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INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report 2021 – 2022 covers the period from 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022.

This Annual Report is produced by the President, the Executive Committee and the Director with the support of the Secretariat, input from the Expert and Working Group(s), and subject to approval in its final form at the 30th EBLIDA Annual Council, 14th of June 2022, Athens, Greece.
FACTS AND FIGURES

- EBLIDA is a non-profit organisation representing national library associations and individual libraries in the European Union and other European countries.

- Founded on 13th June, 1992 to represent library associations at European level.

- Represents library associations in all European Union countries.

- Represents through its members approximately 70,000+ individual libraries across Europe (of which 65,000 are considered public libraries) and about 100 million users.

- Council meets once a year.

- Staff are 1 Director full time, 1 Administrative Officer part time and 1 Communications Officer, part time.

- Annual budget of 117,989 Euro (2021 expenditure).

- Executive Committee comprises 10 representatives 2021-2024.

- EBLIDA President, re-elected for a second term in June 2021 at the Annual Council online meeting, is Ton Van Vlimmeren. The policy areas are led by the Expert Group of Information Law (EGIL), the Expert Group European Libraries and Sustainable Development Implementation and Assessment (ELSIA) and the Working Group on Library Legislation and Policy in Europe (LIBLEG).

- EBLIDA is a member of IFLA, Copyright for Creativity, ASviS, and is allied with Newsguard, PL2030 and NAPLE.

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MISSION

The mission of EBLIDA is:

- to promote freedom of information and free access to information, education and culture for all citizens in Europe;
- to engage libraries in taking care of people and their rights by encouraging democratic participation of citizens in society;
- to advocate for the interests of the library and information sectors and professionals in Europe.

OBJECTIVES

Taking stock of EBLIDA’s past achievements and Members’ expectations, these are the objectives of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan:

- To identify key areas for EBLIDA’s short and medium-term development;
- To provide visibility for EBLIDA activities through tools and services that can easily be used by EBLIDA members;
- To increase EBLIDA’s membership and influence on European library policy and society.

MEMBERS

EBLIDA MEMBERS

EBLIDA is a membership-based organisation, focussing on library organisations and associations from both the EU and non-EU member states.

Over the past year, membership numbers have remained stable, with a very slight decrease from 114 member by end of April 2021, to 115 member at the end of April 2022.

EBLIDA’s membership consists of **38 Full Members and 77 Associate Members** distributed over the European Continent.

By 30th April 2022, EBLIDA had 4 sponsors, of which 2 bronze sponsors, 1 silver and 1 gold. The director is currently negotiating further sponsorship for the EBLIDA 2022 Conference, which currently stand at OCLC as the main sponsor, The Nordic Library at Athens and Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Atene.

NEW MEMBERS 2021

EBLIDA acquired 5 new associate members since May 2021

Italy, University of Salerno Library
Italy, Public Libraries – Turin
## CANCELATIONS 2021-2022

**Associate Members**
- Sweden, Gävle Stadsbibliotek
- Denmark, Centralbiblioteket i Esbjerg
- Hungary, Central University Library

## MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022

### NON-DUTCH MEMBERS

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1. Executive Committee activities

The most important task of the EBLIDA Executive Committee (EC) has been the drafting of the EBLIDA 2022-2025 EBLIDA Strategic Plan, a collective exercise which has involved all EC members broken down in sub-groups. Three sub-groups were created: Strategy, Communication and EBLIDA Conference in Athens.

Between November and December 2021, the Strategy Group held four meetings (on 3 November, 10 December, 11 January and 14 February) and eventually issued the 2022-2025 EBLIDA Strategic Plan. 12 EBLIDA Members were selected to whom the EBLIDA Strategic Plan was submitted.

Online EC meetings were regularly organised on 8 July, 5 October (Riga, in presence) 2021, 24 January, 28 February and 28 April 2022.

An EC Daily Board was also created including the President, Deputy President and Treasurer; they met on 30 November and 10 January 2022.

Also to be mentioned are the extensive work on the *Guidelines on Library Legislation and Policy in Europe*, which has involved all EC members and the paper “Public Library Acquisition Policies, Open Access and related Copyright Strategies” (to be published soon), co-authored by Zélia Parreira and Giuseppe Vitiello.

Activities of the EBLIDA sub-group on Communication are described in paragraph 4.

2. Secretariat activities

**Strategic Strand A: Sustainable Development**

In 2021, the EBLIDA Secretariat fully implemented the awareness phase of the “Think The Unthinkable Strategy. A Post-Covid Library Agenda meeting Sustainable Development Goals to be funded through European Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027”. The ELSIA Group, created in 2021, was instrumental in drafting the EBLIDA 2nd European Report on Sustainable Development and Libraries, which was presented on the occasion of the workshop “Sustainable development: European libraries can act !”, co-organised by the French Presidency of the European Union in collaboration with EBLIDA. EBLIDA was also closely associated with the organisation of the TTU workshops in Italy (10 workshops involving some 120 agents of change), in France on the occasion of 5 May 2022 and in the preparation of the Greek participation.

