

Wikimedia Hackathon goes CEE

What we learned from pre-hackathons across
the region

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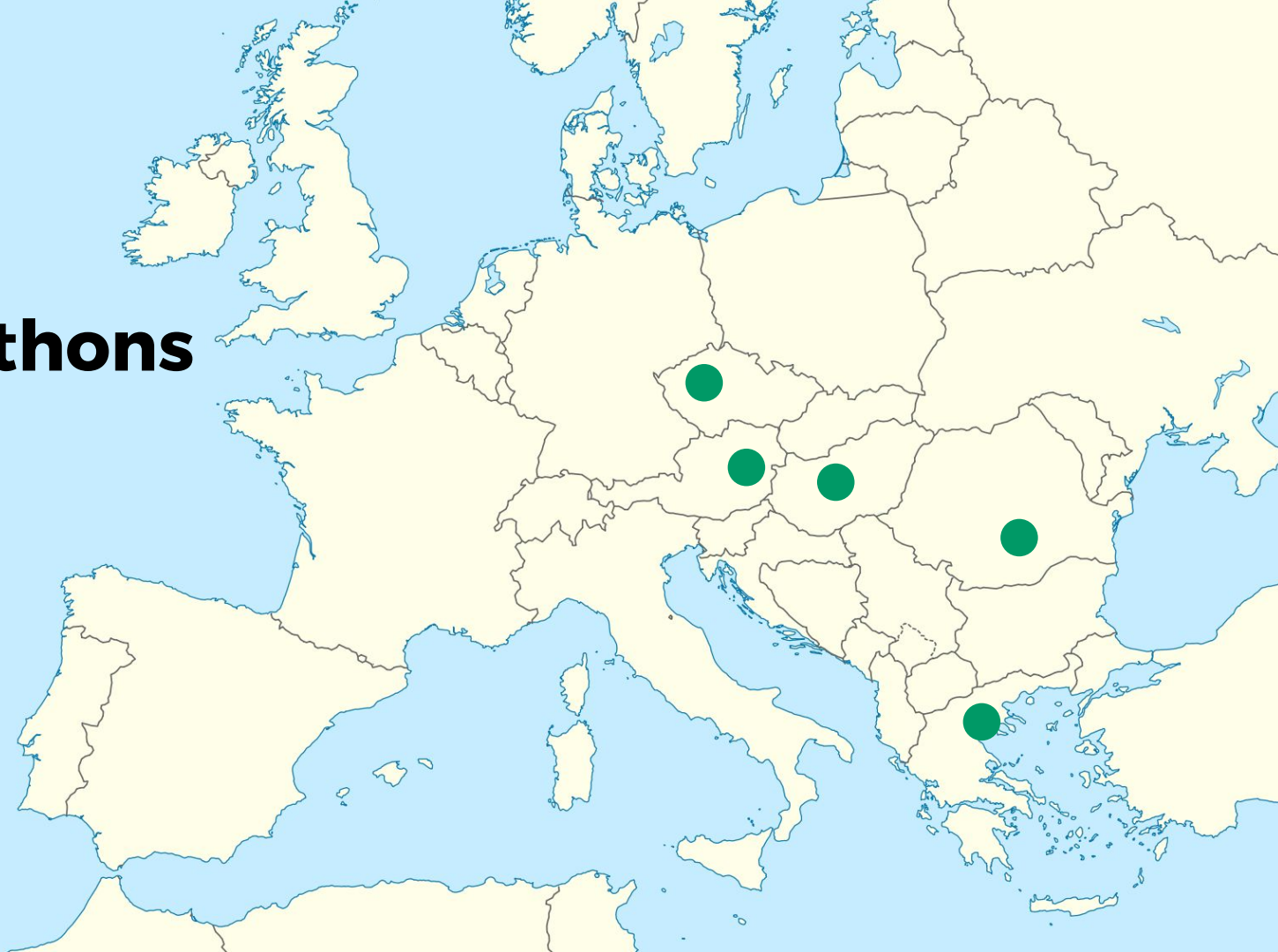
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Wikimedia Hackathon 17



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Pre-hackathons



Austria



What did we do?

- Two coding workshops 6 weeks prior to the Hackathon (one for all genders, one for female/non-binary)
- Finding and preparing suitable mentors
- Outreach to and cooperation with hack spaces, feminist (hacker) networks, and like-minded communities
- Goals: install party, Wikidata basics, networking and group feeling, getting people interested in the Wikiverse

What did we learn?

