



A worldwide database of cultural heritage
institutions on Wikipedia

Wikimedia Sverige



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Wikimedia Sverige (founded in 2007) is the organisation that helps Wikipedia grow in Sweden

We specialise in large scale cultural heritage and technical projects



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Wikipedia aim to cover
all the important
information

“Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That's what we're doing”

Jimmy Wales

5th most popular website in the world

**500 million people read 15 billion
Wikipedia articles every month**

**Derawar Fort, Pakistan
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Wikipedia

5 reasons why it works



Our community

A global community of 250,000 regular volunteers

Affiliate organisations in over 70 countries

Wikimedia Foundation in the US

Less than 700 staff

Mainly financed through donations



Wikimania 2016 - group photo 02
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A world map where landmasses are highlighted in a golden-yellow glow against a black background. Areas of new Wikidata subjects added in the past year are highlighted in a vibrant pink. The pink highlights are concentrated in North America, Europe, and parts of Asia and South America.

Wikidata

Wikipedia's facts database has 77 million subjects

Millions of new subjects in the past year (pink)



Cultural Heritage on Wikipedia

Wikipedia is the largest cultural heritage resource in the world

150,000 cultural heritage institutions listed on our database, very Western centric

Most of our contributors are from Northern Europe, North America and Japan



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FindingGLAMs



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FindingGLAMs

GLAM = Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums

The first worldwide database of cultural heritage institutions in Wikipedia, in 300+ languages

We are building it through official datasets and crowdsourcing through cultural heritage institutions and the general public



