A Commons that supports languages

because:
Not all our users read English
The issue

- Commons has 3.4 million media files
- Commons is to be used by all WMF projects
  - several projects refuse to use Commons as it is too hard and it is not understood
- Commons is in English or in Latin for organisms (eg Equus caballus = horse)
- Commons in its current format is hard to use in an educational setting
English refers to Latin ....
A Dutch horse gets you a search page
Commons has a sophisticated system for categories.
OmegaWiki supports homonyms
Translations are available per concept
User interface is available in many languages
English is the fallback language
Demonstration of categories in Dutch of a translatable Commons
What next?

- We have proven that Commons can support multiple languages thanks to a Digitale Pioniers grant.
- The software as it is needs more work:
  - An improved user interface
  - Testing the integration with the OmegaWiki database for performance and caching
  - It needs to become clear at the WMF that half our traffic is not English