INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report 2022 – 2023 covers the period from 1 May 2022 to 1 April 2023.

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 31st EBLIDA Annual Council, 17th of April, 2023 in Luxembourg.
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, 1 Project Officer part time, and 1 Communications Officer, part time.

- Annual budget of 150.205 Euro (2023 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 / partners with: IFLA, Copyright for Creativity, ASviS, and is allied with Newsguard, PL2030 and NAPLE.

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MISSION

EBLIDA’s mission is:

- to promote a sustainable society where citizens in Europe enjoy freedom of expression and free access to information, education and culture;
- to engage libraries in maintaining a high level of democratic participation of all European citizens in the political debate based on verified information in order to reinforce social cohesion, individual accomplishment and economic development;
- to advocate for equitable access to library collections and resources by pursuing a strategy of sustainable copyright.

OBJECTIVES

Taking stock of EBLIDA’s past achievements and Members’ expectations, these are the objectives of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan:

1. To pursue the facilitation of networking and knowledge sharing between members, focusing on the strategic objectives of sustainability, democratic participation and equal access to information, and
2. To advocate for libraries and their work at a European level and support advocacy at the national and local level.
EBLIDA MEMBERS

EBLIDA is a membership-based organisation, focusing 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 increase in members from 115 members at the end of April 2022 to 122 at the end of March 2023.

EBLIDA’s membership consists of 38 Full Members and 84 Associate Members distributed over the European Continent.

At the end of 2022, EBLIDA updated its sponsorship/partnership package. By the end of March 2023, EBLIDA had 2 Silver Sponsors, OCLC and MLOL.

NEW EBLIDA MEMBERS 2022 – 2023

Since June/July 2022, EBLIDA has acquired 1 new Full Member and 8 new Associate Members

Full Member
Italy, Rete Delle Reti, Network of Networks

Associate Members 2022-2023
Czech Republic, National Library
Finland, CELIA, Saavutettavuuskirjasto Celia, Accessibility Library Celia
Germany, Chemnitz Public Library
Netherlands, Stichting Bibliotheek Rotterdam, Public Library Rotterdam
Netherlands, Bibliotheek Hogeveen / The Alignment House
Portugal, School Libraries Network of the Ministry of Education
Portugal, Municipal Library of Oeiras
Spain, IE University Library (rejoined after 1 year)

CANCELLATIONS 2022-2023
The Netherlands – Dedicon
The Netherlands – Public Library Utrecht

DISMISSALS 2022-2023
France, ADBVG
Poland, Polish Library Association

Members are liable to dismissal or suspension:
1. if, without the consent of the Executive Committee, they have one year arrears of payment of membership fee;
2. if they no longer fulfil other conditions for admission to membership.
Membership fees increased in 2023 by 5% according to a decision approved during last year’s Council meeting in Athens. Below is a table with Full and Associate members fees listed by Non-Dutch and Dutch category. These are categorised because members from the Netherlands pay a small publication tax.

### Non Dutch Membership Fees 2023

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### Dutch Membership Fees 2023

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ACTIVITIES 2022-2023

1. Executive Committee activities

Since last June, the EBLIDA Executive Board has met as follows:
19-21st September, 2022, Évora Portugal
28th November, 2022, Online meeting
20th February, 2023, Online meeting

After each meeting, a list of decisions is sent to EBLIDA Members.
In 2022-2023, the EBLIDA executive board has worked on many topics including:

- Advising and mandating the Secretariat on potential and current projects;
- Working on the EBLIDA / Council of Europe Recommendation on Library Legislation and Policy in Europe;
- Working on the European Union’s work plan for culture 2023-2026;
- Revamping the EBLIDA website;
- Approving the 2022 and revised 2023 budgets and 2022 financial report;
- Reviewing EBLIDA expert groups and working groups.

EBLIDA President’s activities 2022 and planned activities 2023

2022
June   FELNET conference Brussels, Belgium
July   IFLA WLIC Dublin, Ireland
September   EBLIDA Executive Committee Meeting, Portuguese library conference Évora
November   EU Parliament meeting MEPs, Brussels, Belgium
December   Presentation Annual Meeting Dutch Library Association Arnhem, Netherlands

2023
January   Expedition libraries/Brede Bieb Bolsward Netherlands
January   European commission Brussels
March   EU Authors day Sofia
May   Next library Aarhus, Denmark
May   Biblicon German library conference, Hannover, Germany
May   EU culture commission Brussels
July   Rotterdam IFLA WLIC

2. Secretariat activities

Projects
EBLIDA’s strategy in 2022-2023 consisted of including the organisation as Partner in a number of projects submitted to the European Commission (several projects). In one case, this effort was successful: the RL:EU project (coordinator: PL2030 + PINA partner) was awarded an Erasmus + grant. As coordinator, EBLIDA has submitted BUEL (Books from Ukraine through European Libraries) with Ukrainian and Italian partners within the framework of Creative Europe.
# Activities linked with the implementation of the EBLIDA Strategic Plan 2022-2025

