SMALL WIKIPEDIAS, GREAT EXPECTATIONS' ▼ A REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEK-LANGUAGE WIKIPEDIA

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A newbie & a researcher...

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🛔 Δημιουργία Λογαριασμού/Είσοδος

Greek-language Wikipedia: Truth in numbers

• Founded in 2002

- 63. 701 articles (last night at least)
 - 2 million page views (July 2011)
 - 86. 595 registered users
 - 40 45 highly active editors

Inequality of participation Slow pace of development

Czech	EU		12 M	53	71,185	199,221
Haitian	NA		12 M	0.0	1,360	53,538
Bulgarian	EU		12 M	20	22,251	118,332
Bavarian	EU		12 M	2	990	4,386
Kinyarwanda	AF		12 M	0.1	161	1,795
Serbian	EU	_	12 M	16	16,726	144,972
Kazakh	AS		12 M	8	2,457	42,618
Quechua	SA		10 M	0.8	1,533	16,575
Swedish	EU		10 M	82	102,799	401,323
Low Saxon	EU		10 M	0.9	1,608	17,639
Hebrew	AS		10 M	71	54,721	121,641
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Uyghur	AS		10 M	0.0	341	3,361
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Chichewa	AF		9 M	0.0	50	130
Min Dong	AS		9 M	0.0	94	308
Catalan	EU		9 M	52	32,138	345,376
Turkmen	AS		9 M	0.2	354	4,370
Kabyle	AF		8 M	0.2	132	1,161
Sicilian	EU		8 M	0.8	1,407	17,101
Tatar	AS		8 M	2	1,565	8,569
Xhosa	AF		8 M	0.0	56	112
Neapolitan	EU		8 M	0.4	940	42,695
Tibetan	AS		7 M	0.4	423	3,218
Slovak	EU		7 M	20	20,256	125,824
Kongo	AF		7 M	0.1	93	612
Shona	AF		7 M	0.0	57	97
Guarani	SA		7 M	0.1	242	1,413
Tigrinya	AF		7 M	0.0	56	207
Belarusian (Taraškievica)	EU		6 M	7	2,599	37,317
Belarusian	EU	-	6 M	7	3,562	30,473
Croatian	EU	-	6 M	25	21,714	103,172
Finnish	EU		6 M	98	78.479	272.652

Source: Wikistats.

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Introducing the "I participate in Wikipedia" campaign



First presentation: November 26th 2011 TEDX Athens

Official launch: January 17th2011, 1st Workshop

The aims

To enrich the Greeklanguage Wikipedia

To attract new editors

To make Greek-language Wikipedia **truly useful** in both daily life & education (**120.000** entries)

> To sensitize the broader public

To develop the encyclopedic culture

Experiential workshops & presentations

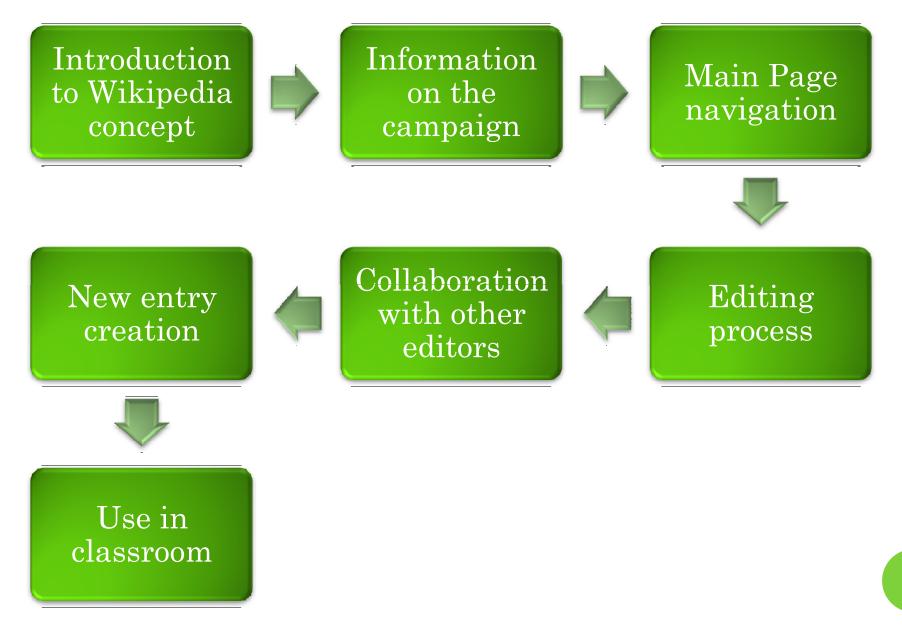
-Where? Across Greece

-To be more specific: Libraries, Schools, Universities, Conferences, Associations...

