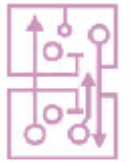




Wikimedia Italia is five years old.



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The people.

From 18 founders to 183 members at March 2010.

From an almost total identification with the it:wp community to a more variuos and complex identity.

With time, Wikimedia Italia shifted the attention to the sister projects of WMF and networked with other Italian associations who share our goal of spreading the free knowledge.

Talks are going on for an office in Rome, shared with other friend associations.



The money.

The registration of the foundation act has been self-funded by the founder members.

Year 2009 budget was about 67.000 EUR.
85% donations + 5% membership fees + 10% awards & others.

The membership fee is 25 EUR/year.

Today WM-IT is an A.P.S. (social promotion association); donations are tax-deductible.
We're working for a “safer” juridical status.

We have no paid staff at the moment.



The actions.

The mix of the different outreach initiatives changed as well.

In the first years of activity we organized many live labs throughout most of Italy, getting help from the local LUGs.

Today we focus on fewer selected live events, but we support local initiatives by single members or members grouped by area.

This year we produced the first one of five video-guides to Wikipedia, Commons and the WMF sister projects.



Some projects.



Wiki @home: interviews about technology, Wikipedia and free knowledge with famous people.



Biblioteca e Musica: locally-managed wiki-projects for hosting material considered free by the Italian copyright laws, but not by the policies at Wikimedia Commons.



WikiAfrica: together with Lettera27, collecting free material from and about Africa and networking people and organizations dealing with African cultures and arts.



Festival delle libertà digitali: next May in Milan, a week of events for showing what the sharing of the information means.



Le WikiGuide: a series of five video-guides to explain how to approach and take part to Wikipedia and the other WNF projects.

GLAM: teaching the workers of the public libraries of Tuscany how to contribute to Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons.



The future.

We'd like to consolidate our structure, on the juridical, professional and technical point of view.

Our biggest worry in the short term is the 20-million-euros-lawsuit against Wikimedia Italia. The next session is scheduled for next October.

Like most of the volunteers organizations, WM-IT as well obeys “the 10% rule”: the 10% of the members is active. There's always need to increase this ratio.

The future? Is bright. :o)