Highlights of the EBLIDA
2nd European Report of Sustainable Development and Libraries

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(Partnership “Culture and Cultural Heritage”

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EBLIDA-NLL cooperation

- NLL and LAL activity in previous years
- Localising Sustainable Development Goals through Baltic museums and libraries:

  **Commitment of libraries and museums to playing the roles of expert and public advisor on sustainable development issues**

  The need for further guidance and planning, monitoring, evaluation and communication tools

https://baltic-museums-libraries-sdg.lnb.lv
SYNTHESIS: Methodology

Survey: 17 countries (library associations and other representative institutions)

Second European Report on Sustainable Development Goals and Libraries:
- Synthesis report
- Country profiles

*Incorporation of library work into a much broader and more far-reaching scope, based on a full-fledged concept*
Format of the report and its communication

By-products: in order to disseminate the report and highlight trends / examples / best practices
• infographics
• presentations
• podcasts
• etc.

Use of the report at national level;

Link with existing EBLIDA tools (EBLIDA Matrix, KIT)
Synthesis five parts

SDGs: National perception and coordinating entities
Visibility at national level and library advocacy
Funding SDG-oriented projects
International partnership
Evaluation of SDG-oriented projects
European libraries are not only about projects, but also about how library personnel and users perceive and apply them in their everyday work.

Not all of SDGs enjoy the same priority and aren’t implemented with equal effort.
National perception and coordinating entities

Danmark

The Danish Library Association works together with Danish libraries to promote a 2030-focus at local level

Project DB2030 Network – a national 2030 Network of cross-disciplinary character including libraries, NGOs etc to stimulate 2030 activities in the library environment in Danish municipalities

France

Four organisations – ENSSIB, CFIBD, BPI, ABF – have set up a Working Group in charge of monitoring the follow up to the UN 2030 Agenda in French libraries
Visibility at national level and library advocacy

The EBLIDA community is divided in half: libraries implement SDG projects as a result of well-coordinated policy, or they act in the wake of a spontaneous determination to support the SDG cause.

Is there any mention of library activities in the official SDG documents?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
Visibility at national level and library advocacy

Estonia

Libraries are included in the national strategic document “Estonia 2035”, that deals with SDGs and assesses Estonian advances in fulfilling the Goals.

Scotland

New public library strategy for Scotland FORWARD is built around the SDGs.
Support for SDG-oriented library projects is part of the ordinary library budget in 53% of the cases.

One third reports that SDGs are implemented by the means of additional library funding.
Funding SDG-oriented projects

Examples of projects in different German libraries to help refugees

Treffpunkt Deutsch / Wie kommt das W in den Baum? / Dialogues for Integration: Hamburg Libraries Help Refugees Find their Way

https://www.biblio2030.de/beispielsammlung/
International partnership

More than a third of the respondents (37%) believe that the SDG reorientation of EU Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027 will promote library activities.

Have libraries in your country benefited from EU Structural and investment Funds?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
International partnership

**Walk the Global Walk:** Young people - leaders on the road to sustainability: connects local and regional authorities with local communities (school communities and civil society organisations) in 11 European countries: Italy, France, Croatia, Cyprus, United Kingdom (Wales and Scotland), Portugal, Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania

https://walktheglobalwalk.eu/en/
Evaluation of SDG-oriented projects

Lack of evaluation or evaluation carried out in a traditional way suggests the need for innovative assessing schemes.

More than half of the respondents believe that libraries in Europe may benefit from the EBLIDA Sustainable Development House (including the EBLIDA Matrix and SDG-KIC)

Are SDG-oriented library projects evaluated in your country?

- Not yet
- By standard library procedures
- Only in case of add.funding
- Official SDG indicators
- I don’t know
Focus of SDG oriented projects

SDG-oriented projects should be focused on:

1. Projects in co-creation with partners/citizens (digital inclusion etc.)
2. Debates on SDGs with citizens
3. Green library objectives
4. Library collection
5. Library exhibitions
Projects in co-creation with partners/citizens (digital inclusion)

Italy: DigEDUCATI / Sapere digitale

https://www.saperedigitale.org/

www.fondazionebergamo.it/digeducati/
Overall, the progress of SDG implementation in European libraries is quite heterogeneous.

Libraries link their projects and activities to the majority of SDGs.

SDG-oriented projects can be multi-layered and require multi-tasking, but the main focus remains on digital and inclusive issues, as well as on green libraries.

An investigation on the impact of EU programs in libraries is therefore strongly needed.

A great deal of work still has to be done in order to arrange closer and stronger partnership with a diverse range of institutions, whether regional/national and/or international.

More active project management skills should be provided to libraries.

The crucial point for the successful implementation of SDGs is librarians’ awareness.
Thank You for Your attention!