
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

IBEROCOOP

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



WIKIMEDIA
IBEROCOOP



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

WIKIARABIA

- What is WikiArabia ?
- Why ?
- What are the outputs?



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WIKIARABIA STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

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

- 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 2014 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 article 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

CONTACT US

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<https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Iberocoop:Portada>

WIKIARABIA:

http://arabia.wikimedia.tn/index.php?title=Main_Page

Twitter: @WikiArabia2015

CEE:

Meta: [Wikimedia Central and Eastern Europe](#) or just [CEE](#) (redirect)

Facebook: [Central Eastern European Wikimedia Community](#)

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