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Chapter and community meetups and discussions

One of the Association's mission is to provide opportunities for the volunteer community, members of the Association, and those interested in Wikipedia and its sister projects to meet, hold discussions and debate various issues in person. In order to do this, the Association organized regular meetups throughout the year, where the participants could get to know each other in a pleasant atmosphere and had the opportunity to give presentations or demonstrations on specific topics, discuss current issues, explore problems related to the community and collect ideas and suggestions on how to solve them in the medium and long term. These meetups also provided opportunities to announce the results of various community competitions and contests, and to award prizes. The Association organized meetups in [January](#), [at the beginning of March](#), [at the end of March](#), in [May](#), [July](#), [September](#), [October](#) and [November](#). In January, we celebrated Wikipedia's 24th birthday and held the awards ceremony for the Asia Month article writing competition. In March, we reviewed the award-winning entries of the 2024 Article of the Year competition together. The July meetup included the results announcement and awards ceremony for the Central and Eastern European Spring international article writing competition, and we also celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the Hungarian Wikipedia. In October, the results of the Wikipedia Pages Wanting Photos campaign were announced. The half-day in-person meetups were complemented by the Association's General Assembly held in January, March and May.



General assemblies

On January 18, 2025, the Association [held a general assembly](#) during which it approved its budget plan for 2025, decided on the merger with the Hungarian Electronic Library Association and related matters, adopted the corresponding amendments to the bylaws, and discussed the possible closure of costly bank accounts. The January general assembly was followed by an [extraordinary general assembly](#) on March 29, 2025, during which further decisions were made regarding the audit of the Association and the appointment of the auditor in connection with the

merger with the Hungarian Electronic Library Association, as well as the Association's accounting policy and related regulations. Wikimedia Hungary Association held its [regular spring general assembly](#) on May 10, 2025. The agenda items included the discussion and approval of the Association's reports and appendices for the year 2024, the election of board members for the next two-year term, the discussion and approval of the merger plan and appendices regarding the merger with the Hungarian Electronic Library Association, and the final approval of the merger of the two associations.



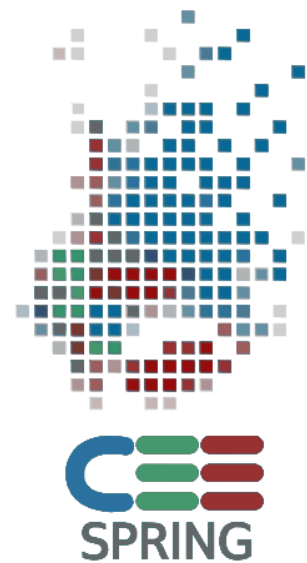
Article of the Year 2024 Competition

The articles written in 2024 were evaluated by the Hungarian Wikipedia community in 2025, as usual. The aim of the [Article of the Year competition](#) is to select the best articles of the previous year and to recognize their authors. From the best articles of 2024, the community of editors nominated 135 articles in 11 categories, from which the community decided to award 38 articles and their authors.



Central and Eastern European Spring 2025

The [Central and Eastern European Spring](#), an international article writing competition lasting more than two month, was held for the eleventh time in 2025 with the aim of spreading and sharing knowledge about the Central and Eastern European (CEE) region among groups with different languages and cultures within the region. According to the competition rules, participating editors had to write Wikipedia articles in their native language about another country within the region. In the 2025 competition, 477 editors participated (62 of whom registered for Wikipedia as being part of the competition) and contributed nearly 11,000 articles in 30 languages of the region! The 16 Hungarian participants submitted 301 Wikipedia articles in Hungarian, and the Wikimedia Hungary Association awarded four prizes to the best authors in recognition of their excellent work.



Wikipedia Pages Wanting Photos 2025

[Wikipedia Pages Wanting Photos](#) (WPWP) is an annual campaign in which Wikipedia editors from all over the world participate to add images to Wikipedia articles that lack illustrations. The aim of the campaign is to use the millions of freely available digital media files in Wikipedia articles that have been collected by the Wikimedia community, for example, through various photo contests and photo walks. Photographs help attract readers' attention better than text alone, illustrating the content and making the articles more informative and attractive to readers. The Hungarian Wikipedia community participated in the campaign again, which ran from July to August 2025, with more than 200 participants illustrating approximately 34,000 Wikipedia articles. Five editors from the Hungarian Wikipedia took part in the campaign, adding illustrations to 339 articles. The Association awarded prizes to the most active participant.



