



# Sustainable Development Goals and Libraries : First European Report

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## Four false myths

SDG-oriented library projects

- a) do not fall within the library's core mission,
- b) are of an environmental nature,
- c) concern mainly fiscal and legislative macro-policies and
- d) fit small-scale, locally based projects of demonstrative nature.

## SDG-oriented library projects (Examples)

SDG	Goal description	Library Project / Best Practice
1	No poverty	<p>Guidance and support to lift people out of poverty and integrate most deprived people better into society (4 cities in the Netherlands).</p> <p>An écrivain public regularly attends libraries to facilitates people with literacy problems in their administrative tasks, helping them fulfil their civil rights (France).</p>
2	Zero Hunger	<p>Agrolib project helps farmers with subsidies and incentives for agricultural development (Serbia and Romania).</p>
3	Good Health and Well-Being	<p>Production of 3D printed face masks during the Covid 19 crisis (Lithuania and to a lesser extent, also Portugal and France).</p> <p>Free book packages to babies aged six months and older (Belgium).</p> <p>Born to read, in collaboration with paediatric associations (Italy).</p> <p>Active Living Area, Citizen Science project transforming 80 ha of farmland and woods surrounding the SD University in a community driven outdoor living lab (Denmark).</p>

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### **Policies:**

- LV: Institutional policy
- FR and DE: Bottom-up implementation policies
- ES: Strategy on 7 SDGs: 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16 – a National Plan on SDG 5
- NL and DK: Metropolitan strategy, respectively, in 4 and 6 cities
- EBLIDA: EU refocussed programmes and policies and sources of funding to be found in Structural Funds

## SDG-oriented Library projects-services



- “Showcases”
- “Safe places”



- “Sustainable library ”
- Awareness activities



- Campaigns
- Exhibitions



- Digital literacy

## SDG-oriented Library projects-services



Green Library



Sustainable Library

### Indicators:

- Impact studies of relative relevance for SDGs;
- Should be based more on outcomes than outputs;
- Application of SDGs to libraries difficult to evaluate according to UN or Eurostat indicators;



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## The EBLIDA SDG European House



EBLIDA Members can use the *EBLIDA SDG European House* to develop appropriate advocacy narratives to be presented to elected members, administrators and granters.

Libraries are per se sustainable agencies. Everything they do, from support to culture and education to social activities oriented at people left behind, is an important contribution to the attainment of Sustainable Development Objectives. What libraries lack in terms of political communication is an administrative culture of sustainability, which is expressed through reporting systems, sustainable tools and services. EBLIDA intends to fill this gap in accordance with international Guidelines (for instance, the [OECD Guidelines](#)).

EBLIDA future action will be focused, among other objectives, on the reinforcement of the links between libraries and the communities they refer to through a Reporting System which includes EBLIDA communities, tools, services and training activities. The scheme is described in the following table.

## Related Teams

- ▶ [Working Group on European Libraries and Sustainability Assessment \(ELSA\)](#)
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### The EBLIDA Matrix



#### What is EBLIDA Matrix?

The EBLIDA Matrix is the EBLIDA contribution to the Europe 2030 Agenda. As the European Bureau of Library Associations, we are offering this service to European libraries - how to be involved in the implementation of the Europe 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



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## SDG 3: Good health and well-being

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-  1. EU Programmes likely to be relevant for libraries [+]
  -  2. Library Policies and Best Practices [+]
  -  3. Opportunities for library funding [+]
  -  4. Main Eurostat Indicators [+]
  -  5. Library Indicators [+]



*"Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages"*

#### Overview

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines health as 'a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity'. Good health is not only of value

to the individual as a major determinant of quality of life, well-being and social participation, it also contributes to general social and economic growth.

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