

Statement of Candidacy: Steen Bording Andersen (Denmark)

For EBLIDA Executive Committee 2015-2018

For me, the main reason to run for the EBLIDA Executive Committee is the need to work for citizens access to knowledge and information, whether it is physical or digital. I am a Danish politician and member of Aarhus City Council. Being the chairman of Aarhus' Committee for Cultural Affairs it is very important to me that we have a European organization lobbying and fighting for citizens' access to libraries. I strongly believe that libraries can change lives and empower people and will work for:

1. Access to knowledge, culture and information in digital formats via the libraries matching the access to printed and physical materials.
2. New e-models and business solutions - inspired by Danish experiences - developed in a stronger dialogue with European politicians and right-holders.
3. Libraries promoting awareness of digital democracy challenges such as mass surveillance.
4. Develop libraries role in order to empower people to take part in the democratic society.

As president of the Danish Library Association I believe strongly in public libraries as transformational institutions and as places open for all. A place you go to not because you have to, but because you want to. Places of information, inspiration, new learning, insight and understanding. Places stimulating citizenship.

CV

- 2014 -** President – the Danish Library Association
- 2014 -** Chairman – Culture Committee Aarhus City Council
- 2010-2014** Vice-chairman – Culture Committee
- 2010 -** President - the Danish Library Association *Region Midtjylland*
- 2005 -** Elected member - Aarhus City Council and member of the Culture Committee, as rapporteur concerning libraries and citizens service.



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