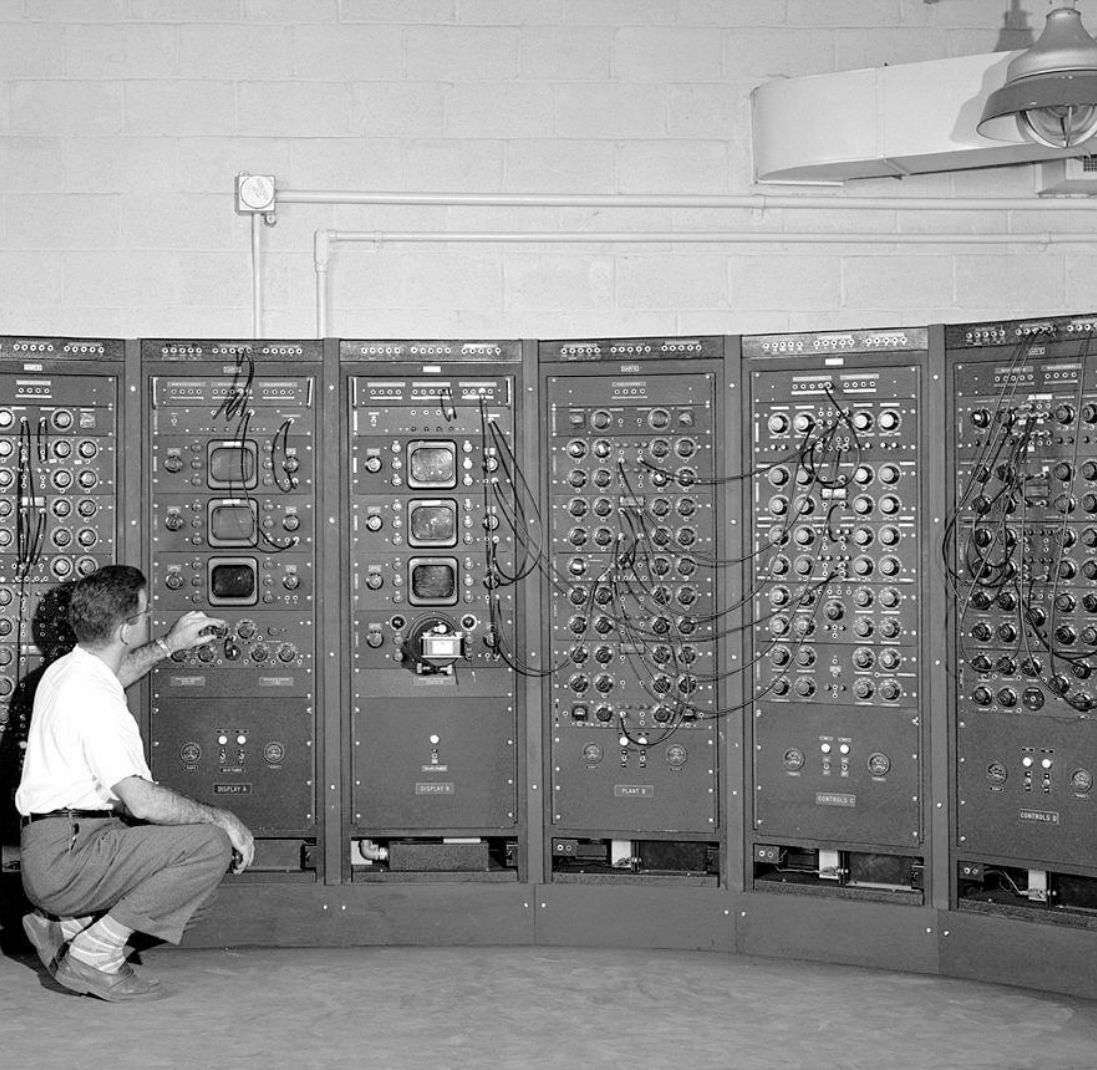
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[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Connected_Open_Heritage](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Connected_Open_Heritage)