Starting with an index

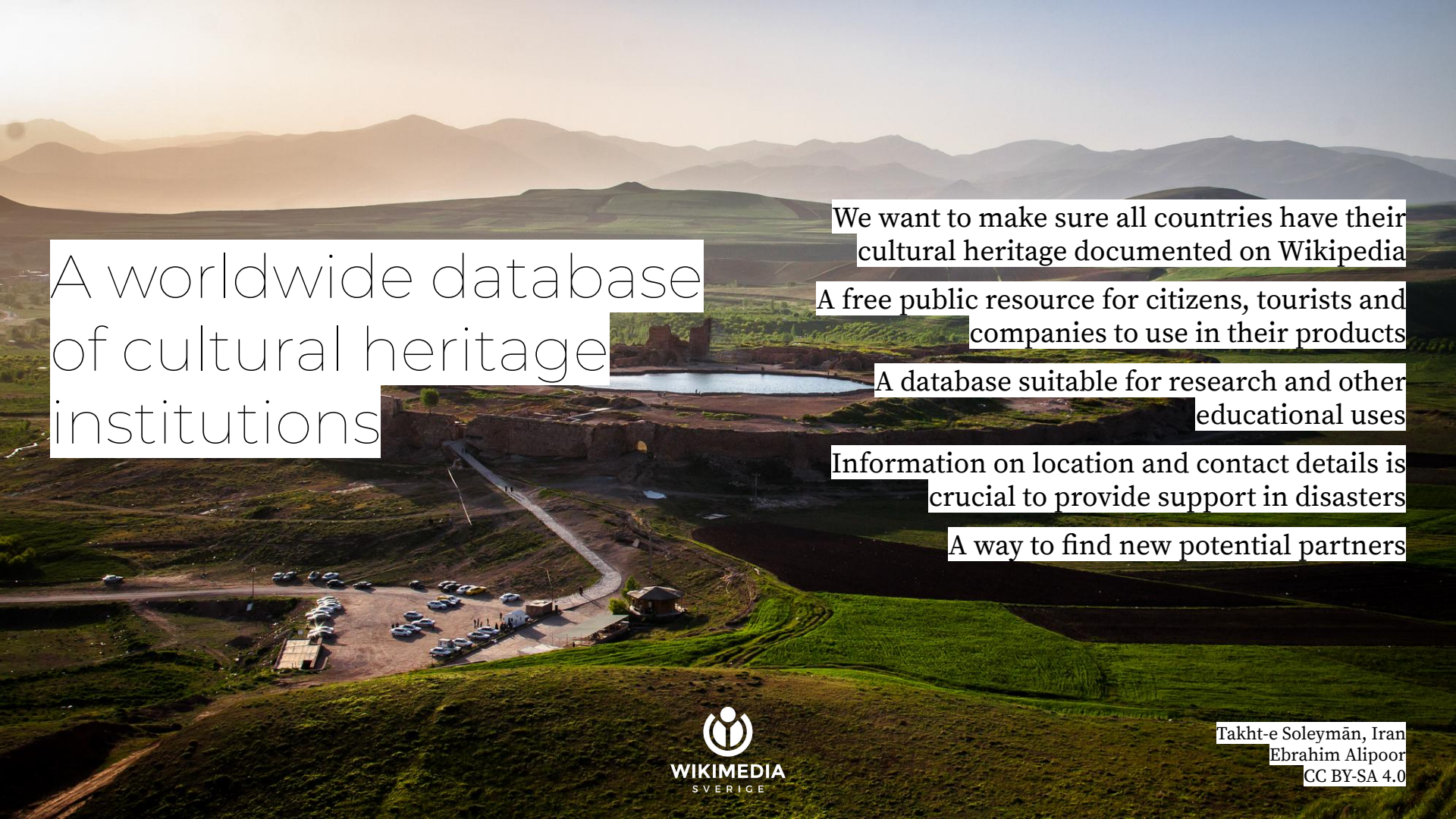
Identifying what datasets exist

Collected metadata about datasets about GLAMs

What, where, licence, etc.

Now includes 44 countries + worldwide datasets

meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs/GLAM_datasets



A worldwide database
of cultural heritage
institutions

We want to make sure all countries have their
cultural heritage documented on Wikipedia

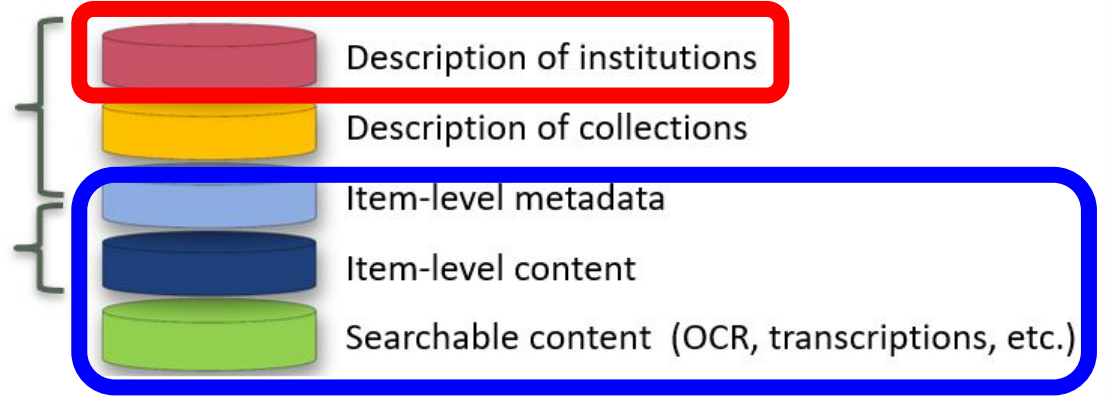
A free public resource for citizens, tourists and
companies to use in their products

A database suitable for research and other
educational uses

Information on location and contact details is
crucial to provide support in disasters

