



# Wikimedia Italia is six years old.



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**Libertà digitali**



# The people.

From 18 founders to 383 members at March 2011, more than 200 joined us during the last fundraising.

From an almost total identification with the it:wp community to a more variuos and complex identity.

With time, Wikimedia Italia shifted the attention to the sister projects of WMF and networked with other Italian associations who share our goal of spreading the free knowledge.

We'll open an **office in Rome**, shared with another friend association, during 2011.



# The money.

The registration of the foundation act has been self-funded by the founder members.

Year 2010 balance was 94% donations during fundraising + 3% membership fees + 3% other sources. 2011 budget is about 400k €. The membership fee is 25 EUR/year.

Today WM-IT is an A.P.S. (social promotion association); donations are tax-deductible. We're working for a “safer” juridical status.

We have no paid staff at the moment, but planning to hire a part-time secretary in 2011 3rd quarter.



## The actions.

The mix of the different outreach initiatives changed as well.

In the first years of activity we organized many live labs throughout most of Italy, getting help from the local LUGs.

Today we focus on fewer selected live events, but we support local initiatives by single members or members grouped by area (about 30 events in 2010, especially **FDLD**).

So far we've produced three wikiguides ( **Wikipedia**, **Commons** and Wikisource), we're developing new tools to spread Wikiquote and we're sponsoring ePub export and the import of a PD dictionary to Wiktionary.



# Some projects.



**Wiki @home**: interviews about technology, Wikipedia and free knowledge with famous people (e.g. Umberto Eco).



**Biblioteca e Musica**: locally-managed wiki-projects for hosting material considered free by the Italian copyright laws, but not by the policies at Wikimedia Commons.



**WikiAfrica**: together with Lettera27, collecting free material from and about Africa and networking people and organizations dealing with African cultures and arts.



**Festival delle libertà digitali**: last one was in Milan, a week of events for showing what the sharing of the information means.



**Le WikiGuide**: a series of video-guides to explain how to approach and take part in Wikipedia and the other WMF projects.

**GLAM**: teaching the workers of the public libraries of Tuscany how to contribute to Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons.



# The future.

We'd like to consolidate our structure, on the juridical, professional and technical point of view.

Our biggest worry in the short term is the 20-million-euros-lawsuit against Wikimedia Italia. The next session is scheduled for the end of March.

Like most of the volunteers organizations, WM-IT as well obeys “the 10% rule”: the 10 % of the members is active. There's always need to increase this ratio.

The future? It's bright. :o)