

Annual Report

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018 – 2019: INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report 2018 – 2019 covers the period from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019. It is produced by the President, the Executive Committee and the Director with the support of the Secretariat, input from the Expert Group(s), and subject to approval in its final form at the 27th Council in Dublin in June, 2019.

EBLIDA has entered into a transitional phase with a new Director appointed in January 2019, Giuseppe Vitiello. A Draft Strategic plan has been drafted and will be put forward for approval in Dublin in June at the Council meeting. A background paper and working paper will be introduced at the Annual Council and Conference in Dublin on 24th and 25th of June 2019.

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 in 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 in May/June.
- Staff are 1 Director full time, 1 Administrative Officer part time and 1 Communications Officer, part time.
- Annual budget of 122.340 Euro (2018 expenditure).
- Executive Committee comprises 8 representatives from full member organisations.
- EBLIDA President, elected in May 2018 in Strasbourg, is Ton Van Vlimmeren.
- The policy areas are led by the Expert Group for Information Law and the Literacies Expert Group.
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1. VISION

EBLIDA is the community hub for all library organisations in Europe striving towards an equitable, democratic and sustainable society. EBLIDA's objective is to diffuse best practices among its Members and to communicate its Members' views and projects to the European Commission, the European Parliament, other institutions of the European Union, the European Council and other appropriate third parties.

2. MEMBERS

2A) EBLIDA MEMBERS

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

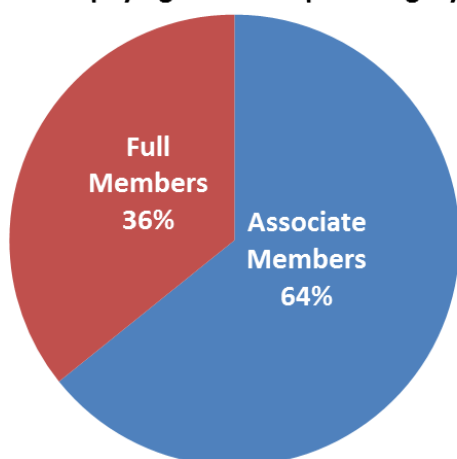
Over the past year, there has been a slight decrease in membership numbers from 122 in April 2018 to 119 at the end of April 2019.

EBLIDA's membership consists of 43 Full Members (one less than last year), 76 Associate Members (down 2 from last year) distributed over 36 countries on the European Continent. Each European Union Member State is represented by at least one Full Member.

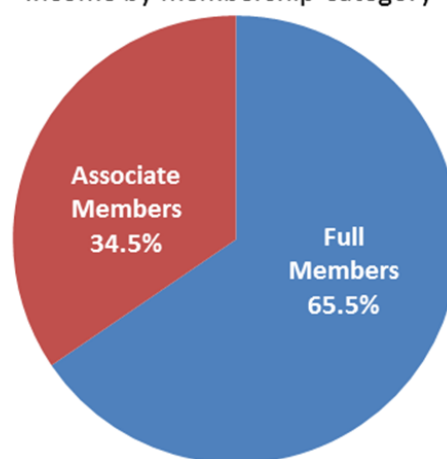
By 30th April 2019, EBLIDA had 2 sponsors, of which 2 bronze sponsors.

The membership and income structure are displayed in two pie charts below:

% of paying members per category



Income by membership category



EBLIDA acquired 1 new member since May 2018:

1 New Associate Member
The Netherlands, Utrecht Public Library.

3 cancellations (by request and subject to approval by the Council) effective in 2018 have been received from Full Member ADBU and 2 Associate members L'Alpha Médiathèque in France and Serbian Library Association.

