### 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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#### -My contributions page-

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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
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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
Ganda	AF		10 M	0.0	43	127
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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 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 TEDX Athens

**Official launch**: January 17<sup>th</sup>2011, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

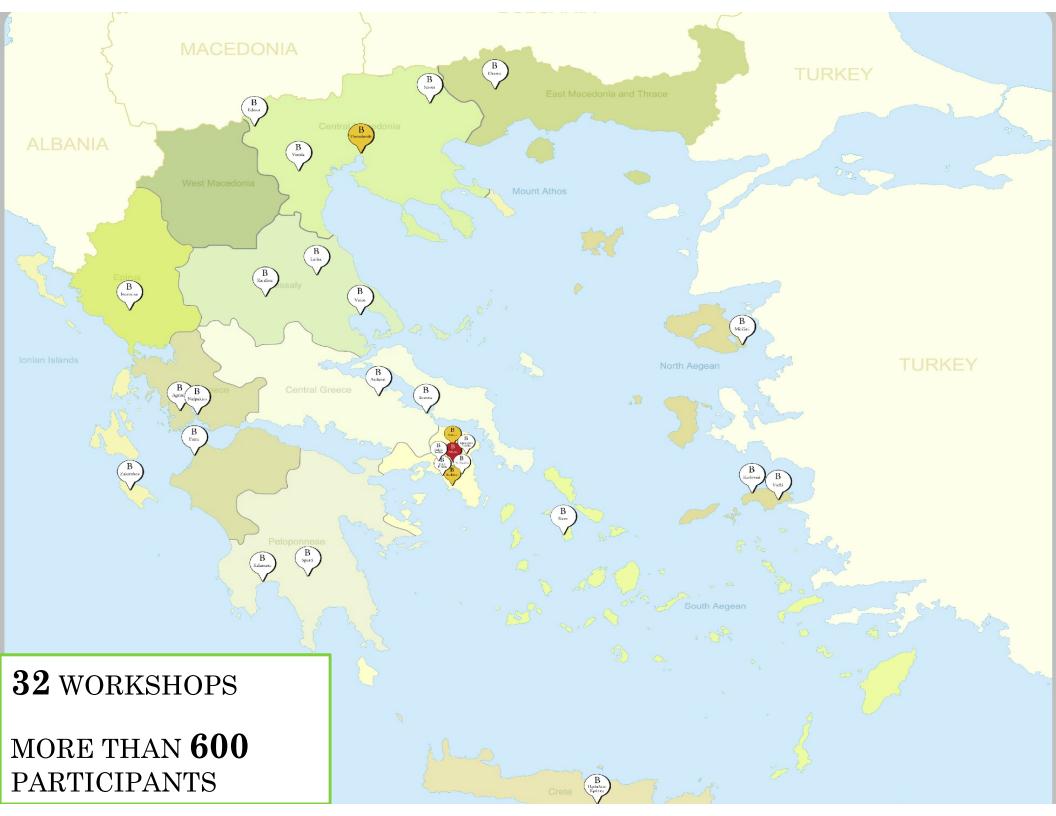
To develop the encyclopedic culture

#### **Experiential workshops & presentations**

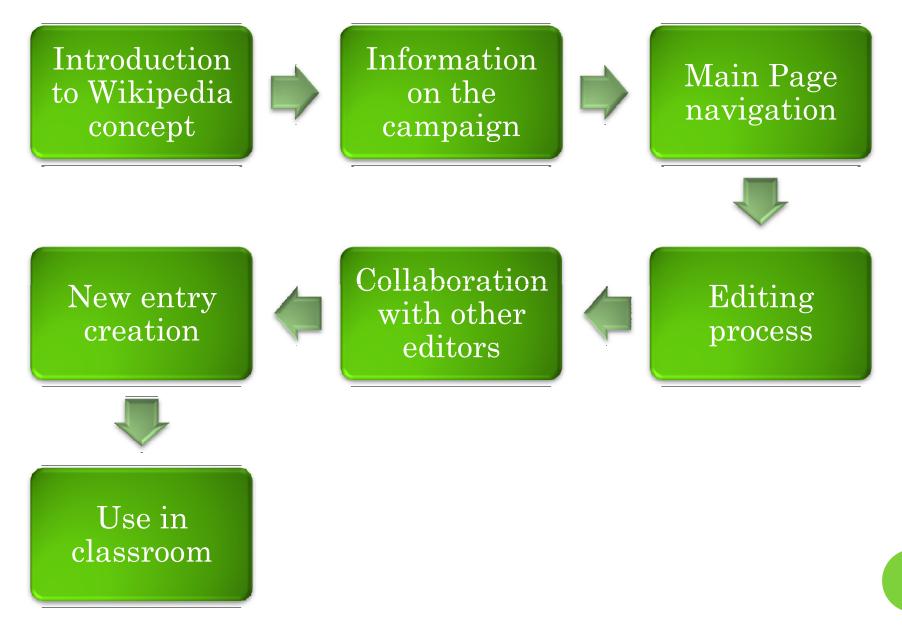
-Where? Across Greece

-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

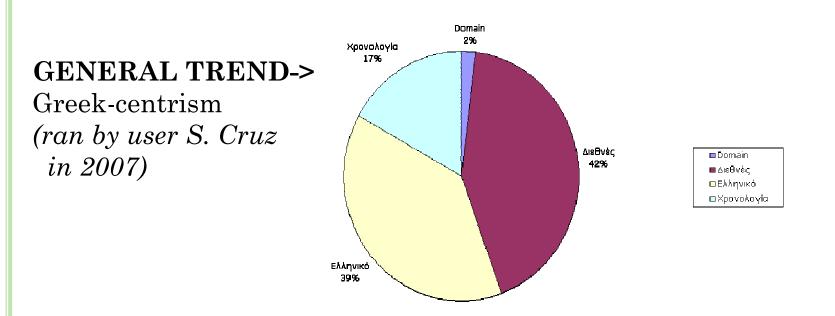
Teachers were eager to bring Wikipedia in classroom. Academics, well, not that eager: "Credibility is what makes an encyclopedia, encyclopedia. Wikipedia is not an encyclopedia. It's a virtual space where anyone can write about anything" **BUT** 

#### 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