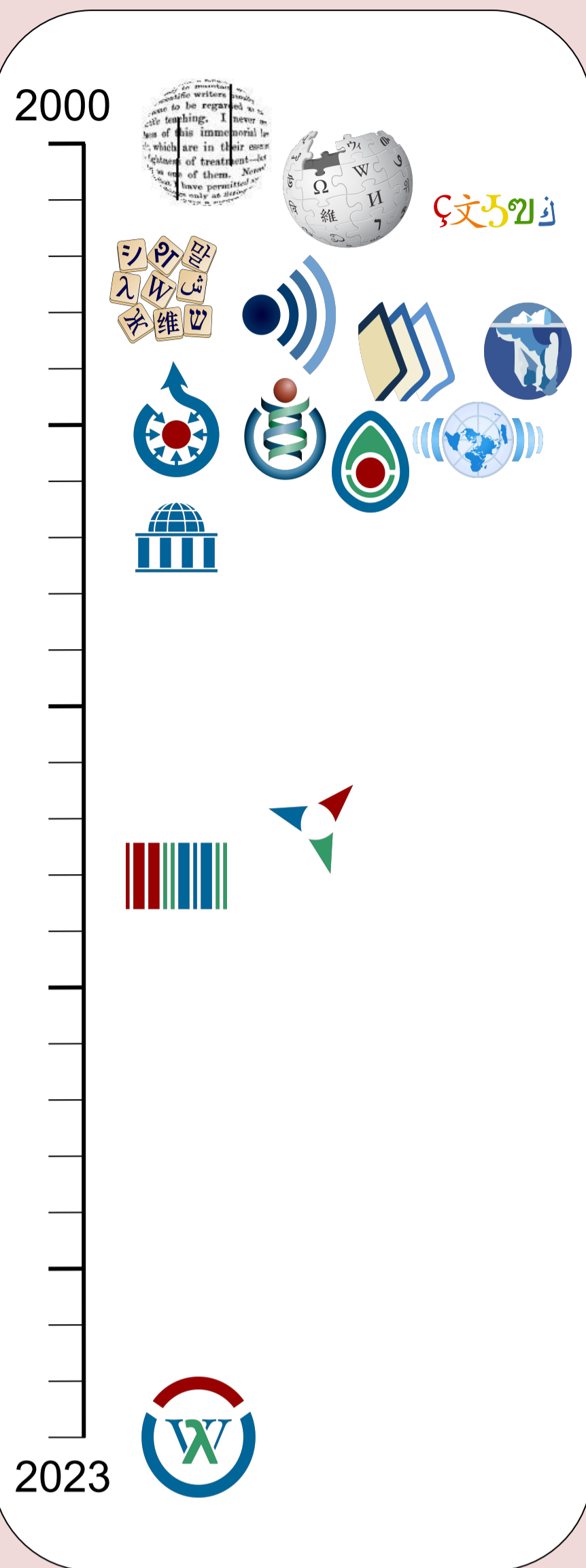


WIKISPORE



The Wikimedia community has created about a dozen free knowledge projects, almost all of them before 2008. We are very far from capturing the full diversity of free knowledge, and innovation has dried off.