A way to find new potential partners

Platform Typology According to Information Depth



With the support of the MY-D Foundation

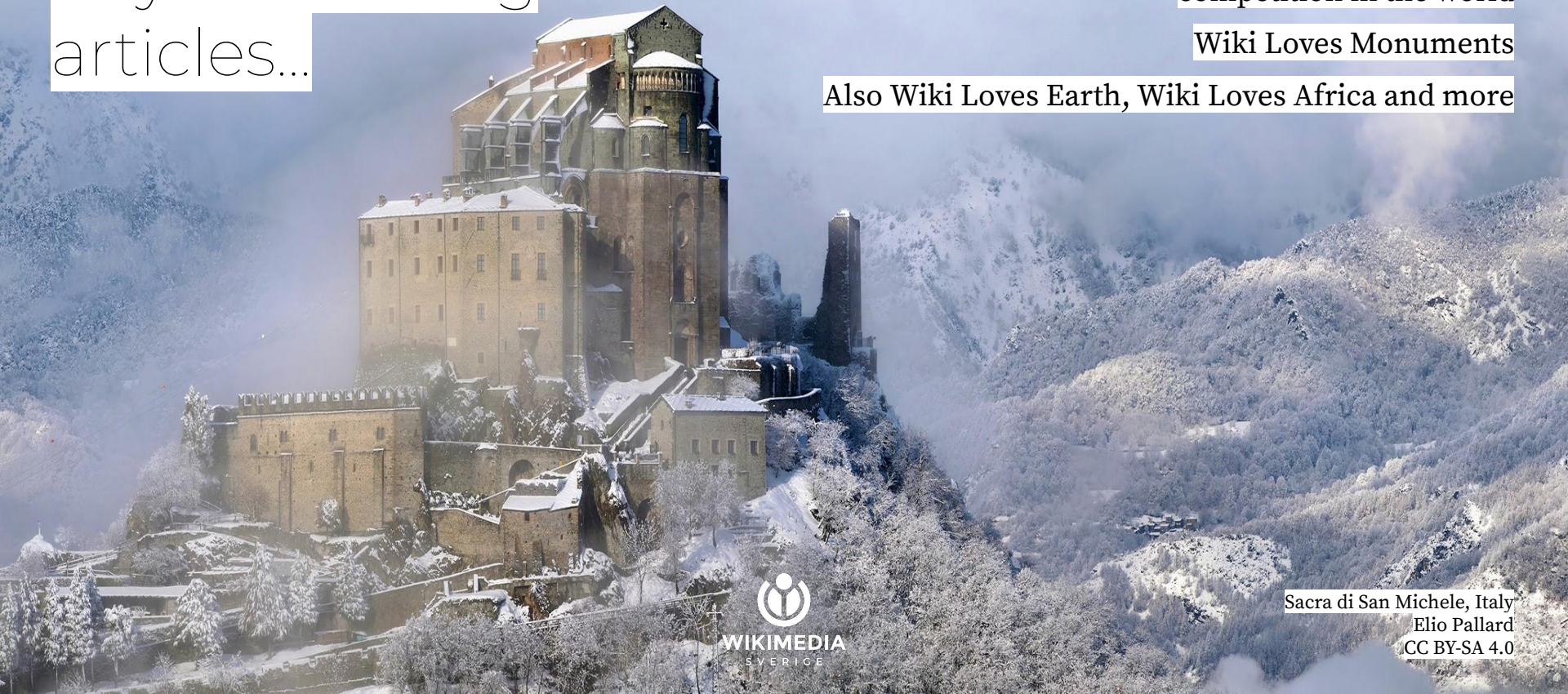
Source: Fontenelle & Estermann (2019) An International Knowledge Base for All Heritage Institutions

Beyond writing
articles...

