

Values and Visions for a Shared Software Collaboration



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The Project

With the support of a **financial grant provided by [Arcadia](#)**, Wikimedia Deutschland wants to create a prototype of a collaboration with the purpose of enabling another movement group to contribute to the software development of Wikidata and Wikibase in a sustainable and scalable way. We want to create a long term, sustainable environment for the lexicographical data part of Wikidata with a local community group that is connected to under-resourced and/or under-represented languages.

During the beginning of the project, we have conducted a series of interviews with Wikimedia Deutschland staff to find out about our **values and visions when entering such a partnership** in the Wikimedia community.

Start: July 2021

Duration: 36 months

Budget: €822,800 EUR

Project Page: https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Software_Collaboration_for_Wikidata

Values for the Partnership

Trust in the partners

We will trust the judgment of our partners on how to best support under-resourced languages.

Sustainability of the partnership

We are committed to finding ways for this partnership and the shared software development will continue after this project fund of Arcadia.

Being mutuals/Mutuality

We acknowledge that in global power and resource structures we hold a very privileged position in this partnership. We will try our best to correct these unbalanced power structures within our cosmos.

Visions for the Movement

Decentralize the movement

Power, resources and ownership will be redistributed throughout the movement and move towards others than the big Global North players like WMDE and WMF. Local development teams will work together with development teams in WMDE and the WMF to make existing projects more diverse and fill the needs of more diverse groups and under-resourced communities.

Scale up partnerships and collaborations

The movement will see more collaborations and partnerships like this and affiliates working together, sharing their resources to work on projects and products together. Partnerships like this will work globally and translocally and include several partners.

Visions for Lexicographical Data and Wikidata

Reach more people that can benefit from language software

Working with their languages in the digital sphere and specifically in the Wikimedia projects and Wikidata will be easy and appealing for under-resourced or underrepresented language communities.

The Wikimedia projects and –specifically Wikidata– will accommodate non-Western language and knowledge systems with ease.

Wikidata being the basis for people accessing the digital sphere in their languages

There will be enough content on under-resourced languages to power Abstract Wikipedia.

Applications, linguistic research or media are available for all languages, based on the lexicographical data that language communities add and maintain in Wikidata.