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<td><strong>A. Implementation of the 2030 Agenda on sustainable development in libraries</strong></td>
<td>Feed the EBLIDA Matrix and SDG-KIC tools with the materials resulting from the EBLIDA 2nd report on sustainable development and European libraries;</td>
<td>Done (also feeding E-PANEMA)</td>
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<td>Organise meetings with the ELSIA group as needed;</td>
<td>Done; ELSIA should be confirmed with a different scope</td>
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<td>Gather elements and data for the preparation of the 3rd European report on sustainable development and libraries.</td>
<td>Done (Update was done)</td>
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<td><strong>B. Approval by the Council of Europe and monitoring of the Council of Europe-EBLIDA Guidelines (now Recommendation) on Library legislation and policy in Europe</strong></td>
<td>Collaborate with the Council of Europe in undertaking the necessary procedures leading to the approval of the Guidelines;</td>
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<td>Disseminate the Guidelines in as many EBLIDA Member countries as needed;</td>
<td>Done (The Recommendation was the object of remarks made by the delegates of no less than 18 countries)</td>
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<td>Set up the appropriate structure intending to monitor the implementation of the Guidelines in EBLIDA member countries.</td>
<td>LIBLEG should be confirmed with a different scope</td>
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<td><strong>C. Implementation of e-lending in European libraries</strong></td>
<td>Prepare a detailed synthesis of the first report on e-lending in European libraries;</td>
<td>Done in the form of Recommendations</td>
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<td>Extend the report to several EBLIDA member countries, such as Finland, Ireland, The Netherlands and Sweden;</td>
<td>Done (attempts to include Sweden were made; Belgium was chosen instead)</td>
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<td>Disseminate the First European Report in as many EBLIDA Member countries as needed.</td>
<td>Done</td>
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<td>Prepare an enhanced version of the report to be presented to the EBLIDA Annual Council in 2023.</td>
<td>Done; LIBIL should be confirmed with a different scope</td>
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<td><strong>Communication activities</strong></td>
<td>Initiate activities aimed to revamp the EBLIDA website and improve communication with internal and external stakeholders.</td>
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<td><strong>Further activities</strong></td>
<td>Proposals were made to involve EBLIDA in EU-funded projects. One attempt (RL:EU) was successful</td>
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COMMUNICATION WITH THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

The monthly EBLIDA newsletter regularly informed all members. In 2022 and until the end of March 2023, EBLIDA Newsletters were released on a monthly basis (except August) and through social media. The Annual Council is once again held in person this time in Luxembourg on 17th of April, 2023.

The secretariat regularly sends e-mail correspondence to EBLIDA members mailing lists, with information considered to be relevant to the library and information community, updating members on EBLIDA activities and projects.

As according to 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

**EBLIDA Conference and meeting attendance 2022 and 2023**

In order to increase EBLIDA visibility and disseminate the results of EBLIDA projects, the EBLIDA Director, Giuseppe Vitiello attended a number of library conferences all over Europe. Most importantly, he was invited to speak at the Council of Europe (November 2022) on the Recommendation on Library legislation and policy and at the European Parliament (March 2023) on “The Future of the Book report” (Rapporteur: MEP Thomasz Frankowski). A number of meetings with the European Commission (Creative Europe programme) were also held.

Within the framework of the RL:EU project, EBLIDA promoted a series of events on how to access EU programmes. EBLIDA has increased its visibility in Portugal, Italy, Latvia and Romania; its presence remains steady in all other European countries.

**EBLIDA President’s contribution 2022 & 2023**
IFLA WLIC, July 2022, Dublin, Ireland
EBLIDA EC, Évora, Portugal, EBLIDA EC, September 2022
European Parliament Meeting, 9th November, Strasbourg
Breda Bieb (library), The Netherlands, 17th January 2023
Next Library Conference, Aarhus, 14-16 May 2023

INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

a) Annual Council;
b) EBLIDA EC;
c) E-mails;
d) EBLIDA maintains seven permanent mailing lists:
EBLIDA-List: (540 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 wider European library community

EBLIDA-EC: Executive Committee Member list (Restricted to EC Members and their substitutes)

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.

Three Ad hoc topic-oriented internal mailing lists:

- EBLIDA-Conference
- EBLIDA-strategy and
- EBLIDA-communications

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

NEWSLETTER

In the last 12 months we produced 11 issues of the EBLIDA newsletter which included articles on major library events, updates from the EBLIDA Expert Groups, EBLIDA studies & publications, the draft Recommendation of Library legislation and policy in Europe. Articles were published on SDG-oriented policies in Europe, Sustainability in Access to Information, EBLIDA and Ukraine, E-Lending, Library legislation and policy in Europe, Media literacy, Sustainable Society and much much more.

Archive of the Newsletter is available [here](#).

The EBLIDA Newsletter remains an important communication tool relating news about EBLIDA and its associated European issues. Drafted by Giuseppe Vitiello, the newspaper is also edited by Majella Cunnane and Inês Ferreira and published by Sophie Felföldi.