Wikipedia organizes the largest photography
competition in the world

Wiki Loves Monuments

Also Wiki Loves Earth, Wiki Loves Africa and more





Our progress

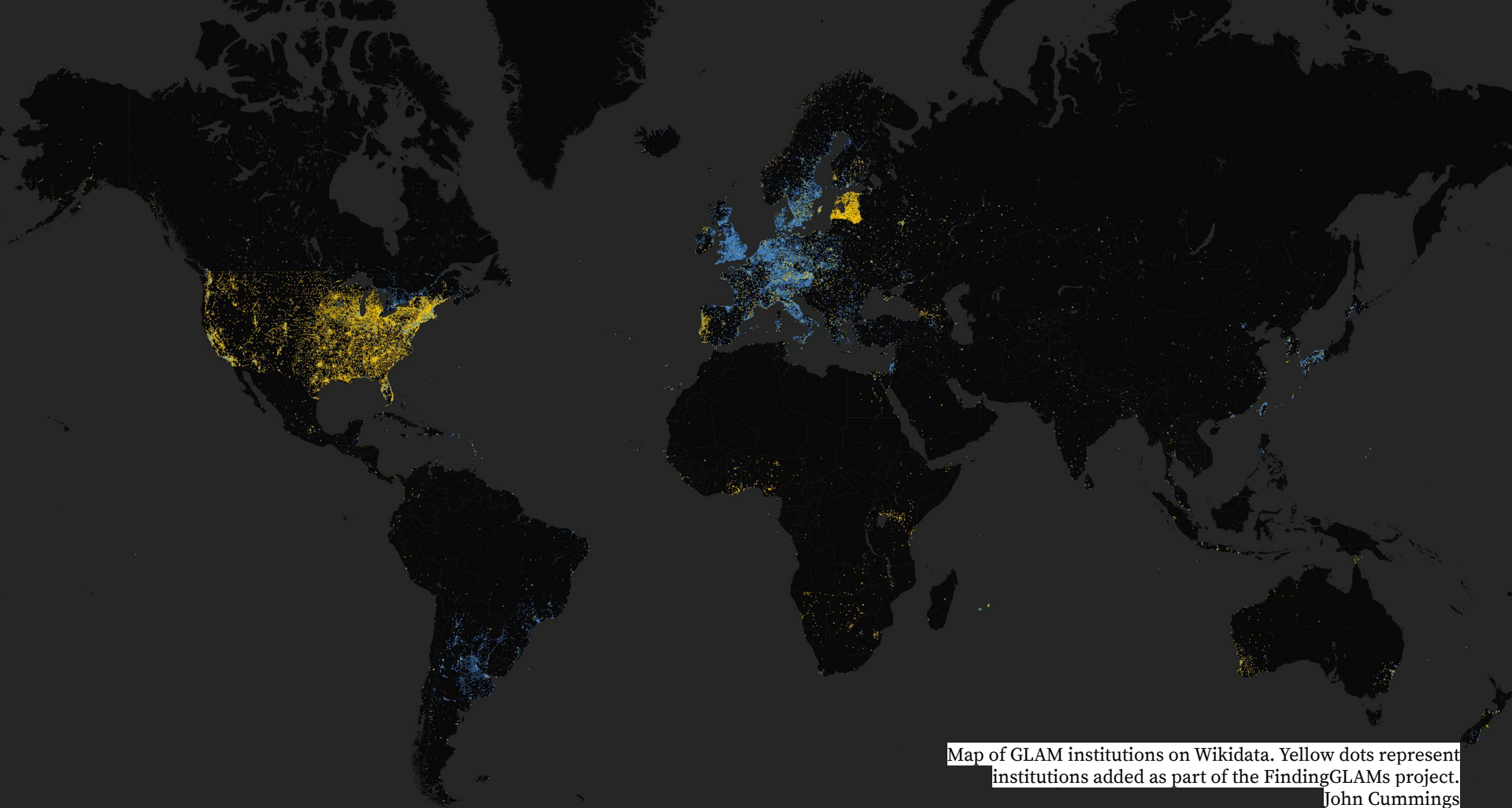
Identified 67 datasets

Imported data about 38,000 institutions

Running a crowdsourcing campaign for more data




Wat Maha That, Thailand
Siripatwongpin
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Map of GLAM institutions on Wikidata. Yellow dots represent institutions added as part of the FindingGLAMs project.

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How this initiative
supports the
Sustainable
Development Goals

Improve the scientific research (SDG 9.5)

Contributing to partnerships (SDG 17.6, 17.16, 17.17)

These partnerships can help reduce inequality and
access to knowledge (SDG 4, 5, 10)



Support the initiative

We have the worldwide audience, the tools and the volunteers

We need your help with:

1. Identifying what data exist in your country. The datasets are held by different ministries, regional and local government in different countries and also by universities and NGOs. Not always publicly accessible or online
2. Helping us to get in contact with the right people
3. Introducing us to other organizations to work with
4. Sharing the information through your communication channels

Neptunbrunnen (Berlin-Mitte)

Ajepbah

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What is next

Work with data collection is continuing!

Adding more information to the map

Wikimedia Sverige is becoming a thematic support structure

Supporting Wikimedia affiliates and GLAM institutions to work together – by building software, developing documentation and support structures, offering funding and capacity building



Please get in contact!