We have received further cancellations effective from 2020 :

Full Member

UK CILIP The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

Associate Members

Belgium Bibnet (merged to form Cultuurconnect)
 Ireland Mayo County Library
 Belgium European Parliament
 Hungary Central European University Library

2B) MEMBERSHIP FEES

For the year 2019, the membership fees have been rounded up to the closest amount, apart from the Dutch members, because of the tax amount of €9,30.

| EBLIDA MEMBERSHIP FEES 2018 | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------|------------------|
| NON-Dutch Members | | | | | |
| Band | ANP Turnover € | Membership Fee 2018 € | Membership Fee 2019 | VAT | Total due 2019 € |
| A | 0-25.000 | 625.00 | 656 | | 656.00 |
| B | 25.001-100.000 | 1,525.00 | 1.601 | | 1,601.00 |
| C | 100.001-250.000 | 2,750.00 | 2.888 | | 2,888.00 |
| D | 250.001-350.000 | 3,910.00 | 4.106 | | 4,106.00 |
| E | 350.001-500.000 | 5,005.00 | 5.256 | | 5,256.00 |
| F | 500.001 or more | 5,950.00 | 6.248 | | 6,248.00 |
| G (Associate) | | 520.00 | 546 | | 546.00 |
| Dutch Members | | | | | |
| Band | ANP Turnover € | Membership Fee 2018 € | Membership Fee 2019 | VAT | Total due 2019 € |
| A | 0-25.000 | 625.00 | 656 | 9.30 | 665.30 |
| B | 25.001-100.000 | 1,525.00 | 1.601 | 9.30 | 10.90 |
| C | 100.001-250.000 | 2,750.00 | 2.888 | 9.30 | 12.19 |
| D | 250.001-350.000 | 3,910.00 | 4.106 | 9.30 | 13.41 |
| E | 350.001-500.000 | 5,005.00 | 5.256 | 9.30 | 14.56 |
| F | 500.001 or more | 5,950.00 | 6.248 | 9.30 | 15.55 |
| G (Associate) | | 520.00 | 546 | 9.30 | 555.30 |

3. EBLIDA ACTIVITIES

3A EBLIDA ACTIVITIES 2018

EBLIDA's tasks are defined in the Constitution, articles 2 and 3.

2018 was a transition period for EBLIDA since Director Vincent Bonnet left the organisation at the end of July 2018.

EBLIDA President thanked Vincent on behalf of the Executive Committee and EBLIDA Members for his work. During almost 8 years, the Executive Committee members have worked in close cooperation with Vincent and he has done an excellent job for the Association. He worked hard in the lobbying and advocacy field.

In order to provide for continuity, the Executive Committee agreed that Jean-Marie Reding, Treasurer of EBLIDA (Luxembourgish librarians', archivists' and documentalists' association - ALBAD, Luxembourg) acts as interim Secretary of EBLIDA for 4 Months.

Director's position requirements, job description and advertisement were prepared by the President & Interim Secretary, together with the Executive Committee and for the announcement of the vacancy: the search for a new Director as of January 2019.

The Executive Committee approved the Selection Board that was in charge of interviewing the candidates. Members of this Selection Board were: Ton van Vlimmeren (President) Stefano Parise (Vice-President), Jean-Marie Reding (Interim Secretary & Treasurer) and Majella Cunnane (Officer).

Interviews took place in September in The Hague and the Selection Board strongly suggested to hire Giuseppe Vitiello, who fulfilled all the criteria for the role of the Director. The Executive Committee agreed and Giuseppe Vitiello took up his post from 1st of January 2019.

Nevertheless, EBLIDA managed to organised four Executive Committee meetings (in Utrecht, Brussels and Napoli) and to deal with daily duties.

IFLA WLIC Kuala Lumpur, August



The IFLA World Library and Information Congress Transform Libraries, Transform Societies took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (see <https://2018.ifla.org/>)

EBLIDA participated in the Management of Library Association Section Satellite meeting Advocacy in Action. Success for library advocacy worldwide on Wednesday, August 23, 2018 from 9:00 to 16:00. The event was hosted by the National Library of Malaysia.

EBLIDA participated in the business meetings of Copyright and other legal matters, and also attended an MLAS standing committee meeting and a Public Libraries standing committee meeting.

