



## **EBLIDA Strategic Plan 2019-2022**

*Eblida: Advocating for the values of and requirements for establishing a strong library and information community in Europe.*

*The European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations is an independent umbrella association of library, information, documentation and archive associations and institutions in Europe.*

### **Vision**

**Eblida is the community hub for all library organizations in Europe striving towards an equitable, democratic and sustainable society.**

### **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.

## **EBLIDA Strategic Plan: Four strands**

***Strand One: The Political Level.*** Reading, information literacy and learning for all are core elements of human dignity and the personal responsibility of European citizens. EBLIDA will advocate that libraries are prioritized in all relevant European institutions and, in particular, within the European Parliament. In February 2019, EBLIDA co-signed the [Library Manifesto for Europe](#) with PL2030, LIBER and SPARC Europe – an initiative coordinated by IFLA. EBLIDA will support all initiatives initiated by European-oriented library organization aiming to increase the visibility of libraries with newly elected Members of European Parliament.

***Strand Two: The Legislative Framework.*** Appropriate legislative frameworks in Europe and in Member States must empower libraries to provide the citizens of Europe unhindered access to reliable information and knowledge in a digital society.

Copyright is a pervasive issue as it concerns future libraries' developments and strategies seamlessly. In cooperation with library associations and organisations, EBLIDA will make sure that, once approved, the EU Copyright Directive is applied without being detrimental to libraries' interests. EBLIDA specific actions on copyright should be linked with the general objectives of the EBLIDA Strategic Plan.

A good number of states in Europe are undergoing a transformation of their public library acts. EBLIDA's role will be essential in comparing legislation, exchanging good practices and suggesting appropriate regulations.

***Strand Three: Policy-Making.*** Library policy is not the same as library legislation; it is about library objectives, indicators and result evaluation. EBLIDA's acquis combined with an innovative methodology linked with the adoption of qualitative indicators will help create a European library infrastructure with a distinct identity in relation to aggregating industries. Where market fails, libraries must show their impact on European and national economic indicators.

***Strand Four: The Socio-Educational Impact.*** EBLIDA is fully committed to supporting informal learning in libraries, also paying attention to library products and services which may re-orient library missions and performances. EBLIDA will take action to support the diffusion of open access publications of educational material to be distributed in public as well as in academic libraries.