The ELSIA group met on 18 November 2021, 16 January and 9 April 2022.

**Strategic Strand B: Library Legislation**

In collaboration with the LIBLEG Group, the EBLIDA Secretariat completed the draft *CoE/EBLIDA Guidelines on Library Legislation and Policy in Europe* and arranged meetings with the Council of Europe in order to finalise the Guidelines and creating the requirements for their approval. The Guidelines, expected to be approved in 2022, were examined by EC Members, EBLIDA Groups LIBLEG, ELSIA and EGIL, and circulated with EBLIDA Members.
The LIBLEG Working Group met on 15 November 2021 and 7 February 2022.

**Strategic Strand C: E-lending**

The EBLIDA Secretariat completed the first version of the EBLIDA “First European Report on E-lending in Public Libraries” and prepared the ground for its enhancement. The paper “Public Library Acquisition Policies, Open Access and related Copyright Strategies”, prepared by Zélia Parreira and Giuseppe Vitiello, will be integrated into the final version of the EBLIDA “First European Report on E-lending in Public Libraries”.

The EGIL Group met on 2 July and 18 November 2021, and on 11 February, 11 March, 11 April 2022. In January 2022, Ms. Valérie Bouissou replaced Ms. Ulrika Domellöf Mattsson as EGIL Chair.

**EBLIDA-NAPLE-PL2030 partnership and activities on Ukraine**

Cooperation with PL 2030 and NAPLE has made great strides with the signature of a “close partnership” (Press Release, 24 February 2022). Cooperation was immediately enforced through the highly influential joint “European Declaration condemning the barbaric attack of the Russian Federation against Ukraine” (also 24 February 2022).

Activities on Ukraine culminated with the publication of thee EBLIDA special Newsletter issues (March 2022), gathering all European statements in favour of Ukraine and the release of the EBLIDA-NAPLE-PL2030 website Libraries for Refugees (https://lib4refugees.splet.arnes.si/).

**COMMUNICATION WITH THE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The monthly EBLIDA newsletter regularly informed all members. In 2021, EBLIDA Newsletters were released on a monthly basis (except August) and through social media. The Annual Council is resumed as an in person meeting in the late Spring season (11 June 2021). As for the EBLIDA Constitution, the Council is informed two months prior to its meeting of the date, location and agenda so that members have time to prepare it. Documents in relation to the Council are posted online on a dedicated website that contains all necessary information.

**EBLIDA COMMUNICATION**

The EBLIDA EC sub-group “Communication, chaired by Hella Klauser, released the EBLIDA Communication paper, with a view to enhancing the EBLIDA communication. This paper is a pre-requisite for the restructuring of the EBLIDA website.

The Communication Group met on 22 November, 13 January, 3 February and 24 March.

**EBLIDA Conference and meeting attendance 2021 and 2022**

EBLIDA Director, Giuseppe Vitiello
21 September: Joint EBLIDA-OCLC Conference
23-24 September 2021: Riga Conference Libraries and Museums
21 September: OCLC-EBLIDA Conference “Reshaping the Library in light of the pandemic: possibilities and opportunities”
23-24 September: “Localising the sustainable development goals through Baltic museums and libraries” (NL Latvia)
5-6 October: Riga, Latvia, Executive Committee meeting EBLIDA
8 October: Participation in the meeting: “Le biblioteche e lo sviluppo sostenibile” (University of Salerno)
21 October: FELNET-studiedag Covid-19 infecteert I&D: elke crisis biedt nieuwe opportuniteiten
26-27 October: Attendance of the Swiss Library Association (Conference in Bern)
23 November: Webinar jointly organised by EBLIDA and the Berlin Senate for Europe and Culture: “Sustainability in public libraries: better funding for a great good place”
24 February 2022: EBLIDA was co-organiser of the session: “Sustainable development: European libraries can act”, together with the French Presidency of the European Union.
15, 16, 18 March 2022: three conferences in Greece.
29 April 2022: Participation in the CLIR meeting (Florence);
18 May: “E-lending: a complicated business” (INCOCNESS online Conference);
24 May: keynote speech at QQML Conference; Athens, Greece.
2 June: Digital lending, session organised within the ABF Conference (Metz, France).

EBLIDA President’s contribution 2021 & 2022
26-27 October: Attendance of the Swiss Library Association (Conference in Bern)
24-25 November: Ton van Vlimmeren’s attendance of the Conference Quel avenir pour les bibliothèques and meetings with representatives of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg)
31 May-2 June: Attendance and speech at the German Library Congress in Leipzig;
26-28 July, IFLA Conference, Dublin

NEWSLETTER

The EBLIDA Newsletter remains an important communication tool relating news about EBLIDA and its associated European issues. Edited by Giuseppe Vitiello with the support of Majella Cunnane and published by Sophie Felföldi.

From May 2021 to end of April 2022 it was published eleven times: including a double issue in the summer and 2 special issues: one dedicated to the European Libraries response to the war in Ukraine in March 2022 and the other on Open Access and Copyright Strategies in Public Libraries in October 2021.