One of the highlights of the Congress was the 1st European Caucus ever.

Built on the initial idea suggested by Stefano Parise (EBLIDA Vice-President) during the Brussels EC meeting of October 2017, the event was built jointly by Public Libraries 2020 and EBLIDA and has been given life thanks to the work of Erik Boekestein (National Library of the Netherlands).

EBLIDA was represented by past-Director, Vincent Bonnet, Vice-President Stefano Parise and Executive Board Members, Steen Bording Andersen and Alicia Selles participated at the event.

Generation Code, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium, 7-8 October 2018;



This was the fourth edition of Generation Code: Born at the Library – the interactive exhibition showcasing the top innovative digital exhibits from public libraries across the EU. <http://meplibrarygroup.eu/index.php/2018/11/09/gencode/>

The event took place during [Europe Code Week](#) looking at how future technologies are interacting with libraries across

Europe.

All EBLIDA EC members, except 1, participated, as the EBLIDA EC Autumn meeting was organised in conjunction with this event, so that EC members could meet with MEPs from their countries.

Other members of EBLIDA's Executive Committee represented EBLIDA at the following events:

- Giuseppe Vitiello, EBLIDA Director
 - OBA Conference, February 2019;
 - INET France, April 2019;
 - AHL Conference, Budapest, April 2019;
 - Next Library Conference, Aarhus, June 2019.

- Ton van Vlimmeren, EBLIDA President
 - Next Library Conference Berlin September 2018;
 - Brussels Generation Code November 2018;
 - OBA Conference, February 2019;
 - Next Library Conference, Aarhus, June 2019.

- Stefano Parise, Vice-President
 - IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Kuala Lumpur, 2018;
 - Hangzhou, China CEEC Library Curator's forum, 20 to 21st October 2018;
 - Brussels Generation Code 7-8 October 2018;
 - Sofia, Bulgaria for Global Libraries Bulgaria Foundation Annual Conference.

- Jean-Marie Reding (EBLIDA EC Member):
 - Belgian Documentation Day "Inforum" in Brussels, 24.05.2018
 - 107. Deutscher Bibliothekartag (German Library Day), Berlin, 12.-15.06.2018
 - Schweizer Bibliothekskongress (Swiss Library Congress), Montreux, 29.-31.08.2018
 - Generation Code, EP Brussels, 09.10.2018
 - D-A-CH-S-Tagung (Congress of German speaking countries), München/Munich, 13.– 14.02.2019
 - 108. Deutscher Bibliothekartag, Leipzig, 18.-21.03.2019
 - 38. Jahreshauptversammlung des Bibliotheksverbands Südtirol (Gen. Council of the Library Assoc. South Tyrol), Bozen/Bolzano, 04.05.2019

- Steen Bording Andersen (EC Member):
 - IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Kuala Lumpur, 2018.
 - Generation Code Brussels, 8-9 October 2018.

- Marina Encheva EC Member
 - Generation Code Brussels, 8-9 October 2018.
 - European Conference on Information Literacy, Oulu, Finland 24-27/09/18.

- Barbara Lison
 - German Library Congress in Leipzig (March 18-21, 2019)

- Foresight-Session for the development of the Russian Public Libraries in Archangelsk (October 6, 2018)

3C ACTIVITIES 2019

Starting from 2019, January 1st, a new Director, Giuseppe Vitiello took office. From January to June 2019, these have been his main tasks:

- 3C(i) Follow up to the Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market;
- 3C(ii) Preparation of the EBLIDA 2019-2022 Strategic Plan;
- 3C(iii) Consultation about, and presentation of, the EBLIDA 2019-2022 Strategic Plan;
- 3C(iv) Preparation of the EBLIDA institutional meetings
- 3C(v) Communication

3C(I) FOLLOW UP TO THE DIRECTIVE ON COPYRIGHT IN THE DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET

In March 2019 the Copyright Directive was approved by the European Parliament. It includes explicitly exceptions in favour of libraries and educational / cultural institutions, namely:

- Articles 3 and 4 provide mandatory exceptions for research organisations, cultural heritage institutions and other users to carry out text and data mining,
 - Article 5 encourages cross-border teaching activities,
 - Article 6 provides a mandatory exception for digital preservation of cultural heritage;
- Articles 8-12 facilitate licensing (with a mandatory fallback exception) for the mass digitisation and making available of out-of-commerce works by cultural heritage institutions.

