#StayHome and edit Wikipedia

Insights from the Macedonian Wikipedia

Wikimedia CEE Online Meeting 2020

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#ОстаниДома и уредувај ја Википедија!

The idea about the initiative has come from a site notice on the Macedonian Wikipedia with the same text.
Duration

15 Mar.  →  15 Sep.

Start  →  End
Duration

12 Mar. 15 Mar. 10 Sep. 15 Sep.

Start

WMF recommendation to cancel and postpone all in-person events

End

Introduction of COVID-19 Risk Assessment protocol
Content

Activities included in the initiative:

- **editing days**: writing actions on a pre-determined topic during a 24-hour period
- **editing weekends**: writing actions on a pre-determined topic during a weekend
- online blitz trainings using a remote collaboration software
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Simple rules for selecting topics:

▪ ... to commemorate holidays and observances

Example: Roma people and culture to commemorate International Roma Day

▪ ... to make use of reference works at disposal

Example: archaeological sites in different parts of Macedonia to make use of the **Archaeological map of the Republic of Macedonia**
Outcome and impact

Events
- 45 editing days
- 26 editing weekends
- A couple of blitz trainings

Participation
- 19 editors
  - 4 female
  - 3 first-time

Content
- 1,336 articles
  - 1,309 new
  - 27 improved
- 41 template
  - 40 new
  - 1 improved

Impact
- 40% of total new articles in the period of initiative
- 20% more new articles compared to the same period of previous year