EBLIDA Post-Covid 19 context setting

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A European Library Agenda for the post-Covid 19 Age


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A Survey was sent to Library Associations Members of EBLIDA

(February 2020 and May 2021)
Covid 19: were European libraries in lockdown?

Fast and impetuous development of the digital library and the socially inclusive library.
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Five new normals:

1. Exponential social distancing: a well-connected two-meter library;
2. Technologies are mutating and shaping libraries in new ways;
3. Uncharted economic territory: review the library budget composition;
4. Library governance at central and local levels;
5. Do not forget the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.
A socially inclusive library:

- Covid-19 related information produced by governmental authorities (fight to fake news),
- 'Community Call’ services delivered via phone, text, email and through platforms;
- Use of social media to offer story time (also for library exchange and (re-)use of digital products);
- advanced social services for the elderly and vulnerable (storytelling);
- provision of face masks through 3D printers.
After the two-meter society:
what will happens in terms of library architecture, library security?
A more flexible library
Were services implemented during the first pandemic outbreak (March- May 2020) also maintained in the months following May 2020?
Do you feel that reading patterns have evolved during the pandemic?
Technologies are mutating and shaping libraries in new ways

The digital library boosted

- not only in quantity, also in quality:
- self-learning, content on demand, music, press, e-books;
- workshops, talk shows and lectures through live streaming;
- moderate increase in academic and libraries.
Digital services in public libraries increased...
Quality of the relationship between publishers and libraries:

• will prices for digital publications level off in spite of the library’s increasing demand?

• Agreement between the National Library of Latvia and the Latvian Authors’ Association (e-periodicals and e-books).
Were new forms of copyright contracts experienced during 2020?

Yes, new forms of agreements
No change at all
Yes, but they will terminate at the end of pandemic
Don't know
Was the budget allocated to libraries affected during the pandemic?

- Yes, substantially
- Yes, but in a moderate way
- No change
- Don't know
Library budgets did not suffer in 2020-21, but libraries remain vulnerable:

- library income generated at local level;
- their inelastic nature. Hence:
- diversification of funding for libraries;
- promotion of the new framework of the European 2030 Agenda for SD.

EBLIDA focus on European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) 2021-2027.
Did libraries cooperate with Non-cultural/ educational agencies, NGOs and private sector?
Library governance at central and local levels

Traditional on site, centralised and local activities.

Uncoordinated, spontaneous with library associations often taking the lead.

Digital services require centralised library governance.

Libraries cooperated with GAs and NGOs other than education/culture.

Need to review existing models of library governance.
Stopping factories or car usage did not stop the decline of the planet; The implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development has to go on, despite and perhaps because of the Covid-19 crisis.
Are libraries in your country thinking of filing application(s) within ESIF?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
A consultancy service reserved to our Members

- Transfer of competence about SDGs and ESIF
- Exchange of best practices (EBLIDA Conference, 11 June)
- Internationalisation of national projects.
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Tools

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.

Related Teams
- Working Group on European Libraries and Sustainability Assessment (ELSIA)

NEWS

June

02 June 2020: A fully-fledged concept apt to frame libraries work into the broader and reaching scope of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in European Libraries. Read more...
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- Section One: A selection of EU programmes for SDGs;
- Section Two: Library policies covering each SDG;
- Section Three: Funding opportunities for Libraries
- Section Four: Main Eurostat SDG indicators;
- Section Five: Library Indicators - how they can match SDG indicators.
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Tools

http://www.eblida.org/activities/sdg-kic/
European Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027 – A Guide for Library Applicants

Thank you for your attention!

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