Talk to us here

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meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs

Let us know of any heritage datasets and lists you'd like to share



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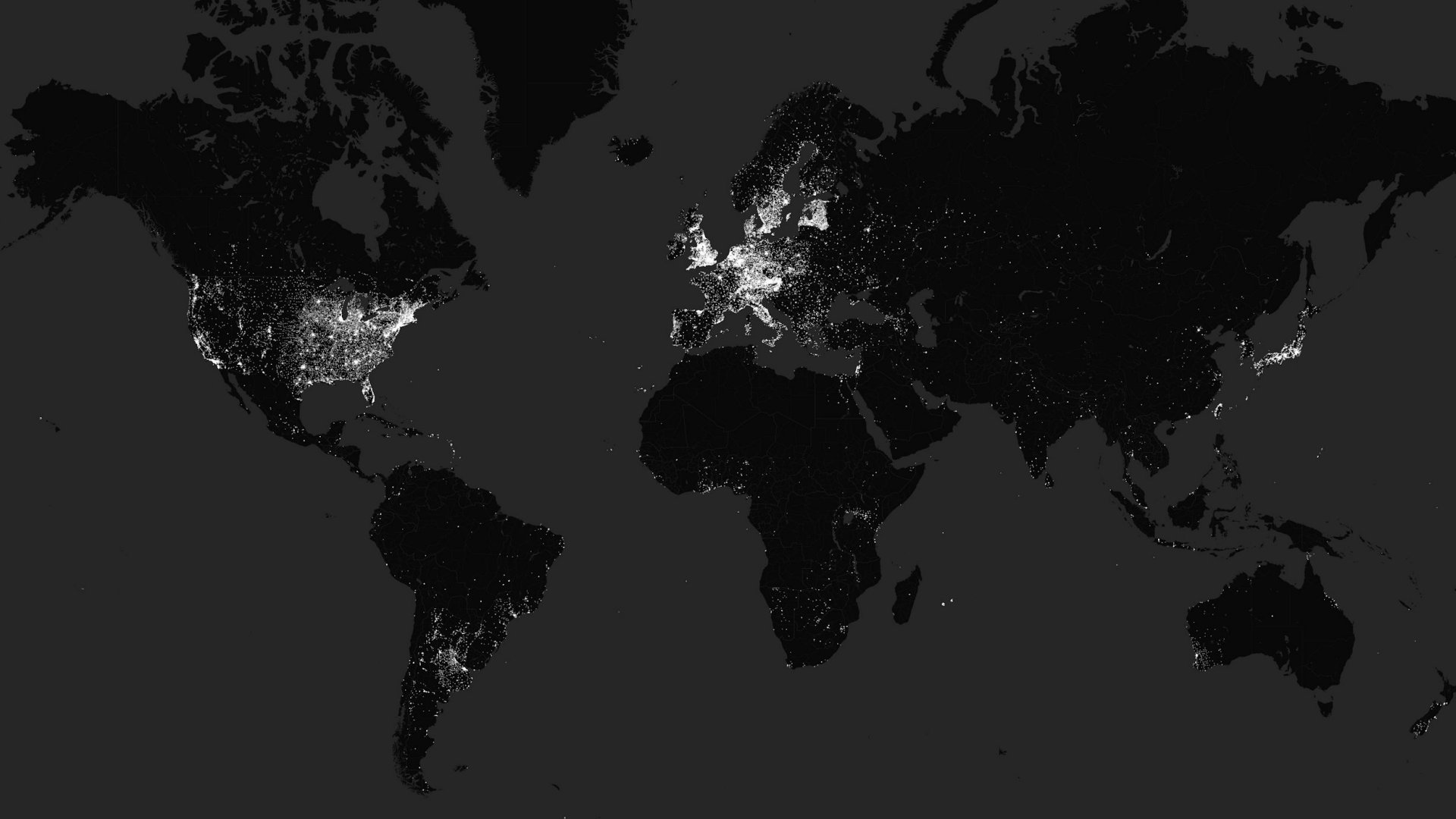