Asia Month 2025

[Asia Month](#) is an annual online editathon and article writing competition held in November, with the aim of promoting a better understanding of Asia and writing articles on Asian topics. The Hungarian Wikipedia community has been participating in this international campaign since 2019. In 2025, nearly 750 contributors participated in the competition submitting more than 10,000 Wikipedia articles in 60 languages. On the Hungarian Wikipedia, seven editors took part in the challenge and submitted 26 articles. Based on the jury's evaluation, the Association awarded prizes to two participants and presented Wikimedia gifts to two others.



Wikimedia CEE Meeting 2025

The [annual meeting](#) of the Central and Eastern European Wikimedia community took place in Thessaloniki, Greece, from 26 to 28 September 2025, and was attended by representatives from most Wikimedia communities in the region and several staff members of the Wikimedia Foundation, with a total of one hundred and sixty participants. The main goal of the meeting was to foster greater cooperation and collaboration among the communities in the region and to enable participants from similar cultural, institutional, historical, and economic backgrounds to learn from each other by sharing both positive and negative experiences. The Hungarian community



and the Wikimedia Hungary Association were represented by three people in person. The live stream of the program ([Zeus Hall](#), [Pallas Athena Hall](#), [Apollo Hall](#), [Commons videos](#)) [the slides of the presentations](#), [the pictures taken at the event](#) and the [meeting notes](#) are available online.

Education and training

The [EqualVoice edit-a-thon](#) aims to increase the visibility and representation of women on the Hungarian Wikipedia. The event, held on May 6, 2025, was organized jointly by Ringier Hungary and Wikimedia Hungary in partnership with several organizations and companies, and was hosted by the Goethe Institute in Budapest. More than thirty participants attended the event, where a team of experienced Wikipedians helped them create Wikipedia articles. As a result, the Hungarian-language Wikipedia was enriched with more than thirty new or significantly expanded articles. Simultaneously with the Budapest event, similar events were organized in three Swiss cities – Zürich, Davos and Chur – by the Ringier media group, Wikimedia CH, and their professional partners. Thus, across the four European cities, more than 100 participants created approximately 90 new Wikipedia articles about notable women in just a few hours.



The long-running [Shakespeare Editathon](#), organized by the Hungarian Shakespeare Committee, was held again in 2025, this time as a one day event on 21 November at the Petőfi Literary Museum. The event was attended by Hungarian and foreign university students as part of their studies to write Wikipedia articles related to Shakespeare's life, his era and his contemporaries. Four experienced Wikipedians participated as facilitators or contributors, and the international team created thirteen new articles and made about a dozen improvements on the Hungarian, Arabic, Urdu, and English Wikipedias. The Association supported the event by helping with the organization, providing travel grants for participants, and offering meals during the day. Presentations and tutorials organized during the meetups provided training and development opportunities for editors. Among other things, editors could learn about various online tools related to Wikipedia, the Wikidata project and how to use it, the structure of Wikipedia articles, how to upload images and related legal information, or how to cite sources.

Shaping the legal environment, international relations

The Association considers it important to create a supportive legal environment for free content. To this end, it provides advice and suggestions to legislators and decision-makers, and also shares experiences to help those active in this field, both nationally and internationally. It became a founding member of [Wikimedia Europe](#), one of whose key activities is participating in the legislative work of the European Parliament and the European Union, as well as providing related consultancy services. In 2025, the organization – established in 2023 – held two general assemblies and work meetings: a hybrid-format annual [general assembly](#) in May and an online assembly and meetup in



November. Wikimedia Hungary was represented at these events by one delegate. In addition to Wikimedia Europe, in 2025, the Association also participated in another regional initiative, the [Wikimedia CEE Hub](#), which is an international umbrella organization of the Central and Eastern European Wikimedia communities. It aims to strengthen regional relations and provide mutual support to Wikimedia communities in the region.

Liaison with the printed and electronic press, general inquiries

Throughout the year, the Association received a number of inquiries about Wikipedia or other projects, events, and news from the Wikimedia movement, and tried to respond to them as quickly and accurately as possible to ensure that the information published on these subjects is reliable.

The Wikimedia Hungary Association also received numerous questions and emails about Wikimedia in connection with its campaign to [donate of 1% of personal income tax](#) and the Wikimedia Foundation's fundraising campaign in Hungary, which the Association's volunteers tried to answer in a helpful and objective manner.

In addition to the above, the Association also actively tries to provide information on Wikimedia-related news and events.



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