3C(II) PREPARATION OF THE EBLIDA 2019-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

EBLIDA 2019-2022 SP is divided into four Strands:

- i) The Political Level,
- ii) The Legislative Framework,
- iii) Policy-making for Libraries, and
- iv) The Socio-Educational impact of Libraries.

Each of these Strands goes together with several flagship projects. Strand number 1 “The Political Level” is associated with the promotion of a *Library Manifesto for Europe*, targeted at new MEPs. Strand number 2 “The Legislative Framework” concerns library activities on copyright on the one hand, and library acts or bills pivoting national library policies with the

revision of the Council of Europe-EBLIDA Guidelines on Library Legislation and Policy, approved in 2000. Strand number 3 “Policy-making” is associated with the setting up of library qualitative indicators in addition to the quantitative indicators linked with document circulation that are normally used to evaluate libraries and library collections. Strand number 4 “The Socio-educational impact of libraries”, is associated with the project LBY-LHY (Learn By Yourself, the Library will Help You), where libraries create and maintain aggregations of educational materials online in open access useful for the development of literacy and informal (self-) learning.

3C(III) CONSULTATION ABOUT, AND PRESENTATION OF, THE EBLIDA 2019-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN;

The 2019-2022 draft Strategic Plan was approved by the EBLIDA Executive meeting in Naples. Since then, consultation took place in order to get feedback from Members and other partners. Various institutions in the Netherlands (Library Association, Royal Library), Norway, (National Library, Norwegian Library Association), Italy (Library Associations, the Association for the development of UN Sustainable Development Goals) and France (Thionville Library, INET) were consulted. It clearly emerged the need to link EBLIDA objectives to catalysts that are going to play a big role in the near future: apart from “Active participation and the struggle for an equitable and democratic society” as well as copyright, two catalysts are going to play a big role: UN SDGs and Artificial Intelligence.

3C(IV) PREPARATION OF EBLIDA MEETINGS.

Two EC meetings, in Naples (4.3.2019) and Dublin (24.6.2019) have been prepared by the Secretariat, as well as an Annual Council (Dublin, 24.6.2019). The EBLIDA-NAPLE Annual Conference was also prepared as a result of a joint EBLIDA-LGMA (Ireland) collaboration. It includes two panels and, in the afternoon, a reflection on the potential of the EBLIDA Strategic Plan.

3C(V) COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS 2018-2019

The monthly EBLIDA newsletter regularly informed all members. The service of providing a fortnightly newsletter, with the mission of get some added value to the members only (i.e. information that is not public, usually on strategic matters, activities to be launched, etc.), should be reconsidered. It may be replaced with consultation through a Monkey Surveys whenever this is needed.

According to the 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.

3C(VI) EBLIDA COMMUNICATION

Internal communication

- a) Annual Conference.
- b) EBLIDA EC;
- c) Emails;
- d) Eight permanent mailing lists (EBLIDA-List, EC, Full Members, Associate Members, EGIL, EGCS, EBLIDA-strategy and Marrakesh-EU);
- e) Ad hoc mailing lists (like EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference).

External Communications



Newsletter

The EBLIDA Newsletter, edited by the EBLIDA team, remains an important communication tool relating news about EBLIDA and its related European issues. It is published eleven times a year on every second Thursday of the month

(except in August). The subscribers pool of the newsletter grew from 1,064 registered email addresses to 1,149. Archives of all newsletters are accessible via the website.

