



WIKIPEDIANS OF SLOVENIA USER GROUP

Why are we still JUST a User Group and not an official association

Pros

Obtaining official recognition, which includes legal status and credibility, brings increased opportunities for partnerships and collaborations. Shows our seriousness and commitment.

Community building: We want to bring Slovenian Wikipedians closer together and help them work as a team. We also want to share our knowledge and skills with each other and learn new things.

Advocacy and outreach: We love Wikimedia projects and we want others to love them too, to show how awesome free knowledge is. We contribute to public debates, share our stories, and invite people to join.

Grant opportunities: Once the association demonstrates its capability and commitment, it becomes eligible to apply for grants and funding from various sources to support its initiatives.

Cons

Lack of funding poses difficulties in covering operational costs and organizing events; Slovenia's minimum requirement for operational costs is approximately 12.000€ per year.

Securing committed volunteers for administrative tasks can be difficult, particularly if they are already occupied with studies or jobs, resulting in a scarcity of such volunteers on our Wikipedia.

Identifying a suitable leader who can drive activities and motivate volunteers is challenging, as there are currently no individuals within our group willing to take on this role.

Establishing an official association involves navigating complex legal and administrative procedures in Slovenia, which can be time-consuming and require specialized knowledge.

Uncertain outcome: There is no guarantee that the association will achieve its goals or gain sufficient support, which could result in limited impact or even failure.

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*Slovene Wikipedia since 26 Feb 2002
15 Aug 2010 it reached 100,000 articles
Jun 2023 it has about 181,000 articles*