### Ownership and Financing

EBLIDA, a nonprofit association based in The Hague, Netherlands. The association, comprised of libraries and association of librarians from 34 European countries, is supported by membership fees, sponsorships, donations, and grants. Major sponsors have included global library cooperative OCLC and the Danish Library Center, a company that provides information technology to libraries.

EBLIDA’s 2018 budget was 122,340 euros, according to its annual report.

The website does not run advertisements.

### Content

As the official website of the European Bureau of Library Information and Documentation Associations, EBLIDA.org includes information about the organization’s mission and activities. The site, which is presented only in English, includes a monthly newsletter, housed in the site’s News section.

Newsletter content is sorted into sections including Op-eds, Focus, and Report. Each issue publishes five to 10 stories, including a commentary by the association’s president. The newsletter includes news relating to libraries and EBLIDA, along with articles about a specific topic, such as gender equality, human rights, and the fight against hunger.

Typical headlines have included “Library Ranking Europe – a project to rank European public libraries from a customer perspective,” “Focus on SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls,” and “What does Advocacy on Sustainable Development Goals mean for EBLIDA?”

The newsletter also includes a calendar listing major events related to libraries.

### Credibility

Newsletter articles are well sourced, drawn from government reports and statements from European governments, cultural institutions, nonprofit associations, and international organizations, including the European Union, the United Nations, and the European Internet Forum. Headlines accurately reflect the content.

Commentary is separated from news and labeled as opinion. Every newsletter leads off with a labeled op-ed written by the association’s president, while news articles are typically neutral in tone.

Topics covered in the newsletter are based on goals articulated by the EU 2030 Agenda, which itself is part of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — an international program with 17 “Sustainable Development Goals,” including climate action, gender equality, affordable and clean energy, and elimination of poverty.

Because the site discloses this agenda, and articles on these topics are typically balanced and measured, NewsGuard has determined that the site handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

The newsletter does not articulate a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections in the newsletter or on EBLIDA’s site.

In a phone interview with NewsGuard, EBLIDA Director Giuseppe Vitello said that he is working on developing a corrections policy.

### Transparency

The newsletter identifies its owner, EBLIDA, at the top of the newsletter and in copyright language at the bottom. EBLIDA.org discloses the names of its members and donors.

An About Us page on the site identifies the association’s leadership, but does not disclose who is in charge of the newsletter — which does not align with NewsGuard’s transparency criteria.
meet NewsGuard's standards for revealing who is in charge of editorial content.

Articles in the newsletter rarely name authors and do not provide content creators' biographical or contact information — which does not meet NewsGuard's standards for providing information about content creators.

Asked about the lack of disclosure regarding editorial leaders and content creators, Vitello said: "We want to meet your criteria in the next issue of the newsletter" ("Vogliamo adeguarci ai vostri criteri nelle prossime edizioni della newsletter").

Neither EBLIDA.org nor its newsletter run advertising.

**History**

EBLIDA was founded in 1992 in The Hague, Netherlands, and has 119 members from 36 countries on the European Continent.

The newsletter was launched in 2009.

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