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Sustainable Development Goals and Libraries : First European Report

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Libraries and the 2030 Agenda

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

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>

SDG-oriented library policies

Policies:

- LV: Institutional policy
- FR and DE: Bottom-up implementation policies
- ES: Strategy on 7 SDGs: 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16
- 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

SDGs and Indicators: library activities

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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Activities

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The EBLIDA Matrix

Advocacy and Lobbying for libraries in Europe

Information Law

Knowledge and Information Centre (KIC)

EBLIDA Position Papers and Statements

Copyright reform

Marrakesh Treaty in Europe

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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.

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Related Teams

- ▶ [Working Group on European Libraries and Sustainability Assessment \(ELSA\)](#)
- ▶ [Expert Group on Information Law \(EGIL\)](#)

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Press Release: Think the unthinkable






25 September 2020: A post Covid-19 European Library Agenda meeting Sustainable Development Goals and funded through the European Structural and Investment



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SDG 3: Good health and well-being



-  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 [+]

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



"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.

EBLIDA Matrix

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.



Thank you for your attention!

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