The Newsletter is distributed via MailChimp, posted on the website and announced in the news feed shortly after distribution. Our current subscription base is 1,472.
INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

a) Annual Conference;
b) EBLIDA EC;
c) Emails;
d) Seven permanent mailing lists:

- **EBLIDA-List**: (562 Subscribers) General open mailing list – moderated - to all interested in EBLIDA’s activities, intended to foster communications between EBLIDA, its membership and members of the European library community
- **EBLIDA-EC**: Executive Committee Member list (Restricted to EC Members)
- **EBLIDA-Full-Members** and **EBLIDA-Associate-Members**: Members lists (Restricted to EBLIDA Members)
- **EBLIDA-EGIL**: List of the Expert Group on Information Law (Restricted to Expert group members)
- **EBLIDA-LIBLEG**: List of the Working Group on Library Legislation and Policy in Europe (Restricted to working group members)
- **Marrakesh-Eu**: (52 Subscribers) Electronic discussion list for library and visually impaired people’s organisations on implementing Marrakesh Treaty legislation in EU Member States.

e) Three Ad hoc internal mailing lists:
- EBLIDA-Conference
- EBLIDA-strategy and
- EBLIDA-communications

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION - SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter
[https://twitter.com/Eblida](https://twitter.com/Eblida)

To network online, to find, attract & connect with people, organizations interested in the same areas EBLIDA is active we use Twitter. EBLIDA’s Communication Officer broadcast tweets and to date, EBLIDA has 3,532 followers, and 8,880 posts have been tweeted.
Blog
http://eblida.tumblr.com/
633 followers
This online public platform is to provide a wider breadth of content to reach & attract a larger audience and potential future members, to generate more traffic to our website, raise interest to EBLIDA’s activities, as well as increase the total visibility of the Association.

Facebook
https://www.facebook...
2,204 followers
Through Facebook we share events, information on our activities, publications and stay connected to the European library world, members and colleagues. EBLIDA Facebook currently has 2,204 followers.

FLICKR
https://www.flickr.com/photos/eblida
30 Albums and 2,820 photos
FLICKR is to share and to keep photos taken at EBLIDA events, to create a photo archive, a collective visual memory of the organization. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 we haven’t had a chance to add much new photographs this year.
Pinterest
http://www.pinterest
2.8k monthly views

This pinboard-style image-sharing platform is now mainly used for sharing “Libraries for Ukraine” material and posting EBLIDA publications.

YouTube
https://www.youtube...
14 Videos / 1600 views

Recording of online events and Interviews.
EBLIDA FINANCES AND BUDGET

The 2020 positive trends continued in 2021 with a profit of €12,711. It is expected that the TTU action will bring more income for EBLIDA in the years to come.

The EBLIDA communication officer was awarded a one-off sum of €5,000 compensating her extra-hours over two years and additional time provided free of charge.

The contract of the EBLIDA Director was renewed for one more year. EC decision to implement “homeworking” in 2018 has been crucial: the EBLIDA Director is located in Rome, the Administrative Officer in The Hague and the Communication officer in Cyprus. This choice proved to be successful during the Covid crisis.

2021 implied less in-presence meetings and travels. Hybrid meetings and travels aiming to provide more impetus to EBLIDA activities resumed in 2021, but the majority of activities were held online. With a positive year and a relatively substantial profit in 2021, EBLIDA will remain mindful about how to invest human resources in 2021. Membership fees, which had been frozen temporarily, are now being increased according to the inflation rate, as approved by the 2020 Annual Council.

RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

EBLIDA COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE

The 30th Annual EBLIDA Council meeting will be held on 14th June as an in person meeting in Athens, Greece. On the following 2 days, 15th and 16th June, the EBLIDA Conference will take place with the theme: “Ready to take off: Libraries’ commitment towards a sustainable, democratic and equitable society”

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The current EBLIDA Executive Committee members are listed earlier in this document and the term is 2021-2024. EBLIDA Executive Committee members are elected for 3 years by the Council members during elections held at the Council meeting. Full members votes carry 5 times more power than those of associate members.

Tasks assigned to Executive Committee members according to EBLIDA’s constitution are:

- to submit an annual report on activities, as well as the annual budget and accounts of the Association to the Council;
- to submit an annual programme of activities to the Council;
- to submit the membership structure and the annual membership fee;
to submit decisions on admission to membership in accordance with the Articles 5 sub b and 6 to the Council, in order to obtain an authorised decision or confirmation, respectively, by the Council.

SECRETARIAT

The EBLIDA team comprises of:

- Giuseppe Vitiello, EBLIDA Director is chief representative of EBLIDA externally in hearings, conferences and meetings in Europe.

- Majella Cunnane, EBLIDA Administrative Officer (permanent position) is working on a part time basis of 20 hours per week. The main tasks are membership management, EBLIDA finances and budget, communication and office management.

- Sophie Felföldi, EBLIDA Communication Officer, is a contracted consultant working on a part time basis in managing EBLIDA communication, maintenance of the website, mailing lists, social media and other communication tools.

EXPERT GROUPS


Giuseppe Vitiello
Director, EBLIDA

The Hague, May 2022

- END -