- The location/venue has a large influence on the atmosphere
- Retention rate among the participants of women/non-binary coders workshop much higher
- Clearer management of expectations of what happens during the workshops
- Laundry lists of how to prepare for the workshops (how much space on the laptops is needed etc.)
- Wikidata is a better entry especially for the more new coders

Greece



What did we do?

- Contact with OKF and SheSharp
- Used WMF wishlist
- One single-event with amphitheater for talks and a large room for hacking
- 20' talks on Mediawiki, Phabricator, AutoWikiBrowser, Open Data
- Hacking covered MediaWiki, Pywikibot, Mobile, AutoWikiBrowser and documentation for rookies

What did we learn?

- Phabricator is not easy for newcomers
- WMF wishlist is not appropriate target
- More tutorials
- **Need to repeat event! (WikiFemHack!)**

Logistics:

- 150 attendees
- 85 participants (40% female)
- Budget all covered by sponsors

Romania



What did we do?

- Contact long-time university partners
- Prepare grading interface to allow objective grading
- 3 hackathons throughout the semester
- Large coverage of topics, from Upload Wizard (still not reviewed :() to MediaWiki core and Pywikibot
- A lot of good will: nobody left without at least a patch submitted

What did we learn?

- The partner's recent activity (or lack thereof) can affect you badly
- MediaWiki Vagrant setup is a pain. Some already prepared Virtual Machines would make things work more smoothly
- Promotion! Promotion! Promotion!

Hungary



What did we do?

- Long-time event planning
- E-mail + Wikimedia campaign
- Online survey + connection building with other communities
- Combined event:
 - Introduction + education
 - Discussions and hacking
- Three main topics:
 - MediaWiki, Wikimedia infrastructure, ecosystem, Wikimedia APIs
 - Wikidata + SPARQL, queries, pywikibot
 - Maps and Wikimedia

What did we learn?

- Make it clear, what is the realistic goal
- Local WM tech. community is very weak
- Registered vs. participating number
- Keeping the schedule is important
- Making these event regular can help on long term



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6 Részvétel, regisztráció

2017. április 22-én egy... szöveg... tartunk a Wikipédiáról programozóknak címmel.
Erdekel, hogyan...
választ kaphatsz?
A program első...
...tatók lesznek (elméleti rész),
...edig az elhangzott témák önálló vagy csoportos munka keretében történő...
...próbálásai és megbeszélés...
...rész).



Czech Republic



Organisation

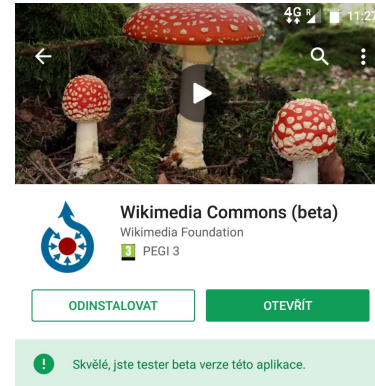
- 12 attendants
- 4 days
- Organised by non-tech Vojta and tech Josephine

What did we do?

- Improving Commons app
 - bugfixing
 - Two steps verification
 - Map of unphotographed places
 - Everything continues in Vienna
- Promoting materials
 - To present the app in Vienna

What did we learn?

- Get the team together!
- How to organise small international event (first day problems :)
- Home atmosphere (accommodation, venue, events)
- Everything at one place (work, food)





WMF Support

WMF Technical Collaboration Team

What do we do?

- Support for volunteer developers
- Onboarding new developers
- Multilingual technical documentation support (coming soon)
- Featured projects and their mentors year round (coming soon)
- Quantitative and qualitative research on volunteer developers: Who are they? Why are they here? How can we help? (coming soon)
- Technical Events (Hackathons / Dev Summit)

How can we help?

- Help support your event:
 - WMF developers
 - event organization advice / documentation
- Phabricator trainings
- Connect your local developers with:
 - Programs (Google summer of code, outreachy, etc.)
 - International community of developers
- Organize the spring Wikimedia hackathon together.
- Review rapid grants funding request before submission

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DANKE
KÖSZÖNJÜK!**

**MULTUMIM!
DĚKUJEME!**

THANKS



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