Discussion Lists

Next to our existing 8 Mailing lists EBLIDA is hosting now a new list called "Marrakesh-EU": an electronic discussion list for library and visually impaired people's organisations on implementing Marrakesh Treaty legislation in EU Member States. EBLIDA joint with IFLA is engaged to provide a safe forum for members to seek advice from experts on the legislation and other proposals to ensure that their countries are taking the best possible approach.

Social Media



Twitter

To be part of the conversation in the digital space we continued to reach to our audiences through Twitter. We utilize these platforms to raise visibility of the association, to

communicate, to connect and to build tighter relationships with partner organisations. By April 2019 @eblida had 2,652 followers (compared to 2,128 in 2018) and continues to grow.



Facebook

Facebook is part of the multi-channel communication strategy of our Association as well, to cross-promote our web content and to share resources, events that might be interesting to our audiences.

To date, we have reached 1,546 followers compared to 1,254 in 2018.



Flickr

To increase our visibility online and to reach a much wider audience, we store, show & share our events photos on Flickr.

The platform currently has 28 Albums and 2,820 photos compared to last year 20 Albums and 2,411 photos. (Special thanks to our Treasurer, J.-M. Reding, for providing most of the pictures)



Tumblr

EBLIDA blog is an online public platform where anybody can post articles. It is used to improve EBLIDA's organic search visibility and to interact, share and exchange ideas to build & foster relationships with members and potential members and anyone who might have an affinity

for the Association.



Pinterest

Pinterest - an interactive bulletin board - is another broadcasting extension of our organization.

The goal is to connect with people who share the same interests as EBLIDA and encourage them to engage & support our Activities. Currently, we have 2.1K Monthly viewers.

4. RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

4A) COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE

The 26th Annual EBLIDA Council meeting was held Wednesday, 30th May 2018 in Strasbourg. The Council meeting welcomed 47 people, of which 20 representing 28 Full Members (incl. proxy) and 20 representing 20 Associate Members (incl. proxy).

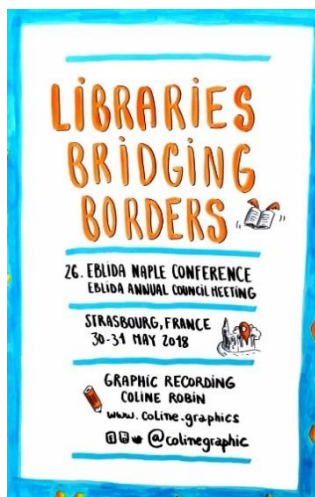
All of the 10 Executive Committee members eventually made the meeting – despite adverse weather conditions causing delays for some.

The Strasbourg Council minutes were approved by the Executive Committee during the Brussels meeting in October 2018 for posting to members. The minutes have been uploaded on the member web space online to be approved at the 27th Annual Council meeting in Dublin on 24th of June 2019.

The 26th Annual EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference programme was prepared in cooperation with NAPLE and Strasbourg with the very kind help of INET in Strasbourg.

EBLIDA-NAPLE 2018 CONFERENCE LIBRARIES BRIDGING BORDERS

The conference theme *Libraries bridging borders* attracted a great number of participants with almost 100 people attending the event.



The [programme](#) kicked off with a real prospective view from the keynote speaker Prof. Chris Welch (ISU) followed by an active panel discussion with Kathrin Merkle (CoE), Jukka Relander (Outgoing EBLIDA President) and Tine Vind (NAPLE Chair).

The second session provided practical insight into the role of librarians in a cross border environment, and the last session offered a good variety of workshops to choose from.

The third part of the conference was split into 3 different workshops where participants were actively engaged in sharing ideas, best practices and experiences.

The workshops namely addressed:

- Regional collaboration driving global visibility to a worldwide audience (OCLC).
- Copyright literacy in a cross-border environment, a workshop to improve copyright literacy in European libraries. For this one, read the report from Jane Secker [here](#).

- The Multicultural Library, a model for Europe, an Erasmus + strategic partnership workshop to exchange practices and ideas.