The Newsletter is distributed via MailChimp to subscribers, posted on the website and announced in the news feed of EBLIDA’s Social Media platforms shortly after distribution. Our current subscription base is 1,304.

SOCIAL MEDIA

EBLIDA uses social media to communicate with its members and with the wider library community in Europe.

Our social media audience is primarily composed of library and information science professionals, students, as well as policymakers, MPs and other government officials interested in the field.
Content:

EBLIDA’s social media content is mostly informative and educational. We share news and updates about EBLIDA and other member and non-member organisations, events, highlights and other relevant news/updates related to the library and information sector in Europe.

Tailored to our audience, we provide relevant information and resources and also share articles, publications and research papers related to library and information science.

Platforms:

EBLIDA is active on several social media platforms, including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Flickr. These platforms are used to reach out to different audiences and share different types of content.

EBLIDA’s Twitter account has over 3,600 followers and receives a high level of engagement with our content. We share news and updates, as well as engaging with followers by responding to their comments, retweeting relevant content from other organisations and individuals.

EBLIDA is also active on Facebook, where it has over 2,000 followers. The platform shares similar content to what is shared on Twitter, as well as sharing photos and other multimedia content related to our events and activities.

EBLIDA’s use of Flickr is mainly for promotional purposes, to tell visual stories about our work, events, meetings, conferences and advocacy efforts.

These photos provide a window into the world of EBLIDA, its members related to our work and initiatives. Flickr helps EBLIDA to raise awareness about our work, to give our Members & Colleagues a sense of belonging. It is part of our brand building effort as well to reinforce our identity and build recognition among our audience.

We have 33 Albums with more than 3,000 photos available.

EBLIDA uses YouTube as a platform to share video content that is relevant and valuable to our Members and target audience. We share recordings of events, presentations, webinars, interviews with a wide range of topics related to libraries, information, and documentation, copyright reform and digital preservation etc., to engage with our community and to promote our activities.

EBLIDA also shares these videos on social media platforms, such as Twitter and Facebook, for promotion and to increase our reach and visibility.

The 20 Videos published have had more than 2,000 views.
EBLIDA FINANCES AND BUDGET

The positive trend in 2021 with a profit of €12,711 was reversed somewhat in 2022 and the financial report showed a deficit of €9,604. This was less than the forecast deficit of €14,550. The main cause of the (planned) deficit is the allocation of financial resources needed for the new EBLIDA website.

An increase of 5% in 2023 membership fees has not fully absorbed the financial impact of rising costs. For 2023, membership fees will remain the same, to be reviewed for an increase in 2024.

For 2023 and 2024, EBLIDA’s financial situation is stabilised by the income from the RL:EU project and percentages of single items over the annual turnover show a positive trend.

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The EBLIDA communication officer and administrative officer both received an increase in salary in accordance with approval from the EBLIDA Executive Board. Due to the rising workload resulting from the RL:EU project, EBLIDA has recruited a project officer on a part time basis of 60%.

The contract of the EBLIDA Director was renewed for one more year. The Director is very actively travelling and this also impacts on the budget, since during Covid, travel expenses were minimal.

EBLIDA’s financial accountant checks and validates the EBLIDA bookkeeping 2ce a year and EBLIDA is compliant with Dutch fiscal and financial rules and regulations.

RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

EBLIDA COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE

The 31st Annual EBLIDA Council meeting will be held on 17th April in Luxembourg at the National Library. On the following 2 days, 18th and 19th of April, the EBLIDA Conference will take place, together with two additional events: an EBLIDA-NAPLE-PL2030 meeting and a RL:EU event.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The current EBLIDA Executive Committee members are listed earlier in this document and the current term is 2021-2024. EBLIDA Executive Committee members are elected for 3 years by the Council members during elections held at the Council meeting and may be re-elected for 1 further term.

During elections, 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.

Next year, 2024, there will again be changes in the Executive Committee. Those who have sat a second term may no longer serve on the Executive Committee. This means that as it currently stands, there will be at least 3 vacant seats on the EBLIDA Executive Committee from April 2024. Executive Committee members not wishing to continue for a second term, must inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

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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. 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.

• Inês M. Ferreira, EBLIDA Project Officer: Inês is a contracted consultant working for 0.6 FTE and has been hired to support the office with project work among other tasks.

EXPERT GROUPS


A sub-group of the LIBLEG Expert Group worked jointly with the Council of Europe Secretariat. As a result of hard work undertaken on the many comments addressed by several Council of Europe delegations, the Recommendation improved and is ready to be approved now by the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers. The Council of Europe invited the EBLIDA Director to present the draft Recommendation on Library Legislation and Policy to the CoE CDCPP.

The EGIL Group met on 2 December 2022 and several more times in smaller sessions. It also benefited from the support of the NAPLE Group on e-lending. Their outcome is the Handbook on comparative e-lending policies in European public libraries – a document that has been presented to European Institutions (European Parliament and European Commission) and has having an interesting impact in European libraries.

Giuseppe Vitiello
Director, EBLIDA

The Hague, May 2022

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