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# About the Data

**Official** data

About **protected** cultural heritage

**Structured** (Excel or more)

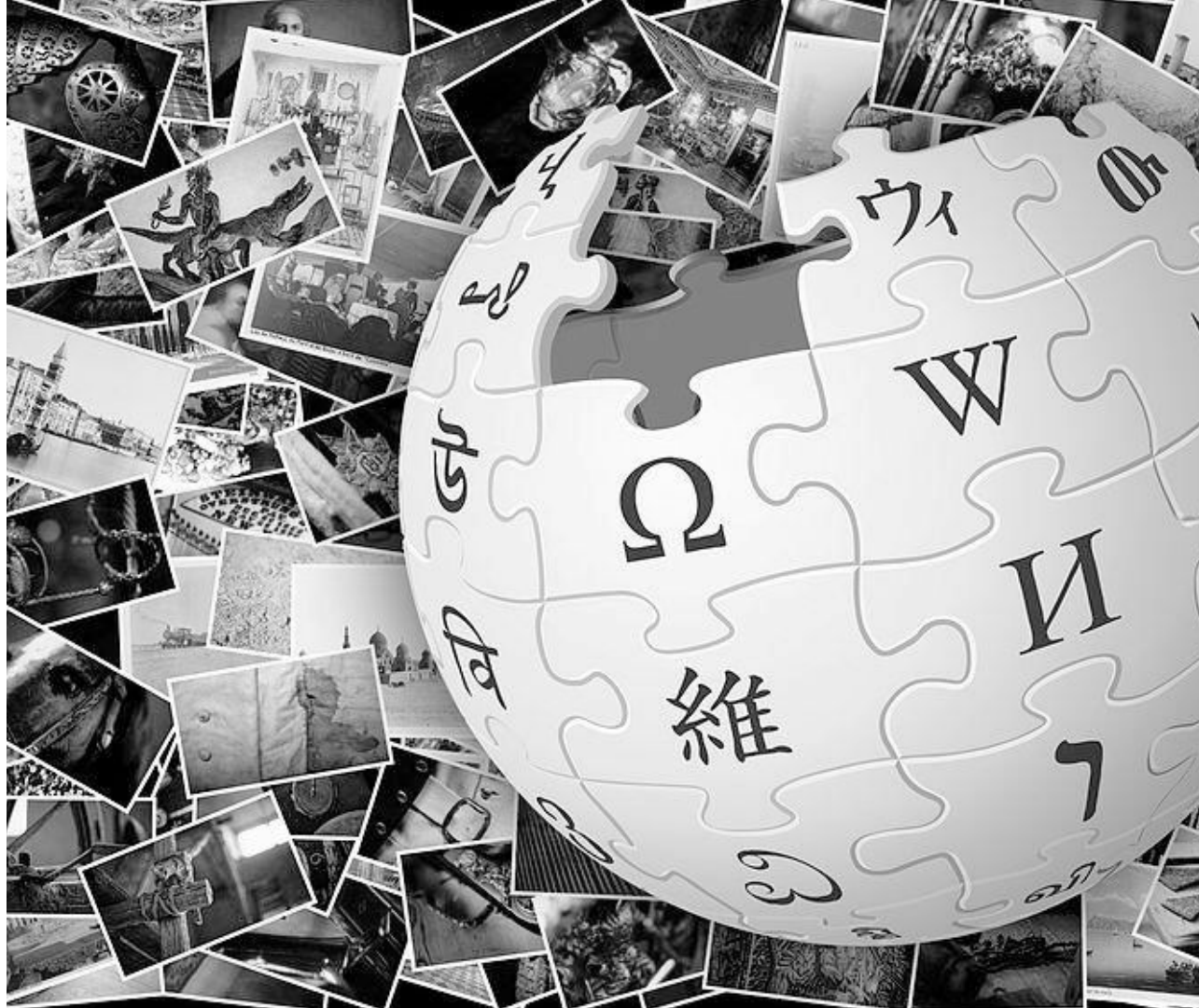The more **information** the better, but sensitive information can be redacted

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