REGIONAL MEETINGS:
WORKING TOWARDS COMMON GOALS

Examples from Iberocoop, WikiArabia and Central & Eastern Europe (CEE)
WHY REGIONAL MEETINGS?

- Exchange experiences and learn from others
- Build relationship between chapters and user groups
- Improve the main strategic lines within Education and GLAM programs
- Support projects of the organizations involved on the network
- Work on projects towards increasing the impact of the language around the world
- Improve the organization’s capacities with the aim of creating new and more projects as a network
IBERO COOP

- Created in 2010
- 8 chapters and 3 local communities
- 1 annual meeting (Iberoconf)
- 1 mailing list
IBEROCOOP STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

STRENGTHS
- Similar local contexts and one language
- Same necessities
- Mutual support among chapters and affiliates.
- Non-hierarchical
- Every organization cooperates with their own resources (human resources, knowledge)

WEAKNESSES
- Cultural differences
- Different levels of development
- Results sharing and success metrics
- To ensure that groups stay connected with the global community
What is WikiArabia?
Why?
What are the outputs?
WIKIARABIA STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

**STRENGTHS**

WikiArabia 2015 as the perfect field to improve:
- Educational program
- Arabs on Wikipedia arabic
- Arabs on Wikipedia «other languages»
- Projects of Wikipedia in different Arab dialects
- Improving the Arabic content on Wikipedia
- Improving the quality of articles

**WEAKNESSES**

- Differences in some standard Arabic terms between east and west Arab world
- Lack of participants: it could be owing to the platform (not user friendly), lack of promotion and motivation
- Editing and uploading photos process is quite difficult
- Lack of administrators and supervisors
- Financial issues
- Laws: copyright
CEE

- Created in 2011
- 10 chapters and 18 local communities
- 1 annual meeting (CEEM)
- 1 mailing list
- 1 Facebook group (200+ people)
OUR ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

Three useful regional meetings organized: Serbia 2012, Slovakia 2013 & Ukraine 2014

Preparations for Estonia 2015 are going now

- A number of mutual article contests between two communities about creating articles about each other (at each contest 100-400 articles created in each language)

- Big common article contest for whole region: Wikimedia CEE Spring 2015
  
  2838 articles created from the proposal list (a large amount of articles created outside of the proposal list)

- WikiCamp for winners of CEE Spring: CEE WikiCamp 2015

- A calendar of planned projects of all communities: WMCEE Calendar 2015

- We are planning to collaborate with cultural centres like Polish Institute in Prague and others

- We are going to continue article contests and improve their effectiveness

- We are open and interested to collaborate with other chapters & communities
CEE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

**STRENGTHS**
- A good field to:
  - exchange experience
  - participate in multinational projects
  - learn new skills
  - develop community
  - fortify interstate and international collaboration between various communities
  - run common projects

**WEAKNESSES**
- 31 languages, some of them are completely different, everyone does projects on their own
- no common language other than English, which means that only English-speaking members can attend
- very different levels of development: from mature chapters to emerging user groups, which requires either splitting into several groups or making sure topics are adapted for everyone
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https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Iberocoop:Portada

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Twitter: @WikiArabia2015

CEE:
Meta: Wikimedia Central and Eastern Europe or just CEE (redirect)
Facebook: Central Eastern European Wikimedia Community
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