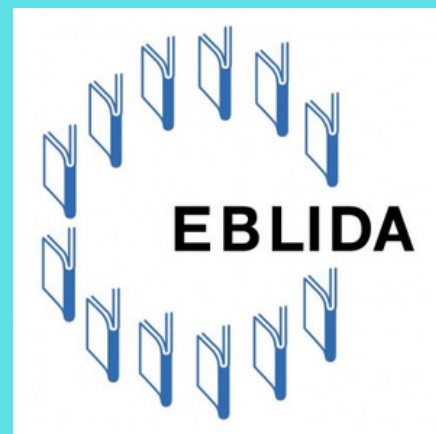


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STRATEGIC PLAN

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EBLIDA

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

Vision

EBLIDA is the community and networking hub for all library organisations in Europe striving towards a sustainable, democratic and equitable society.

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

Building further on EBLIDA's past achievements and Members' expectations, the 2022-2025

Strategic Plan will:

1. 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. advocate for libraries and their work at a European level and support advocacy at the national and local level.

EBLIDA as a hub for communication, connection, and networking

EBLIDA Members value being kept informed by EBLIDA through different communication channels. EBLIDA also strives to build and maintain a platform that allows for direct interaction between members. EBLIDA will expand and enlarge the library network by actively seeking partnerships with other organisations to facilitate knowledge sharing and networking through innovative projects and funding opportunities.

EBLIDA's commitment towards a sustainable society

Activities

EBLIDA will support Members working on a sustainable society by promoting a library agenda where cultural and educational objectives are aligned with sustainable development goals. In 2022-2025 EBLIDA will further develop the [EBLIDA SDG European House](#) as follows:

- Supporting Members in the development of a more cohesive and strong community by promoting sustainable development in culture and education delivered through the support provided by EBLIDA Members.
- Further enhancement of the tools already available to the library community, such as the [EBLIDA Matrix](#) and [SDG-Knowledge and Information Centre](#);
- Inspiring and exchanging good practices and other tools fostering EBLIDA's research and development activities and presentation and dissemination of SDG-oriented indicators;
- Delivering background information, overviews and recent insights, such as the European reports on sustainable development and libraries, with an emphasis on the financial support provided to SDG-oriented library projects;
- Training activities for EBLIDA Members through the organisation of conferences, workshops and consultancy sessions with fundraising objectives;
- A continuing effort to advocate for libraries on SDG-oriented policies and funding opportunities at European and national levels.

The EBLIDA SDG-approach

EBLIDA's approach is European, project-oriented and valid for small and big library associations and institutions, be they public, university, school or national.

The [EBLIDA Matrix](#) directly links the membership to SDG-oriented EU programmes. The [Knowledge and Information Centre - European 2030 Agenda for libraries](#) (SDG-KIC) will work as a model policy guide, both at European and national levels, to achieve the opportunity offered by the European 2030 Agenda. Advice and consultancy is provided by EBLIDA on the European Structural and Investment Funds.

Communication

Communication about EBLIDA SDG-oriented activities will be targeted to different categories of users so that libraries can benefit from existing and new products and services. EBLIDA's partnership with PL2030 and NAPLE will reinforce its role as clearing house for libraries willing to participate in EU-funded projects, including EU Structural Funds. EBLIDA will expand further with new partners on the results of cooperation with the National Library of Latvia.

EBLIDA's commitment towards a democratic society

Activities

- The revision of the 2000 '[Council of Europe-EBLIDA Guidelines on Library legislation and policy in Europe](#)', with advice and input from the LIBLEG Working Group, will support library associations in their key-role of revising library legislation in European nation states;
- Comparing legislation, exchanging good practices and suggesting appropriate regulations when European states review their (public library) acts and neighbouring legislation;
- Supporting implementation of the guidelines by international organisations and national governments through library associations;
- Sharing information between library organisations, supporting democracies through collection development activities and focusing on funding opportunities.

The EBLIDA approach on Library Legislation and Policy

Building upon the IFLA-UNESCO Manifesto for public and school libraries we created tailor-made Guidelines for Europe which take into account the recent European democratic history and the framework of the 1949 European Convention on Human Rights. Professional concepts for improved performative standards can be translated into cultural policies schemes, as those initiated by the Council of Europe, in full respect of minorities, cultural differences and diversity. Librarians and libraries will be enabled to advocate for new roles and positions.

Communication

EBLIDA promotes activities on legislation and on SDGs that support democratic development. EBLIDA will cooperate with PL 2030 and build an alliance on democracy-oriented activities for the benefit of all European libraries.

Communion to EBLIDA members will support the membership with advocacy and implementation tools.

EBLIDA's commitment towards an equitable society

Activities

EBLIDA's action in this field will consist of:

Undertaking comparative studies on e-lending in various European countries with the support of the EGIL Expert Group, resulting in the exchange of good practices and appropriate copyright implementation;

- Identifying specific challenges in the application of the European Directives and their national implementation;
- Advocating for a copyright regime where e-lending rules are applied at the national level to the advantage of libraries and related institutions. This is what EBLIDA terms sustainable copyright.

The EBLIDA approach on copyright and e-lending

EBLIDA wishes to build upon the rich network of public and university libraries and fully leverage the distributive power that libraries represent. EBLIDA will build strong relationships with publishers, rights holders and book-sellers to show how different business models and

examples can work within the framework of European copyright legislation and licensing standards.

Communication

EBLIDA will consult with its members to come to insights and fruitful approaches in the copyright and e-lending fields. We will partner with organisations prioritising cultural development and diversity in their strategic plans.

Advocacy

EBLIDA will, continue to advocate in the interest of libraries at the European level, working with institutions and stakeholders to strengthen the position and role of libraries in policies and budgets at both the local, regional and national level.

Cooperation

EBLIDA seeks cooperation with other European library organisations, including (though not exclusively) NAPLE, Public Libraries 2030 and LIBER to share data and information and further the position of libraries in the scope of society at large.

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