Portugal - country profile

1 General background and who’s who. In Portugal, the General Directorate for Book, Archives and Libraries of the Ministry of Culture together with the Association of Archivists, Librarians and Information and Documentation Professionals (B.A.D.) work together to implement SDGs in libraries. In general, it can be said that the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development is well known by librarians, but activities are still lagging behind.

2 SDG priorities and policies in Portuguese libraries. The General Directorate for Book, Archives and Libraries of the Ministry of Culture together with the Association of Archivists, Librarians and Information and Documentation Professionals (B.A.D.) consider that SDG-oriented projects should be focused on:

— debates on SDGs with citizens,
— library collections,
— projects in co-creation with partners/citizens (digital inclusion; digital citizenship),
— pursuing green library objectives (such as energy saving infrastructure, waste management, SDG policy with staff).

The following SDGs are considered a priority for Portuguese libraries:

SDG 3. Good Health and Wellbeing: Better, more accessible health systems to increase life-expectancy,
SDG 4. Quality Education: Inclusive education to enable upward social mobility and end poverty,
SDG 5. Gender Equality: Education regardless of gender, advancement of equality laws, fairer representation of women,
SDG 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth: Creating jobs for all to improve living standards, providing sustainable economic growth,
SDG 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: Generating employment and income through innovation,
SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities: Reducing income and other inequalities, within and between countries,
SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities: Making cities safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable,
SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production: Reversing current consumption trends and promoting a more sustainable future,
SDG 13. Climate Action: Regulating and reducing emissions and promoting renewable energy,
SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: Inclusive societies, strong institutions and equal access to justice,
SDG 17. Partnerships for the Goals: Revitalise strong global partnerships for sustainable development.

3 SDG-oriented projects

1. SDG Book Club1 (SDG 17). The Traça is a family film exhibition that seeks to make known and encourage the viewing and study of films from family archives, hitherto limited to private viewing and use. Each year, Traça has a different format, and takes place in a different location, adapting to the community hosting it. Two Leitmotive underline

1 https://bad.pt/agenda2030/clube-de-leitura-ods
the events: on the one hand, a series of artists are invited to work on and create new objects from the AML-Videoteca’s collection of amateur and family films; on the other hand, the Mostra exhibits these films in their raw state, while gathering around them depositors, residents, artists, researchers, and other guests, national and international, challenged to think about the place of these films in the definition of archive and history. As a follow up the “Exchange for exchange” consists of the free and disinterested lending of books subsequently made available for further exchanges. This municipal reading project encourages interest in books, consolidates reading habits and provides access to new reading and the renewal of private collections. Book donation campaigns are held twice a year (for 4 months) and then Swap Fairs are held, also twice a year (May and November).

2. **Green library objectives — Partnerships with other institutions (SDG 17).** The main purpose of creating a green library is to use sustainable efficient resources. Managing a green library is very much necessary for the development of town, country, institutions, etc. The saving generated by an efficient management on using water, paper, electricity and air conditioning as a huge impact on the library budget. The partnerships inside organisation between the library and other institution facilities and with external partners, like providers, other institution and specially the users, allows to implement more efficiently the 3 R policy’s: re-use, recycle and reduce.

4 **Funding sources and evaluation.** In general resources for SDG-oriented library projects are generated from ordinary budget. If additional funding is provided, support is provided by international organisations (European Commission, Structural Funds, etc), National or international Foundations, or non-Governmental Organisations.

It is difficult for libraries in Portugal to rely on European funding sources since their applications should be formulated by local councils and other authorities; therefore, if these entities do not file applications, libraries do not get access to these financial opportunities. Project evaluation is performed according to standard library procedures.