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## **New Ideas for Open Knowledge: Invitation to UNLOCK Accelerator's Demo Day**

**Berlin – September 23, 2021: UNLOCK, the Accelerator of Wikimedia Deutschland, is inviting you to its Demo Day on October 6, 2021, where Wikimedia-funded projects will present their prototypes. UNLOCK supported five teams with compelling ideas that open up knowledge for everyone.**

In the second edition of the accelerator, Wikimedia Deutschland supported project ideas on Free Knowledge from all over Europe. [UNLOCK](#) accompanied five teams in developing real, open source prototypes from their initial ideas. Throughout the remote three-month program, Wikimedia Deutschland provided the participating teams with tailored coaching, access to expertise from an international network, and a stipend.

The 2021 thematic focus of the UNLOCK Accelerator bears the title *(Re)building trust in the digital age*. In light of the information overload the world is experiencing online and offline, the teams developed solutions for an informed use of sources, information and data by users are being increasingly challenged. The group presentations form the conclusion and highlight of the UNLOCK Accelerator.

On **October 6, 2021, from 04:00 p.m. - 05:30 p.m.**, the participants will present their project results to a live audience. You can learn more about the following projects:

[FollowTheVote](#), a mobile app that makes political engagement a fun and informative habit for young people by combining facts with gamification.

[Government Online Presence Directory](#), a crowdsourced and fact-checked directory of official governmental online accounts and services around the globe.

[OpenSpeaks Accessibility](#), an open toolkit for language archivists on how to create permanent, accessible and inclusive audiovisual archives.

[Supply-chains.us](#), a browser extension that reveals information and stories related to technology supply chains.

[ThinkTwise](#), an open source browser extension that detects and highlights the quality of arguments in written, digital texts.

**The event can be attended online free of charge: [www.wikimedia.de/unlock](http://www.wikimedia.de/unlock)**

### **About Wikimedia Deutschland**

Wikimedia Deutschland is a non-profit association with over 85,000 members that promotes free knowledge. Since its founding in 2004, the association has supported various Wikimedia projects – first and foremost Wikipedia. The association advocates free access to Free Knowledge and is thus committed to a fundamental human right to education. Wikipedia, like other sister projects, is independent and free of advertising and only possible through volunteer work and donations.

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