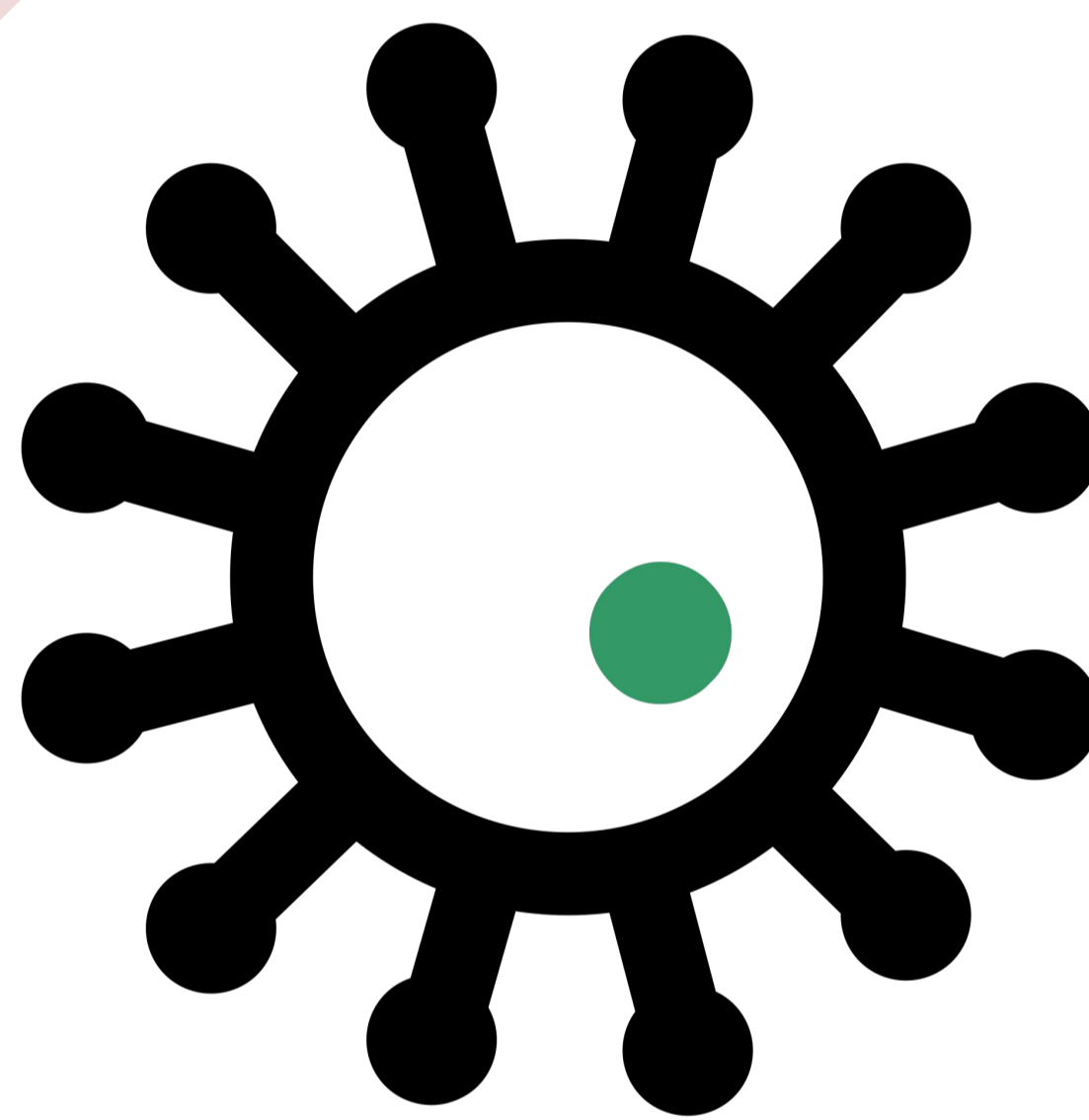
The official process to propose new projects is not functioning: there is no way to demonstrate or try out an idea, and setting up new wikis is too hard, so no one wants to accept a proposal just based on a one-page pitch.

If we want to succeed in more domains of knowledge, we need a testing ground where project ideas can be tried out first and judged based on the outcome.

Other websites have been more successful, and we can learn from them.

Area 51, the project incubator of Stack Exchange, creates a new project once there are enough contributors (with a track record on existing projects) who commit to participate in the beta, and the project scope and basic guidelines are agreed on. The project gets archived after a year of test run if pre-agreed content and participation targets are not met. It resulted in ~180 new sites, each with their dedicated community, policies and workflows, since 2010.

We have set up an experimental project incubator of our own: Wikispore.



Wikispore is...

- A platform to develop wikis covering new genres of free knowledge, or other innovations (format, structure...) that can't fit into any existing wiki.
- A proving ground for new wiki proposals that allows interested volunteers to converge on the most viable ones.
- A proposed Wikimedia project that is set up as an unofficial, volunteer-run wiki for now.

Get involved:

- Support the proposal at <https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikispore>
- Visit <https://wikispore.org> to learn more about the project and its vision
- Start a new spore or join an existing one

