



# Wikimedia Polska

Our projects, events and activities to support open knowledge

At Wikimedia Polska we are passionate about open knowledge. We believe that Wikipedia and its sister projects are a platform for diverse educational and community building activities: Wikigrants, article writing challenges, photo contests, GLAM collaborations, international projects, conferences...



WIKIPEDIA  
Wolna encyklopedia

Participants of the **Wikimedia Polska conference** in Bydgoszcz, 2017.  
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The Wikimedia CEE Conference in Warsaw



2017 was a special year for Wikimedia Polska as we hosted the **Wikimedia CEE Meeting**, the sixth annual meeting of Wikimedians from Central and Eastern Europe, focusing on the Wikimedia projects in these countries, building on common experiences and learning new skills. The meeting took place in POLIN Museum in Warsaw, Poland, in September 2017.

The conference was attended by over 100 activists from 31 local chapters and user groups. 26 lectures and workshops were devoted to sharing and discussing projects, ideas, strategies, values and best practices.



**WikiVacations** (Wikiwakacje in Polish) is an open photo competition. Its aim is to collect a large number of images documenting the cultural heritage and natural treasures of Poland: historical monuments, protected natural areas, and art in public places.

Your photographs uploaded to Wikimedia Commons can be used to illustrate the articles in Wikipedia. The contest is open from August 1st till September 30th, and anyone can participate. So far, we ran two editions of the contest; in 2017, over 4500 photographs were uploaded to Wikimedia Commons. The competition is organised by Wikimedia Polska and the National Institute of Heritage, Poland.



The **Carpathian Ethnography Project** was a recent collaboration between the National Ethnographic Museum in Warsaw, Wikimedia Polska, and other institutions in Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Ukraine - as well as Wikimedia volunteers. The project was made possible by a Project Grant from the Wikimedia Foundation.

Our aim was to improve the coverage of Carpathian ethnography on Wikipedia in English, Polish, Czech, Slovak, Romanian and Ukrainian. Participants travelled to selected locations within the Carpathian range, visited local artists and museums, scanned publications, recorded video clips and interviews, uploaded media to Wikimedia Commons, wrote over 100 new articles and expanded another 100 entries. The resulting images and videos are viewed by readers from 800 000 to over 1.6 million times per month.



The **Polish Lighthouses in Wikipedia** project is a new initiative by a longstanding volunteer and specialist in audio recordings, Borys Kozielski.

This imaginative project currently underway, and its aim is to gather information, interviews, recordings and images documenting all the lighthouses along the coast of Poland, to better present their architecture, history and local significance in Wikipedia articles. The project covers all 27 lighthouses along the Baltic Sea coast and will touch upon local, historical and environmental issues.



### We look after Wikimedia volunteers!

In 2017 we organised a 'hands-on' Wikimedian Winter Retreat, the annual Wikimedia Polska Conference and 4 local meetups, 3 in Poznań, and one in Warsaw. We also organised the *Źródłostów* Wikisource and Wiktionary conference - the first meeting dedicated to sister projects project since 2010. We wanted to help communities of the two most active and vibrant sister projects to connect and discuss the challenges and opportunities they face.

### Bridging the gap

In 2017 and 2018, WMPL supported the *Wikipedia też jest kobietą* (Wikipedia is a woman) and the *Art+Feminism* campaigns, in an attempt to help close the gender gap on Wikipedia.

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