4B) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee members (listed at the beginning of the Annual Report in the section “People”) met at the following meetings:

The Netherlands, Utrecht Public Library, 5 July 2018;
Brussels, Generation Code Event and EBLIDA EC meeting, 8th Oct 2018;
Italy, Napoli, 4th March 2019.

Minutes of these meetings have been shared with EBLIDA Members through the 27th Council’s secure website.

4C) 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, 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.

4D) EXPERT GROUPS

Expert Groups and Working Groups provide advice and recommendations to the Executive Committee, President and Director and help decide on actions on various points related to their area of expertise.

Expert Group on Information Law (EGIL)

The [Expert Group on Information Law](#)¹ provides input, advice and representation for EBLIDA's policy and advocacy with lawmakers and other actors concerning copyright and related rights and other information law relevant to libraries, including advising on relevant draft policy documents for endorsement by the Executive Committee.

In the last year since June 2018, the Group collaborated online and met in person in February 2019 to discuss the major European copyright reform legislation then approaching [adoption](#)², national [transpositions](#)³ due 11 October 2018 of the [Marrakesh Directive \(EU\) 2017/1564](#)⁴ and implementation of the [Marrakesh Regulation \(EU\) 2017/1563](#)⁵ that came into force in Member States on the same day, [positive developments](#)⁶, including official [WIPO regional meetings](#)⁷ during 2019, with regard to the library, archive, museum and educational and research sectors' campaign on international copyright exceptions at WIPO SCCR, and other national and international issues.

During the year, the Group's Chair, Barbara Stratton and EBLIDA's previous Director, Vincent Bonnet, worked closely in the pan-European copyright coalition formed in 2016 with EBLIDA's partners, the European University Association (EUA), Europeana, IFLA, LIBER, SPARC Europe, COAR, EIFL and Science Europe to address relevant EU legislative proposals affecting the digital environment for libraries, starting with the [Copyright in the Digital Single Market Directive \(EU\) 2019/790](#)⁸ (also known as the 'DSM Directive'), which, for Europe's libraries and its cultural, educational and research sectors in general, was the most important copyright Directive since 2001.

This coalition's excellent collaboration, strategies and swift actions taken during the 2½ year legislative passage of the DSM Directive, plus the ability of some of its members to field Brussels meetings in person, were instrumental in its obtaining very good progressive outcomes in this legislation for all kinds of European libraries. The DSM Directive came into force on 7 June 2019 and is to be transposed by Member States by 7 June 2021. The copyright coalition will continue to work together to advise and facilitate knowledge sharing between European colleagues as the Directive is transposed into national laws during the next two years, and to undertake future lobbying and advocacy activities with the EU institutions in Brussels.

¹ [http://www.eblida.org/about-eblida/expert-groups/expert-group-on-information-law-\(egil\).html](http://www.eblida.org/about-eblida/expert-groups/expert-group-on-information-law-(egil).html)

² <http://www.eblida.org/news/final-stretch-for-the-digital-single-market.html>

³ <https://www.ifla.org/node/91897?og=29>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1508244987458&uri=CELEX:32017L1564>

⁵ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2017.242.01.0001.01.ENG

⁶ <https://www.ifla.org/node/91732?og=29>

⁷ <https://www.ifla.org/node/92012?og=29>

⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/790/oj>

5. RISKS

In the middle term, possible risks for EBLIDA mainly come from its fragile financial situation. Additional income, generated by an annual conference, cannot be expected in 2019. Income coming from workshops, is also irregular. The loss of two important full members and their fees (estimated 6.000-8.000 Euro) could affect EBLIDA finances as early as December 2019. An anticipated reaction, which means increasing the membership fees from the 1st of January, 2020, to be approved and hopefully not rejected by the Council in Dublin in June 2019, is necessary. The high goal of gaining 15 new members in 2018, planned by the membership campaign starting in 2017, couldn't be realised due to the transitional period.

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