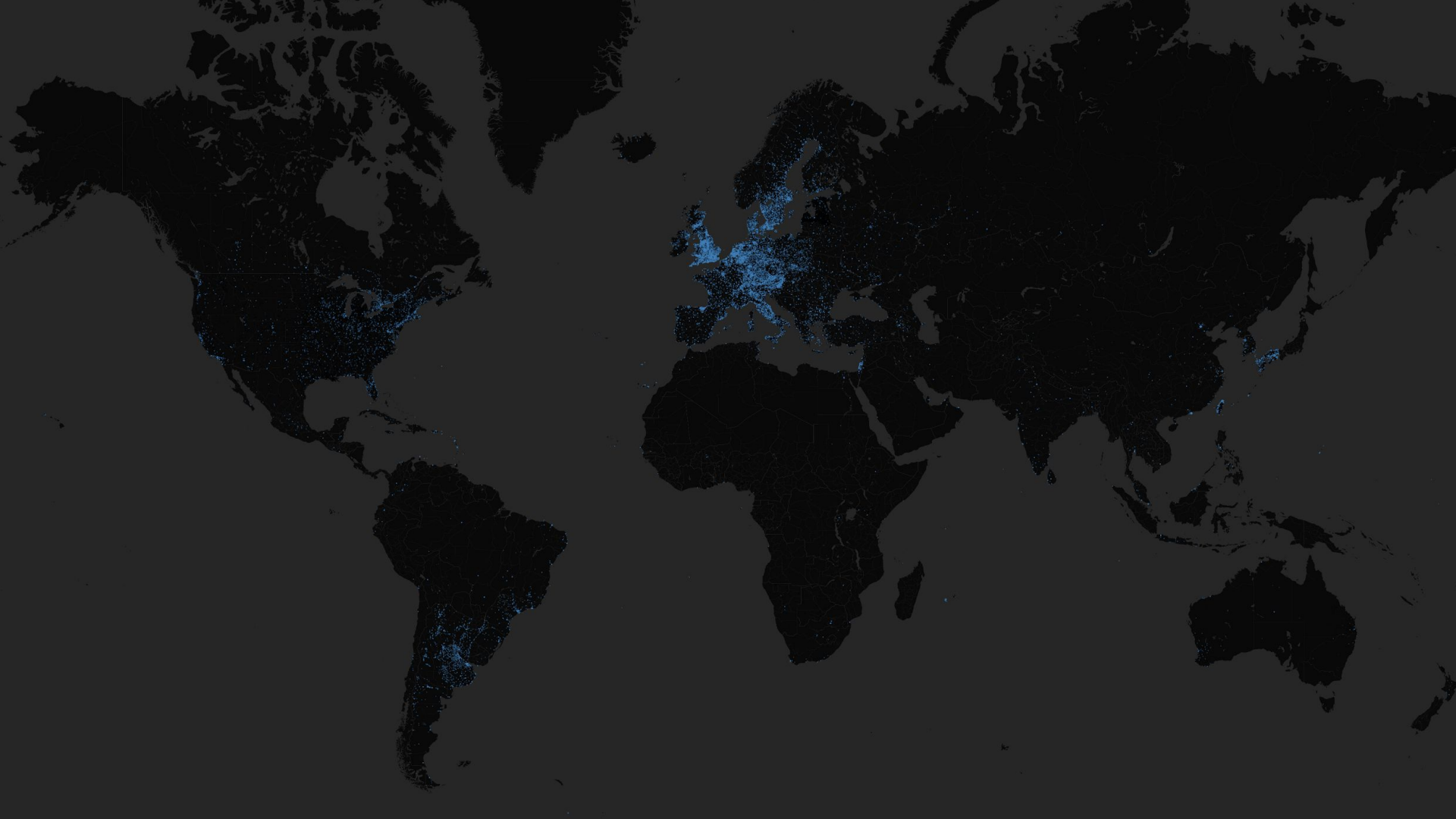
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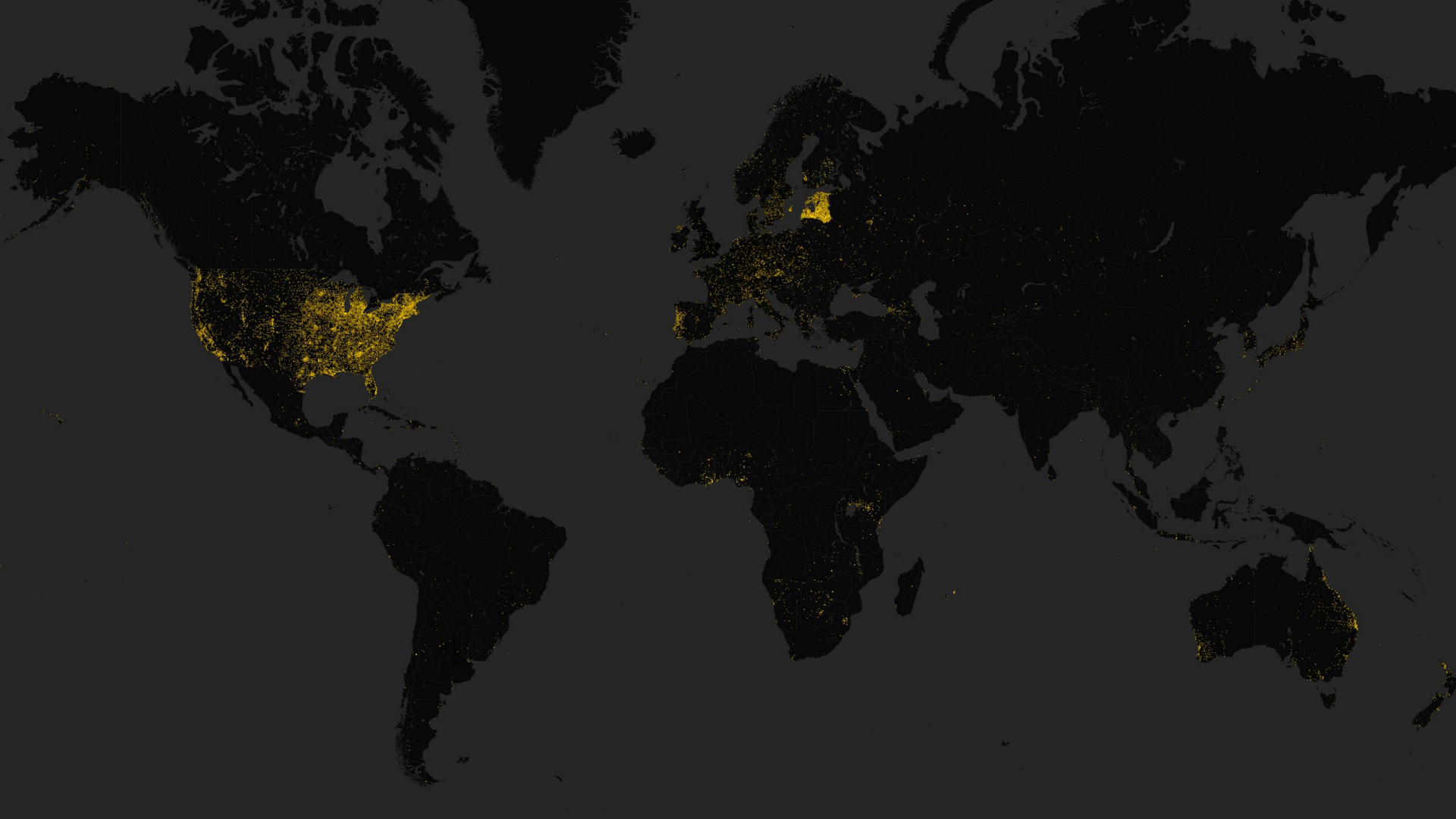
Tack så mycket!



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Why participate

Build relationships

Get technical support

Get experience and skills working with Wikidata



The Royal pavilion in Phraya Nakhon Cave in Khao
Sam Roi Yot National Park, Thailand

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How this improves
Wikipedia

Understand which articles are missing from
Wikipedia

Use the data to generate new articles, especially
helpful for smaller languages

Use as a list of subjects for Wiki Loves
Monuments

A resource for Wikipedia to find new partners to
work with



Wikipedia

The largest online encyclopedia

Available in over 300 languages

Over 50 million articles

Written by volunteers

Available free for everyone to use and improve



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