-Audience? Teachers, librarians, academics, students, broader audience



Workshops' Structure



Why "experiential" workshops? (...and not banners or other type of internet campaign)



... to train participants through "hands-on" practice

Source: Giannis Giannarakis personal archive

Why "experiential" workshops? (...and not banners or other type of internet campaign)

... to meet faceto-face and interact

"We should not be afraid to be human" Jimmy Wales, 04/08/2011



Source: http://bit.ly/osWyow

Why "experiential" workshops? (...and not banners or other type of internet campaign)



... to make the campaign go viral

The Allies



Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs



Greek Free / Open Source Software Society (GFOSS)



Greek Research and Technology Network

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Ways of Support

Ministry of Education

- 2011 =Year of Digital Encyclopedia
- Campaign as part of Ministry's Digital Strategy
- Links of electronic textbooks to Wikipedia



Ways of Support

GFOSS & GRNET

- Funding
 Connections & Planning
- Workshops' material

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My mission?



To observe & participate

To follow the workshops



Take interviews from the mentors

To follow the digital traces

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General Findings

► The audience:

• Oh My... There <u>is</u> an 'Edit' Button?!?

• **"Someone else" is writing Wikipedia:** "Journalists", "Academics", "Writers", "Experts", "people who write encyclopedias"

Technical issues:

-"How long do I have to wait for my entry to be published?" - "I saved my entry, but I can't find where. It's not on the Desktop"

•Wikipedia in education

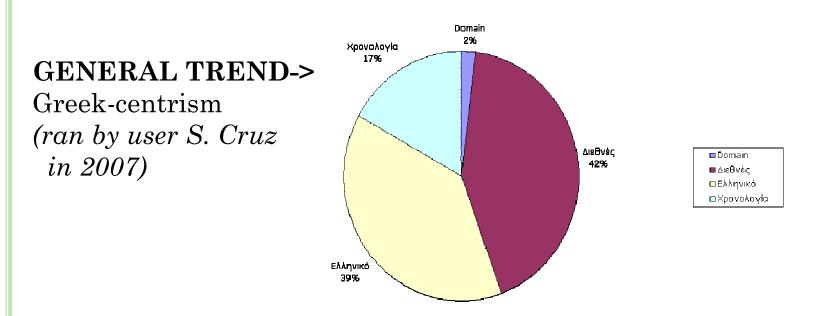
Teachers were eager to bring Wikipedia in classroom. Academics, well, not that eager: "Credibility is what makes an encyclopedia, encyclopedia. Wikipedia is not an encyclopedia. It's a virtual space where anyone can write about anything" **BUT**

WIKI UNIVERSITY PROJECTS

General Findings

► The audience:

• Whatever feels familiar My village, my school, my neighborhood 200 -- Avd Octua



• Biting hurts:

-"I got deleted by the same user. Now, it's getting personal!" - "I don't mind they deleted my article. But why didn't they give any feedback?"

Common Concerns



Pros & Cons of the Campaign

Pros

- Clear picture of future editors & problems
- Access to a broader public
- •Change of attitude
- •We are Wikipedia "trendy"!

Pros & Cons of the Campaign

Cons

•Few editors – participants

-Some did not agree with the idea of the campaign -Some did not know they could participate -Some do not want any new editors

•No 'breathtaking' results

Pros or cons?

Collaboration with institutions: Power Games

•Meetings in person

The Recommendations of a "Newbie"

Let's make a campaign for the campaign!
To raise campaign awareness among the editors
To overcome the objections
To attract more editors to participate

-By promoting and supporting personal initiatives that could inspire other members -**Greek Wikipedia Day initiative**--By encouraging both 'newbies' and experienced editors to share experiences from the workshops.

The Recommendations of a "Newbie"

Let's give some local and take some global! -By harnessing Wikipedia's global reach to project Greece's "cultural riches"

-By encouraging Greek Wikipedians to write for non-Greek centered topics

The Recommendations of a "Newbie"

Let's "be bold" and experiment! In Wikipedia nothing is irreversible. So, why not try out new ideas that could be later implemented globally?

> "A great idea is that the Greek-language Wikipedia can function as a testing ground for **new ideas**"

-Giannis Giannarakis , coordinator of the campaign